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Letter—~~from~~ No. 1012

From L. E. BUCKLEY, Esq., I.C.S.,
Plague Commissioner,

To ~~All Collectors.~~ The Collector of

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you, with the sanction of Government, that the disinfection of wet skins imported from infected areas may be discontinued.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Madras,
27th December 1898.

L. E. BUCKLEY,
Plague Commissioner.

Copy to the Local & Municl. Dept.

Exd. C. Parthasarathy.

" President, M. C., Madras,
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Surgeon-General
" Marine Dept.
" Resident in Mysore.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
H. S. Mascarenhas 5/1/99
for Plague Commissioner.

Madras,
27th December 1898.

Copy to the Local and Municipal Department.
" " President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
" " Sanitary Commissioner.
" " Surgeon-General.
" " Marine Department.
" " Resident in Mysore.

Exd C. Parthasarathy.

Read again G.O. No. 1190 P. d/27-9-98 abstract
& Coll's 729, 808, 862, 1036
1064, 1433, 1655 & 2116

Plague Commissioner's Office,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
Dated 189

130 of 99. also filed with this
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From

L. E. BUCKLEY, Esq., I.C.S.,
Plague Commissioner,

To ✓

The Collectors—(A, F, G, H)

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you [with the sanction of Govt.] that the disinfection of wet skins imported from infected areas may be discontinued.

22/12 L.B.

Copy to Local & Munl. Dept. ✓
" Presdt. Munl. C. ✓
" S.C. ✓
S.G. ✓
Marine Dept ✓
Resid.t Mysore. ✓

If a copy is sent to Govt., it will be recorded.
H.T.

Note for L.&M.

(1) San. Commr., whom I have personally consulted, considers ~~that~~ there is no greater necessity to disinfect wet skins than any other article of trade.

(2) Shd. a G.O. issue or will this letter of [illegible] do?

23/12 L.B.

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1898)

CURRENT No. 2116

9 hours day

From The Sanitary Commissioner Madras

Order

No. 3030/S

Dated 7-12-1898
Received 10-12-1898
Registered 10-12-1898
Enclosures C. Nos. 729, 808, 860, 1038 1064, 1433 & 1695 retd.
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SUBJECT.

Stating that the term "infected area" might reasonably be altered to "infected localities" and the Collectors might be required to notify in such places that wet skins may not be removed elsewhere without being subjected to disinfection &c.

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OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
No. 4403 S
2 DEC. 98

3030/S

The term "infected areas" might reasonably be altered to "infected localities": that is to say, areas infected with "indigenous plague". No such place could well exist without the presence of a disinfecting staff. Collectors might be requested to notify in such localities that wet skins may not be removed elsewhere, without being subjected to disinfection by the local sanitary staff. This would meet all views sufficiently well.

W. G. King
San. Commr
7/12/98.

What if such localities are outside the Presidency. e.g. Bangalore?

Cls. 729, 808, 860, 1036, 1064, 1433 & 1695

Office note

The file is forwarded in original to the Sanitary Commissioner for favour of opinion as to whether the suggestion to disinfect wet skins at railway frontier inspection stations may not be dropped in view of the practical difficulties pointed out by the Railway authorities.

J. S. Mascarenhas
1/12/98
for Plague Commr.
(in original to be returned)

C No 729

2 reminders only

Refer C No 729 of 98

FROM

THE COLLECTOR AND

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,

North Arcot.

To.

The Plague Commissioner
Madras.

No. of Enclosures.

25/11/98

Letter, dated 21. oct 1898

Reference No. 380/98 of 1898

SUBJECT.

Requesting to be informed whether the Collector or the Railway administration is responsible for seeing that wet skins imported from infected areas are drenched with perchloride of mercury ~~station~~ solution at frontier Railway stations.

