

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1400-A

DATED 2-11-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Inspection on the Signer's Part

stating that the explanation of the
~~Ordering~~ that the explanation of the
Director of the Milgiris for the delay in
commencing ——— is unsatisfactory,
and pointing out, ^{that} the absolute necessity
to build substantial houses with mud
walls and zinc roofing for purposes
of ~~commencing the~~ inspection of passengers, that
the library structures with their thatched roofs
would have served the purpose.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., No. 578P dated 26-5-98 189 ,
 Again G.O., No. 839P dated 18-5-98 189 ,
 Current No. 2004P of 189P, dated 7-10-98, from Colls of the Nilgiris
 „ „ „ 189 „ „
 „ „ „ 189 „ „

ORDER. No 1400-P of 2-11-98

To Public Dept for favour
 of Ci.

The Hon. Sir H. Bliss, in his Note of
 9.10.98 found a course on
 (Colls has explained the Collector of the Nilgiris, who is
 to H. M. who accepts.) a gazetted Officer of the higher rank.
 Under the terms of O. M. No. 1140
 of 10th June 1896, the papers and
 have been circulated to the Government,
 before the Order of Sir H. Bliss
 course were received. So much
 for the first question. Then as
 to whether this draft G.O. as recommended
 may be accepted:— I think it
 may be. Mr. Battenworth's explanation
 of the delay is not to my mind
 satisfactory. He should have written
 his letter earlier, and should
 have seen for himself that the

The Government observed that
 in para 3 of G.O. No. 515P of 26-5-98,
 instructions were issued to the Collector
 both as regards the site for the
 inspection station and as regards
 the nature and amount of the
 temporary accommodation to be
 erected in connection with it.
 The Government has since then
 refused to give power to enter upon land
 required for these purposes, and all
 the preliminary arrangements
 for obtaining the material for the sheds
 and the staff should have been
 undertaken at once, and the
 inspection of travellers should have
 been commenced immediately on
 receipt of G.O. No. 839P of 18-5-98.
 It is now close on two months since
 that order was received from the
 Collector, and still the work cannot
 go on.

Further from the Coll's report that the examination of travellers has begun. There was no necessity for the Collector to have gone on tour without first carrying out the orders of Government on such an important urgent matter, and for six weeks the town of Ootacamund and that portion of the Nilgiri St which is above the spot has been exposed to unnecessary danger in consequence of the ^{delay} ~~Collector's~~ ~~dilatation~~. He is informed that his explanation of delay is altogether unsatisfactory and that he has incurred the severe displeasure of Government.

2. It was absolutely unnecessary for the purpose of commencing the inspection of passengers to build substantial houses with mud walls. Temporary structures ^{with zinc roofing} ~~of thick bamboo~~ which could have been erected in two or three days at most, ~~nothing~~ would have sufficed to begin with, and if there was delay in getting a medical subordinate from the Staff Surgeon General, a municipal Hospital Assistant might have been deputed as a temporary measure.

3. The Collector is informed that

work was actually done.

(note H.M. has allowed me to soften this down.)

3 That his explanation of delay is cannot be accepted as ~~altogether unsatisfactory~~. and that ~~he has incurred the severe displeasure of Government.~~ He is requested to report why a large camp has been constructed instead of the limited temporary hospital and segregation accommodation ordered by Govt, all sorted by what amount has been spent upon it and at whose cost. The exact site upon which the camp has been erected should be stated and a plan of the buildings forwarded.

H.T.
11 10 9 P
To The Collector of the Nilgiris
~~and S. Comm. by Coll. of Chingleput~~
M. S. Comm.

Copy to the Public Dept. ✓
Res. M. Comm. ✓

Further from the Collis re. 1 to 11

[G.]
175
200-19-9-1

Public DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 2084 P.

From the *CW. of the Niguis*, No 653, dated 7. October 1898.

" " " " " " 189

" " " " " " 189

" " " " " " 189

C.S.

Submitted that under the order
standing unless this file should
come to H.S. the Governor without
the draft order as it involves the
question of the conduct of a
Gazette Officer of the higher rank

Order
12. 8. 98

J. M. M.

*Please put up to
Mr. 1140 of 96. Subin.*

To Pub. 4.0.

