

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1475 P ✓

DATED 22-11-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Defence of the City of Madras against Plague

Agreeing with the Plague Commissioner in considering it unnecessary to extend Reg. no. 29 of the Muffassal Regulations to the City of Madras or to adopt his other suggestions with regard to the —.

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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 2222 P

From The Plague Com-
missioner

Misc.
Order No 1475P of 22nd Novr 1898

The Government ~~entirely~~
agrees with the Plague Com-
missioner in considering it un-
necessary to extend Regulation No.
29 of the Muffassal Plague Regu-
lations to the City of Madras
as proposed by the Sanitary Com-
missioner or to adopt his other
suggestions.

No. 179

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SUBJECT.

Submitting a draft Notifi-
cation extending to the City
of Madras, Muffassal Re-
gulation No 29.

To the Plague Commr. No
" Sanitary Commr. No
21/11/98

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No.

Office of Sanitary Commissioner,
Madras, 28/9 1898.

x telling him, by this
desire, not to make
public any proposals for greater
efficiency.

Dear Mr. Trenchard,
June 1st 1898.

My suggestions practically
went little beyond
leveling up the Madras
City Reps. with those of the
Municipal. The latter
have in completeness,
as the result of gradual
evolution, advanced
beyond the scope of the
former. I enclose a
copy for your information.

You will see they were
fair within the lines
of the formerly adopted
policy of Government,
and as known to me
at date of writing. If
I have since had the
advantages of consultation
with Mr. Hanmick,
and they have been
duly trimmed, Govern-
ment may rely upon
my loyalty following
its new policy in any
recommendations made
in future - although

I confess, in certain points,
I with the tendency had
been less pronounced
towards leniency at the
origin of the epidemic.
Extreme leniency would
seem to me to have been
more called for, when
the prevention of wide in-
vasion was former hope.
less.

As Govt. has taken notice
of Mr. Ellis' speech, which
well gave a very unfair
idea of the scope of my re-
commendations, I would
state that omission to re-
fer to the "Cattle Hospital"

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question was due to the
fact that when I first
in learn the matter had
already been brought to
the attention of the Com-
missioner by Sir Sayer
Moore at the instance of
Guernsey, and further
action had been
decided on. Indeed, I
had been asked to provide
at one of these meetings.
My confidential note to
you prior to Sir Sayer Moore's
action, with regard to the
act neglected saying this
point as one of the Commissioner
publicly stated.

Yours faithfully
H. M. King.

No. 179 of 12-10-98

Office for draft
H. M. King

Note for the Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal department.

H. M.

Submitted that Mr.
Hammer's views are
Sound.

26 10 98

I entirely agree with the
P.C. widespread
oppression, bribery &
panic. w. be the result
of applying such a rule.

26 10 98

I submit a draft extending 29 Mufas-
sal Regulation to Madras. At the same
time I venture to point out that the
order extending 29 Mufassal Regulation
to the City will not have the effect de-
sired by Dr King as it only gives power
to prevent the passage of suspicious persons
from or into the City. Mr Ellis and Dr.
Cornwall and I discussed the matter and
we came to conclusion that unless we could
have frontier posts all round Madras it
would be useless. Such persons do not
come by train. Frontier Road Stations
we considered would be useless. The traf-
fic especially at night is so enormous
and evasion of roads so easy that no staff
we have could do any good. For this reason
we considered that it was unnecessary to
to extend 29 to the City.

What Dr King wants is power to go
about the town and order dirty people
into camp. We thought such a power could
not be wisely given to any body.

2. As regards closing schools we con-
sidered that schools would close only too
fast if plague broke out and that it was
quite unnecessary to give authority to
close them.

3. We also thought now was not the
time to discuss the ~~time~~ question for
giving the President power to enter land,
houses &c., as proposed by Dr King. The
power is not likely to be wanted as in
case plague is suspected in a house, the

President has now ample powers. We considered that Dr King's proposal, however good it might be, had better be brought forward when it could be properly discussed.

4. The power to regard as invalid passports from other Presidencies seemed ~~to~~ to be unnecessary. Such passports are very few.

V. Raghava Chari
for Plague Commissioner.

Draft Notification

In the Exercise of the power delegated to him by the Governor General in Council under Section 2, subsection (3) of the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897, His Excellency the Governor of Fort St George in Council prescribes the following regulation under the said Act and directs that it shall be inserted as Regulation 23 in the Notification No. 898, published on pages 1589-1593 of Part I of the Fort St George Gazette dated 18th December 1897:-

—Officers specially appointed by the President, Municipal Commission, for this purpose are authorised to prevent the passage of suspicious persons from or into the City of Madras unless such persons have been detained in a place of observation for a period prescribed by Government, and if arrangements have for disinfection of their clothing, baggage &c., have been made under the President's orders, unless such disinfection has been effected. Such officers shall have the widest discretionary power subject to the general or special orders of the President to decide what person shall be considered "suspicious" for the purposes of this rule. So long as he remains in a place of observation under this rule, no person shall be allowed to communicate, except with the permission of the said officers, with persons outside the limits of the place. He shall obey such orders as may be issued by the plague authority for the cleanliness or

tion from infection of the persons, property or
quarters of the persons detained!"

V.D.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O., dated

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of 189 , dated

from the

Current No.

of 189 , dated

from the

SUBJECT.

FOR ORDERS.

H.M.

*Yes - But I think Prof.
Regn 29 may be
expended at once*

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2/10/98

*H.M. with observe that
Some of Dr. King's suggestions
need not be discussed again;
may the others be referred
to P.C. for consideration?*

H.T.

1.10.98

*To the Plague Commissioner A.O.
for favour of disposal & for a
draft notification extending
to the City of Madras Municipal
Regulation 29.*

*H.T.
5-10-98*

*Long
5/10/98*

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 196

From The Sanitary Commissioner
Madras

Order

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SUBJECT.

Suggesting certain proposals
in connection with the
scheme for the defence
of the city of Madras.

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Additional legal powers required.

(1) Power should be sought from Government to segregate and disinfect "suspicious persons" as per Regulation 29 Mofussal Epidemic Regulations—the number of wanderers and beggars resorting to Madras being large.

(2) To close schools at option of the Health Officer.

(3) To add to Regulation 2 (City of Madras) Sec. 332 City of Madras Municipal Act. *(Power to enter & abate nuisances)*

(4) To give the Health Officer, or other Officers named in writing by the President, general power of entry to land and houses on any premises or vessel for the purpose of executing or superintending the execution, or ascertaining conditions to enable him to execute any Regulation issued by Government, provided, if entry be objected to by the tenant, such reasonable verbal or written notice shall be given as shall satisfy religious or caste customs of the country.

Note.— Present power of entry under Sec. 369 et sequa does not sufficiently cover ordinary sanitary inspection having for their object both the discovery of dangerous diseases and of insanitary conditions. A precedent for the power of general entry is found in Sec. 137 Public Health Act, England of which the above is a modification.

(5) To add Regulation 16, additional Mofussil Regulations, suitably modified, to the Madras City Regulations.

(6) That passports from other Presidencies should be regarded as invalid in this Presidency.

(7) To give power to the President over scavengers and all sanitary staff up to, say, a class receiving Rs 15 pay in the same manner as Sec. 282 A 2 and 3 Madras District Municipalities Act.

Note.— Regulation 28—original Mofussil Regulations—would not cover the requirement.

Dealt with in office note on City Scheme 117.

Copied Inspection. This question has been decided. 117.

Dealt with in office note on City Scheme 117.

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