Dft 27/10

To Agent & Manager
Madras Rail Comp

Sir

With reference to the enclosed G.O. d. 27 Sept 98. No 1190-P. L&M. I have the honour to request that I may, if possible, be informed whether there is a large import of wet skins into the Presidency at Bhimnathani and Tungabhadra on your Railway. Can you give me figures for the past six months? It appears almost impossible to carry out the Sanitary Commr's recommendation if the import of skins is at all large. I should be glad to know whether these "wet skins" have not been prepared in some way with lime or some other "deodorizing" agent before being packed & whether they travel loose or are tied in bales. Would it be very difficult & hinder carriage much if orders were given to remove these skins from the trucks at the frontier stations & have them drenched in perchloride of mercury solution, before they are allowed to proceed further.

27.x 98

Submitted.
Draft.
26/10/98

Send similar letter to S.M. Rail as regards Hindupur & Hospett frontier stations

27.x 98.

Despd 28/10/98

C No 779

Plague

NORTH ARCOT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
camp Vellore 21st October 1898.

Ref on cover **No.** 380/P. **of 1898.**

From

J. K. Batten Esquire

Collector & District Magistrate,
North Arcot.

To

The Plague Commissioner
Fort St George
Madras

Sir,

Orig 266/20-10-98

With reference to G. O. No 1190 P. dated 27th September 1898, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to let me know whether the Collector or the Railway Administration is responsible for seeing that wet skins imported from infected areas are drenched with perchloride of mercury solution at frontier Railway stations. There is only one frontier Railway station in this District viz, Bisanatham and I think that the importer may be charged with the expense of drenching.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

for Collector

Copy letter 21 October 18

Reference No. 338 C/1898

P

J. K. B. Allen Esquire

[illegible]

The Plague Commissioner

Fort St George

Madras

With reference to G.O.

No. 1190 P. dated 27th September 1898, I

have the honour to suggest that [illegible]

[illegible]

C No 808

GO 1190 P / 27-10-98

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

3 Recording order

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FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF
BELLARY.

To

THE Plague Commissioner
Madras.

R.D. No. 658 P.

Dated 25th
Despatched
Received
} October 1898.

Enclosures.

Abstract.

Suggesting that the Railway administrations in the presidency may be addressed to give intimation of the importation of wet skins & to deliver over such goods for disinfection &c, as the G.O. in question does not appear to have been communicated to them —

H
27.x.98

~~Recorded~~

Lie over awaiting reply to letter sent in C. 729.

H
27.x.98

C. N. 808

Copy of Letter No 752/20.10.98 from the Medical Officer in charge of Tungabhadra Ry Inspection Station to the Collector of Bellary

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Referring to G.O No 1190 P of 27th September 1898, I have the honour to request to be informed if you desire any action to be taken on the subject and if so orders may be issued for the construction of a cistern and Entertainment of the Staff to carry out the drenching of the wet skins and also Government may be moved to instruct the railway authorities to give intimation of such importations as well as issue orders to the railway staff to deliver over such goods for disinfection and take over charge of the same after disinfection.

Forwarded to the Plague Commissioner with the suggestion that the railway administrations in the Presidency may be addressed as recommended, since the G.O in question does not appear to have been communicated to them. No special cistern or Establishment will be required unless the traffic in wet skins is heavy - otherwise a few half casks and hired Coolies should suffice.

Acting Collector

PR
25/10/98

C No 870

From

The Ag Collector

Salem

To

The Plague Commissioner

Fort St George

Madras

U Proceedings orders

Dated 28.10.98

Recd 29/10/98

Refn No 287
P.C

Encl one

Subject

Submitting the proposals of Dr Beck Medl Officer Jalarpet regarding the disinfection of wet skins at the forwarding station for his consideration

C N 860

No. 287

SALEM COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

28th October 1898.

FROM

Robert B. Clegg ESQ.,
ag. COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
Salem,

TO

THE ~~SECRETARY TO THE~~ Plague COMMISSIONER, OF
Fort Saint George,
Madras.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. no 1190 P. dated 27th September last accepting the views of the Sanitary Commissioner that wet skins imported from plague infected areas should be disinfected at the frontier Railway stations, I have the honor to state that Mr. Beit, Medical Officer, Jolarpet thinks that it would be better if they are required to be disinfected by the ~~owners~~ at the forwarding station and I submit his proposals for your consideration. A copy of his letter is enclosed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Ramachandra
for ag Collector

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28.10. Xd
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Jolarpet Plague Observation.