Mr. 1107/8.

The order as originally drafted was rightly
marked for Public C.I.; but in its modified
form it simply states that an order of
delay cannot be accepted. In this form, it is
apprehended, C.I. was not necessary, & if I had
observed the point I should have scored this out.
Now does it seem now to fall under the order
of 1896. H.T. 13 10 28

Note for the C.I.

O.M. No. 1140 of 96 is sub.

All
12/10/98

Urgent
Plague Inspection on the Signe d'ant.

Public Dept

H.E. the Gov.

C. No. 2084 P.

The file is circulated to H.E.
in Public as it is thought that
the reading of Memo. No. 1140
Public Op. 6 June 1896 by the L. & M.
Dept. is ~~incorrect~~ not correct

Cus
18.10.96

//
18/10/98.

M

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 20840
-8. OCT. 1898
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

Order H. M. for order.
H. T.
8. 10. 98. R. C. No. 603 of 1898

I have no idea where this ^{camp} ^{has been located} ^{at the head of the Ghant} ^{work & could not be any signs} ^{of any camp anywhere about} ^{It is obvious that} ^{could have been seen up at the} ^{head of the Ghant & some of the} ^{are already in the town have} ^{been sent there to begin the} ^{exam of passengers coming up} ^{by the Ghant, as was ordered} ^{in a p. which reached the} ^{Aug 19 - It is now close on} ^{month since that order was} ^{and now now I don't feel} ^{from the Col's report that the}

Dated 7. October 1898
Received 8. 10. 1898
Registered 8. 10. 1898
Enclosures 1
Spare copies

SUBJECT.
Inspection on the Sigur ghant.
Submitting the explanation called for in C.O. dated 6th October 1898 & 1218 P. order for in a p. which reached the Col. on the delay in commencing Aug 19 - It is now close on two months since that order was recd. and now now I don't feel sure from the Col's report that the

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
1248	P998		0
940	—		
839	—		
515	—		

FURTHER PAPER.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

of passengers has been - I
 put it mildly if true that
 for six weeks the town of Ooty &
 the Nilgiri District (above mentioned) has
 been exposed to unnecessary danger
 in consequence of the Chief's dilatoriness.
 What business had he to be going over
 to Kotagiri instead of attending to this
 urgent business here? He should be
 told that his explanation of delay
 is altogether unsatisfactory & that
 he has incurred the severe displeasure
 of Govt.

He is told in the order of May 26 No. 515 P
 where he was to establish "an inspection station,"
 i.e. at the junction of the Coonoor R.D. with
 the Signpost. Why has he not done this?
 Why has he constructed a "large" instead
 of the temporary hospital & segregation accom-
 modation ordered? What has he spent
 & who is paying for it? Govt. I suppose, for
 Govt. virtually makes all payments of
 the Nilgiri D.S.R.

Rs
 9/10/98

NILGIRI COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
 OOTACAMUND, 7 October 1898.

REF. ON Car No. 683 of 1898

FROM

A. Butterworth Esq. J.C.S.
 of COLLECTOR OF

the Nilgiris,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, Local Municipal
 DEPARTMENT,
 Madras. Stone House Hill.

SIR,

ENCLOSURES.

May. I.

I have the honour to reply
 to G.O. dated 6 October 1898 No. 1248
 P. 1015, wherein I am requested to
 explain the delay in commencing
 inspection on the Signpost.

2. In G.O. dated 26 May
 J. 1898 No. 515 P, the Collector was requested
 to establish an inspection station
 on the Signpost if he should
 consider it necessary to do so. My
 predecessor passed on this an order
 that nothing need be done until plague
 declares itself in Mysore territory.
 This order was passed after com-
 -munication with the Civil Surgeon.

3. I took over charge of
 the district at the end of July.

4. On the 19 August I received

G.O.

