

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1550 P^{ms}

DATED 9-12-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Pilgrimage to the Hedjaz. Recording G.O. ^{P.W.D.} Ry. Branch Communicating
Telegram from the Government of India inviting attention to its
Home Dept. notification containing revised orders in connection
with the — during the coming season.

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Plague



From *The P.W. Dept.*
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SUBJECT.

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Read the following:-

G. O. No. 1075 Ry. dated 3rd December 1897.

Telegram from the Government of India, Public Works ~~Dept~~
Department, No. 1284 R. T., dated the 16th November 1898.

"My telegram numbered and dated as follows:-873 R.T., 23rd
November last. Please ^{see} Government of India Home Department
Notification number 4341 dated tenth November 1898 published
in part 1 Gazette of India of 12th idem containing revised
orders in connection with pilgrimage to Hedjaz during coming
season and direct Railway Administration ^{ors} to post up in English
and Vernacular at stations and advise passengers."

Order thereon:—No. 1429, By. dated 20th November 1898.

Under Secretary.

Extract from the Gazette of India, dated 12th November 1898,
Part I.

Sanitary

The 10th November, 1898.

N^o 4341.- In the Notification of the Government of India in the Home Department, N^o 2495, dated the 20th November 1897, it was ordered, under the powers conferred by section 2, sub-section (1), of the Epidemic Diseases Act (III of 1897), that the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz during the season of 1898 might be permitted, except in the case of persons residing in the Bombay Presidency (excluding Sind), subject to certain precautions and restrictions which were imposed in view of the strong opinions of all European Governments, including Turkey, regarding the danger of plague being communicated to Europe, and in view of the danger of plague being spread by intending pilgrims from infected to non-infected portions of India.

Plague is unfortunately still widely prevalent in the Bombay Presidency and the disease has extended to the Madras Presidency and to the Mysore and Hyderabad States. Karachi as well as Bombay is an infected port. The alarm experienced by European Governments, including Turkey, regarding the danger of plague being imported to Europe is in no measure allayed, and during the past season Indian pilgrims were subject to much vexatious restriction and consequent hardship, and a proposal that they should not be permitted to land in Arabia was at one time put forward. The Government of India do not think it necessary to prohibit the pilgrimage from the uninfected portions of India during the coming season, but they consider it essential that careful precautions should be observed similar to those which were enforced during the past season.

The Governor General in Council is pleased to cancel the order contained in the Notification of the Government of India in the Home Department, N^o 2495, dated the 20th November 1897.

The Governor General in Council is further pleased to direct that, until further orders, no person resident permanently or temporarily in the Presidency of Bombay (excluding the whole of Sind except Karachi), the Presidency of Madras, the Mysore and Hyderabad States, and Coorg shall be permitted to embark from any port in India with the object of making a pilgrimage to Mecca.

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The Agent and Manager, Madras Railway.
" " " " H.N. the Nizam's Railway.
" " " " South Indian Railway.
" " " " Southern Maratta Railway.
" " " " East Coast Railway.
" " " " Plague Commissioner.
" " " " Local and Municipal Department.
" " " " Consulting Engineer for Railways.
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" " " " Telugu " " "
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" " " " Canarese " " "
" " " " Superintendent, Government Press.

The Governor General in Council is further pleased to direct as follows:—

(1) That no person shall be permitted to embark with the object of making a pilgrimage to Mecca, except at the port of Calcutta, and unless such person has been kept under observation in a place appointed for the purpose until such time as the Medical Officer in charge shall be satisfied that all risk of such person conveying the infection of plague has been completely abated, and unless such person is conveyed from the place of observation to the place of embarkation under the charge of an officer appointed for the purpose.

(2) That no passage tickets for the Hedjaz shall be sold, except at the places appointed for the detention of intending pilgrims under observation.

The Government of India think it necessary to repeat the warning given last year that, although they have decided that the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz may be permitted subject to the safeguards enumerated above, they are nevertheless convinced that intending pilgrims will be well advised in deferring their purpose until another season, in view specially of the stringent quarantine rules imposed by the Turkish Government and the inconvenience and harassment to which it is likely they will be subjected on arriving in Arabia.

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