Camp dated 30th October 1898.

No. 157/D

From

Frank V. O. Beit Esq.,
Medical Officer in Charge,
Jolarpet.

To

The Collector of
Salem

Sir,

In reply to your no. 287/V.c. dated 17-10-98 regarding the disinfection of hides, I have the honor to inform you that I consulted the District Traffic Superintendent on the subject. He had not received G.O. no. 1190 P. of 27th September 1898 but was however of the opinion that hides should be disinfected by the owners at the forwarding station and a certificate of disinfection be given by the local plague officer without which the Madras Railway Company would not load the goods. I do not think it practicable to disinfect large quantities of hides at Jolarpet with my existing staff ~~and~~ are also of the opinion that if the hides are to be disinfected ~~at~~ all the earlier it is done the better, so that porters who load and ~~unload~~ them shall run less risk.

I have the honor etc

Sd/ Frank Beit
Medical officer

(True Copy)

Ramachandrakar
For ag Collector

Tele
28/10/

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C no 860 of 1898

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1898)

CURRENT No. 1064

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Cnos 1036 & 1064 D/ 7/11

Ref on c nos 729, 1036 & 1064 of 98

From The Agent Southern Mahratta Railway Company Dharwar.

Order

No. 10678

Dated 3-11-1898

Received 6-11-1898

Registered 6-11-1898

Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Requesting to be favoured with a copy of G.O. 1190 P. d/ 27-9-1898.

To

(1) The Agent & Manager S M R Co Madras (3 encls)

(2) The Agent S. M. R. Dharwar

Despd. 10/11/98.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 1150 & d 6-11-98 / 10678 d 3.11.98, I have the honor to ~~request~~ forward herewith a copy of G.O. 1190 P with 2 S.C d 27.9.98 referred to in my letter Ref on c 729 of 98 d 27-10-98 & request ~~that~~ the favor of an early ~~report~~ reply to it.

O.C.

Sd
7/11/98

7/11/98

O.N. Only 2 copies are available. More copies have been applied for & will be sent to Agent M.R.Co. on receipt

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C No 1064

Southern Mahratta Railway Company, (Ld.,)

No. 7952 a

10678

P. C.
6 NOV. 1898

ACENT'S OFFICE,

DHARWAR, 3rd November, 1898 189 .

Send this

To

The Plague Commissioner,
Madras.

R/ Som 6/11

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Madras G.O. No. 1190-P. L. & M, dated 27th September 1898, on the subject of import of wet skins into Madras Presidency, referred to in your letter No. 729 of 27th October 1898, has not been received therewith, and to request that you will be good enough to favour me with a copy of the same.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Agent.

M. N.

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(189 8)

CURRENT No. 1038

6 hands orders

Order

From The Agent and Manager Madras Railway Company.

No. 11504

Dated 4-11-1898
Received 5-11-1898
Registered 5-11-1898
Enclosures
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SUBJECT.

Requesting to be supplied with 3 spare copies of G.O. 1190 P. dd 27-9-1898

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C № 6088

(A. & M. IV.)

Enclosures

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No. 11506

P.C. 5-NOV.1898

Madras Railway Company,

AGENT & MANAGER'S OFFICE,

RAYAPURAM TERMINUS,

Madras, 4th November 1898.

From

The Agent and Manager,

Madras Railway Company.

To

M. Hammick Esq ICS

Plague Commissioner

Madras

What G.O. is this

5th C.D.