G.O. dated 18 August 1898 No 839 P K.
declaring that Mysore Province
was infected and directing me
to arrange for the construction
of a Camp on Sigur ghat. On
this G.O., I drafted on the 20th
August letters to the Civil Surgeon,
District Forest Officer, Superintendent
of Police, District Medical Officer,
Surgeon General, President District
Board and District Board Engineer,
all having reference to the camp.

5. On the 23rd or 24 August
I made a prolonged inspection
of the ghat with the Civil Surgeon
& the District Board Engineer,
selected a site, instructed the
District Board Engineer to start
work as soon as possible
and wrote a number of letters
concerning the construction of
the Camp. Among these letters
was one calling for particulars
of the land for the purpose of
issuing a notification under
the Land Acquisition Act that,
Subsequently receiving a G.O.

"The order was" to
arrange for the
construction of a
camp on the
passage."

Yr Hs

4 or 5 days
after receipt of
order

Yr Hs

940 P
25-8/98
H. L.

Reply (proceeds of
compulsory) done
in case of any
of course
right to use the
land

Yr Hs

to the effect that formal acquisition
is not necessary under the Plague
Rules, I ordered on the 2nd Sep-
tember that immediate cutting
should be made upon the
land. A day or two afterwards
I left Doda Carnaud for a tour which
and returned lasted till the 25th September but
before going on tour, I paid
one or two additional visits to
the site selected to ascertain
whether any better place could
be selected & on my last visit
found that the District Board
Engineer had begun to fell
timber for the Camp.
6. On the 9th September, I
heard of the deputation of a
Hospital Assistant and issued
orders that he should at
once proceed to the Camp to
superintend the works.
7. Almost immediately
on my return from tour, I went,
on the 30th Sep^r to the site of the Camp
with the Civil Surgeon & District
Board Engineer & found the Camp

nearly ready. Some fourteen buildings
having been erected.

There has certainly
been no dilatoriness on my part.

I have pressed on the construction
of the camp as rigorously as

possible since I heard on the

19th August that the necessity

for a camp had arisen. I

entirely acquit the District Board

Engineers also of delay. Mr. Malvern

does not let grass grow under

his feet & I consider that he

has done very well to get a

large camp almost completed

in the course of a little more

than a month. Government must

remember that this camp

is not like the hasty construction

which can be run up in a

few days on the plains. We

have had to build substantial

houses with mud walls some

9 inches thick and have also

surrounded the camp with

great palisade of blue gum

posts

It might have
been better to
have said the

of course

Camp & the

insistence

At Jellalpur, inspection
was ordered on 17 August
& the Col's command sh
on 22 idem.
At Thiridpur, it was order
on 22 August & I was
Commanded on 10 Sept

I can't see why
good hasty
construction

about
mine
sunt

20P 25-8/18
Flag L.

posts all of which were felled
and shaped on the spot.

When I inspected the camp
on the 29th ultimo, I was highly

satisfied with the progress made

by the District Board Engineer

& I feel convinced that he used

all the expedition possible. As

for myself I can only say

that I have done all that

I could to press on matters

both here & in other places

where camps are necessary.

The Civil Surgeon, too, has taken

active steps in all that concerns

his department & has accumulated

the necessary stores etc and

engaged the necessary establish-
ment.

I may add that, even now, the Hospital Assistant
for the camp has not reported
himself & that the camp
would have proved to have
been completed prematurely
if the Civil Surgeon had not
deputed

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

D.O. No. 205 P.

From

The Collector
the Nilgiris

Order

No.

Dated 13-10-98
Received 17-10-98
Registered 17-10-98
Enclosures 1
Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Stating that the Sequir Camp
is located 6 furlongs below
the head of the ghats, that
the inspection of passengers
has commenced and that
healthy, suspect and plague
camps have been constructed
on lines prescribed by the
M.O.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

When given for copying
When copied
When examined
When signed

189

READ AGAIN G.O., No. , DATED
189

CURRENT No.

ENCLOSURES TO C. No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

A A A A A A A

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

PAPERS NOT FILED UP, BEING MEANT FOR DESPATCH
IN ORIGINAL.

N.B.—

A = Copy in full.
B = Not to be copied.
P = Copy abstract only.
Q = Copy heading only.