SIR,

With reference to your letter Ref: on C No 729 of 98 of the 27th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that G. O No 1190 S. L. M. dated 27th September '98 said to have been forwarded therewith has not been received in this Office - I shall therefore be obliged if you will kindly send it to me at an early date. together with 2 or 3 spare copies.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt Servt

Ennis SMoss

Agent + Manager

another mistake apparently dispatched it 3/11

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1898)

CURRENT No. 1433

[illegible]

Order

From The Agent and Manager
Madras Railway
Company

No. 11382/11948

Dated 17-11-1898

Received 18-11-1898

Registered 18-11-1898

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SUBJECT.

Enclosing for information copy of letter from the Railway Company's Traffic Manager regarding the importation of skins from infected places.

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C. No 1483

MADRAS RAILWAY.

No. 11382/11948

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

MADRAS, 17th November 1898.

P. C.
[illegible] 1898

From

The Agent and Manager of the
Madras Railway Company.

To

The Plague Commissioner
Madras.

SIR,

In reply to your letter C. No. 729 of 98 dated 27th October 1898, I have the honour to enclose for your information copy of a letter* from the Company's Traffic Manager.

* A7/78736/33576 dated 16th November 1898.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant,

Edmund.

Pr. Agent & Manager.

Encl. 1.

A7/28736
33576

Madras Railway Company
Traffic Manager's Office
Central Station, Madras, 16 Novr. 1898

The Agent and Manager,
Rayapuram.

Dear Sir,

Import of wet skins at
Bisanattam and Tungabhadra
for Plague Commissioner.

Referring to your endorsement of 29th ultimo upon letter from the Plague Commissioner, the imports of skins past Tungabhadra for the six months ending August last have been as follows:—

Raw hides of cattle — mds: 5,604
Raw skins of sheep — " — 83,042

and past Bisanattam

Raw hides of cattle — mds: 1,918
Raw skins of sheep — " — 48,643

These skins are received in bundles or bales and to the best of our knowledge have only been prepared with salt. It would undoubtedly be very difficult and hinder carriage very seriously and be a very expensive matter also to remove these skins from the

trucks

trucks at the stations named to have them drenched in perchloride of mercury solution. The Goods Agent is of opinion that any such treatment would hinder the traffic very much and probably stop it and in this view, I quite concur.

Yours faithfully
(Sd) F. W. Read,
Traffic Manager.

(True copy)

The Plague Commissioner,
Madras

(No. L.)
5000-15-3-88.

No.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

MADRAS, ______ 188

From
The Agent and Manager,
Madras Railway Company,

To
The Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From The Agent and Manager,
M. R. Co.,

To The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

Dated 188

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1898)

CURRENT No. 1695

8 Madras
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From The Agent Southern Mahratta
Railway Company
Dharwar.

Order

No. 7952 A
11541

Dated 25-11-1898

Received 28-11-1898 Rd. 29/11/98

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Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Stating that no restrictions should be imposed on the importation of wet skins from plague infected areas.

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C No 1695

Southern Mahratta Railway Company, (Ld.,)

AGENT'S OFFICE,

No. 7952 A

1154

DHARWAR, 25th November 1898.

P. C.
28 NOV. 1898

To

The Plague Commissioner,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.729, dated the 27th October 1898, regarding the importation of wet skins from plague-infected areas, I have the honour to inform you that it would be extremely troublesome to do what is suggested at Frontier stations, and in the face of the opinion expressed by the Sanitary Commissioner, that there is no greater fear of wet skins conveying infection than any other article of commerce, I think no restrictions should be imposed on the traffic in ~~wet skins~~ that commodity.

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28/11/98

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for Agent.

M.N.

Government (1898) of Madras.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

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G.O., No. 1190 P., 27th September 1898.

SEPTEMBER.

Importation of Wet Skins.

Accepting the views of the Sanitary Commissioner regarding the — from plague-infected areas.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following paper:—

G.O., Mis. No. 1039 P., dated 8th September 1898.

Read—the following paper:—

Telegram from the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 6th September 1898.

No. 4458. Do you allow wet skins to be imported from infected areas into Madras Presidency? I have prohibited* as regards Bangalore and Southern Mahratta Railway in Mysore. The opinion here is that they are very probable media of plague germs.

Order—Mis. No. 1039 P., dated 8th September 1898.

Referred to the Sanitary Commissioner for very early report with reference to the concluding sentence of paragraph 9 (*a*) of the Government of India letter read in G.O., No. 601, Marine, dated 6th July 1897.

2. The following telegram will be despatched to the Resident in Mysore:—

"No prohibition at present against importation wet skins. Question now referred to Sanitary Commissioner in view to Government of India being addressed if necessary."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. TREMENHEERE,
Secretary to Government.

To the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras.

Read—also the following paper:—

From Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. King, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated Camp, Maddikera, 19th September 1898, No. 2088-S.

With reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1039 P., dated 8th September 1898, I have the honour to state that I cannot see that any special action is called for by Government. I am by no means disposed to doubt that wet skins may be the medium for conveying infection, in common with numerous other articles of commerce. The policy pursued in this Presidency has, however, been to attempt to 'differentiate' not between articles capable of conveying infection and those not, but between those which being capable are "specially liable to infection" and those not. Thus, whilst it is possible moist earth containing the bacillus of plague *might* be conveyed under favourable conditions by wet skins, the actual danger of their being infected is probably not greater than in the case of various goods that have been manufactured or stored in godowns partly used for residences of the people, and of which the importation into the Presidency must far exceed that of wet skins. The utmost, I think, that need be demanded is that wet skins received from *infected areas* be drenched with perchloride of mercury solution at frontier railway stations before being allowed to pass.

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* This prohibition has since been withdrawn by the Resident's Notification, No. 4931, dated the 22nd September 1898.

Order—No. 1190 P., dated 27th September 1898.

The Government accepts the Sanitary Commissioner's views.

(True Extract.)

H. TREMENHEERE,
Secretary to Government.

To the Plague Commissioner.
,, the Sanitary Commissioner.
,, the Surgeon-General.
,, all Collectors (A, F, G, H).
,, the Marine Department.
,, the Resident in Mysore (with C.L.).

Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

Reference on No. $\frac{137}{P.6}$ Municipal office Vaniyambady
Dated 21st December 1898

From
M.R.Ry. B. Rajagopala Chettiar, avergal
Vice Chairman Municipal Council
Vaniyambadi

To
The Collector of Salem

Sir,

Adverting to your letter No. $\frac{588}{P.6}$ dated 24th November 1898 I have the honor to state that wet skins are received here mostly from infected areas and a list showing the names of places wherefrom they are received here is also submitted herewith. The number of bags of skins imported daily from the infected areas is said to be from 100 to 150 each, containing 20 - 30 skins. No Certificates are at present received from the frontier Railway stations as to the disinfection of skins and the Hospital Assistant states that in the absence of any such information it is difficult to find out whether or not the wet Skins arriving at the Station here have been dis-

-infected. To make this question clear, I would suggest that certificates of disinfection be sent to the Station master of Vaniyambady and that the Railway authorities be requested to instruct the Station master to inform the local Hospital assistant then and there if skins are received without a disinfection certificate. Objection is also raised that the disinfection process will spoil the skins. Information is also requested on this point.

I have the honor to be etc.

(Signed) B. Rajagopala Chettiar
Vice Chairman

/True copy/

For Collector

ed
Sent

x MM

LB 130

Ref No 1104/PC

Salem Collector's Office,
2nd January 1899.

Despatched on 4-1-99

From
Robert B. Clegg Esq.,
Acting Collector of Salem

To
The ~~Secretary to Government~~, Plague Commissioner
~~Department~~,
Madras.

Recd in Orgs No 1012/27-12-98

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No 287 dated 28th October last, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of letter from the Chairman Municipal Council Vaniambadi No 637 dated 22nd December last from which it will be seen that large quantities of wet skins are being received daily by rail at Vaniyambady from infected areas. The skins, in question, are not being disinfected at present at the Jalarpet Inspection Station and it is not known whether they are disinfected elsewhere. It will entail very considerable labour and expenditure to disinfect all wet skins imported from infected areas.

Early orders are required.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
your most obedient Servant,

for acting Collector

Cl
Sent

x MM

C No 130

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF Salem

TO

Plague Commissioner

THE ~~SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,~~

~~DEPARTMENT~~

Madras.

Dated 2nd
Despatched
Received
} January 1899.

Ref No. 1104/PC

ENCLOSURES. 1

SUBJECT.

Forwarding Copy of Vaniyambadi Municipal Chairman's letter regarding the disinfection of wet skins, for orders.

Has not this order been withdrawn

G.O. in Orgs No 1012/27-12-98 despatched to the Collector only on 5-1-99. This may be filed with the original of that Orgs.

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To be talked over with Dr King at Guntakal

15/12

Dr. King withdraws

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NOTE FOR THE Plague Comr.

The Sanitary Comsr's final reply d/7-12-98 is not clear.

2. The Resident in Mysore at first prohibited the import of wet skins & cancelled it subsequently, apparently at the instance of the Govt. of India who do not wish to impose any unnecessary restrictions on trade. ~~If the import~~ If wet skins carry infection (this is not proved – vide page 51 of Nathan – Vol (I)) then either this importation must be prohibited altogether or they should be allowed only if the skins are properly disinfected before despatch. ~~To disinfect~~ Disinfection at the middle of their destination seems impracticable and also unnecessary

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The disinfection

C Nos 729, 808, 860, 1036, 1064.
1433 & 1695.

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In G O $\frac{1190P}{27\text{-}9\text{-}98}$ L & M, the Govt accepted the Sany Commrs' views that the total prohibition of the importation of wet skins from infected area was not necessary and that it will be sufficient if ~~they~~ they are ordered to be drenched with perchloride of mercury solution, at the frontier Ry stations, before being allowed to pass. The

Flag B.

Collr of N. Arcot raised the question whether the Collr or the Ry administration is responsible for seeing that the latter order is carried out and suggested that the importers may be charged with the expense of disinfection. The Medical

Fla C.

Officer at Jalarpet was also of opinion that the disinfection shd be

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done by the owners themselves at ~~the~~ forwarding stations as it would be impracticable to disinfect large quantities of hides at Jalarpet with the existing staff.

The Plague Commr. thereupon asked the agents of the Madras & S. M. Railways whether there is a large importation of wet skins into this Presy, and to furnish, if possible, statistics for the past 6 months. The P. C. was of opinion that it would be almost impossible to carry out the Sany Commr's recommendation if the importation of wet skins was at all large.

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The Agent M. R. C, in reply, states that the importation of wet skins for the past 6 months was as follows.

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	Maunds
Tungabadra	
Raw hides of cattle	5,604
Raw skins of sheep	83,042
Bisanthan	
Raw hides of cattle	1,918
Raw skins of sheep	48,643

~~NOTE FOR THE~~

and that "it would undoubtedly be very difficult and hinder carriage very seriously & be a very expensive matter also to remove the skins from the trucks" to have them disinfected and that such treatment would hinder the traffic very much and probably stop it altogether.

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The Agent S. M. Ry does not give any statistics but states that "it would be extremely troublesome to do what is suggested and in the face of the Sany Commr's opinion that there is no greater fear of wet skins conveying infection than any other article of Commerce, no restriction shd be imposed on the traffic" of wet skins.

The questions to be

considered now are

1) whether it is practicable to carry out the suggestion of the Sany Commr

2) whether it is worth while to carry out the suggestion in spite of the enormous trouble and expense it would involve in the face of the Sany Commr's opinion that there is no greater fear of wet skins conveying infection than any other article of commerce, and,

(3) If it is worth the trouble and expense, whether the Collr or the Ry administration shd be held responsible to carry it out or whether the owners themselves may be asked to disinfect the skins before forwarding the skins, which the Ry authorities fear would stop the traffic altogether.

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