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**G.O., No.** 1577P.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Amendment of the Madras city + Muffasal Plague Regulations

Ordering the publication in the Fort St. George and all Dist. Gazettes of a notification regarding the — .

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## G.O., No. 1577 P., 12th December 1898.

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### Plague Regulations.

Agreeing with the Plague Commissioner in regard to certain amendments of No. 31 of the Original Mufassal and No. 21 of the Madras City —, and ordering the publication of a notification in the Fort St. George and all District Gazettes.

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(1) In the first sentence, insert the words "but not later than ten days" between the words "six months" and "previously."

(2) At the beginning of clause (*a*), insert the words "unless suffering from, or suspected to be suffering from, plague."

(3) At the end of clause (*b*), add the sentence "but they may be observed at their own residence and shall, with this view, be bound when required by any plague officer to give their names and addresses for the next ten days."

(4) In clause (*c*), after the words "the inoculation certificate shall be in the following form," add the following : "But when in a certificate issued under authority, the thumb impression has not been taken, other satisfactory evidence of identification may be accepted."

(5) In the note appended to the form of the plague inoculation certificate in clause (*c*), for the words "this certificate exempts the holder" read "Unless suffering from, or suspected to be suffering from, plague, the holder of the certificate is exempted."

(True Extract.)

H. TREMENHEERE,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Plague Commissioner.
,, all Collectors (A—L).
,, the Surgeon-General.
,, ,, Sanitary Commissioner.
,, ,, President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
,, ,, Superintendent, Government Press.
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,, ,, Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.
,, ,, General Officers Commanding Districts.

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To the Plague Commissioner.
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" the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., No. dated 189 ,
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Current No. 2588 P of 1898, dated 25-11-98, from the Plague Commissioner.
" " 2693 P " 1898, " 29-11-98, " Do
" " " 189 , " ,

ORDER. No 1577 P D 12-12-98

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(3) At the end of clause (~~a~~ b), add the sentence "but they may be observed at their own residence and shall, with this view, be bound, when required by any Plague Officer to give their names and the addresses for the next ten days."

(4). In clause (c) after the words "The inoculation certificate shall be in the following form", add the following " But when in a certificate issued under authority, the thumb impression has not been taken, other satisfactory evidence of identification may be accepted".

(~~4~~ 5) In the ~~second line of the~~ note, appended to the form of the Plague Inoculation Certificate in Clause (c), ~~insert~~ for "this Certif. exempts the holder" read the words "unless suffering from, or suspected to be suffering from, plague ~~after the word~~ the holder of this cert &c

To The Plague Commi
" all Collectors (
" Surgeon General
" Sanitary Comm
" President, Ml Con
" Supdt, Govt
" Translators
" Political De
" Marine De

NOTE FOR THE First Assistant.

I suggested to the Secy that ~~the~~ clause (~~b~~ a) should run as follows:—

"They shall not, unless suffering from, or suspected to be suffering from plague, be liable to detention at any railway or road observation Camp when travelling, except for such period as may be required to disinfect their baggage and clothes, if these are considered suspicious, but they may be observed at their own residence".

The Secy approved of the addition of the words underlined. To make the Regulation complete, it seems necessary to add also the following words —

"and shall, with this view, be bound, ~~to~~ when required by any plague officer, to give ~~his~~ their names and ~~his~~ their addresses for the next ten days."

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**CURRENT No.** 2693. P.

From The Plague Commr.

Order

No.

Dated 29. 11. 98

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SUBJECT.

Suggesting an amendment of the notification issued in G.O. No. 1423 P. dated 8.11.98.

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Read 12th }
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[Office note. Put up a copy of the G.O. with this paper for ready reference.]
29/11 L.B.

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ced it above, it will

L&M C No 26939

Note for L & M

To meet such cases as Colonel Robertson's, it is suggested ~~that~~ an amendment may be made to the notification issued in G.O. No 1423 P. d 8.XI.95.

These may be added after "The inoculation certificate shall be in the following form" —

"The thumb-impression is taken as a means of ready identification. Holders of certificates are warned that if their certificates do not bear thumb-impressions, they run the risk of losing the ~~best~~ privileges above referred, unless they can produce other satisfactory evidence of their identity."

29/11. L.B.

rk. The P.C. should address the Resident with ref. the latter's letter to P.C. & express his regret at the inconvenience & annoyance to wh. the Rest. experienced, and mention the addition about to be made to the certif., but inquire at the same time whether the Rest. wd. have any objection to prescribing the thumb mark in the certifs. issued in Mysore. ~~If the certifs. are specimen should be supplied with copies of the Mysore form of certif.~~ If the Mysore certif. corresponds in other respects with that prescribed ~~for~~ by Govt. for this Presy. it wd. facilitate the examn. of travellers from Mysore. But then Bombay or Hyderabad may have a different form. The P.C. had better make enquiries about this — D.O.

But should the letter go from the P.C. or from the Secy. to Govt. The former I should think — but please look it up.

A.A.

As a matter of fact does the Sanitary Inspr. at Perambore possess means for taking thumb impressions & comparing them with those on the certif.? If not, the whole thing is a ridiculous farce.

H.M. 6.12.98

I am writing &c. to Col. Robertson.
7.12.98
H.D.

from, Hr,

H.M.

The alteration in the ~~fr~~ Notifn. about inoculation certifs. has been ordered; the P.C. has been asked to send up forms of such certifs. from Bombay & Hyderabad; but the letter ordered to be sent to Col. Robertson has not yet been sent, as, in the note directing this, H.M. raised the question whether there was any use in the introduction of the thumb marks which was to be suggested to the Resd. This question will now be discussed.

I attached

Note. I have seen Hyderabad forms; they require thumb-prints; So do Bengal.
H.D.

2. H.M. enquired whether the Sany. Inspr. at Perambore possesses means for taking thumb impressions & comparing them with those on the certifs., & expressed the opinion that otherwise this part of the system was useless.

3. At Perambore there are means of taking thumb-marks — in fact they are constantly being taken. Four trained Constables were applied for, last month, for the exam. of thumb-marks &

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must have been at work there some time.

4. Though this answers H.E.'s queries it is not possible to stop here, for it must be explained that ~~the~~ inoculation certificates are carried ~~passport system proceeds~~ throughout the Presy, that is, to the numberless places where there can be no trained examiners. I am aware of the considerations which induced Sir H. Bliss, to order this, & with H.E.'s permission shall set them out.

Complete Certif. file in corr.

5. The inoculation certificate ~~passport~~ form first suggested to Govt. contained such entries as name, father's name, sex, age, caste, village etc. It was feared that these supplied no easy means of identification, & that a trade might spring up in passports thus easily transferable without detection. To take an example; ~~a man arrives at Trichinopoly with a Gantalla~~ family travelling by rail through the Chingleput Dist., with tickets for Madura; plague breaks out in a ~~house in the rural parts of Conjeeveram Taluk, Chingleput District~~; it is proposed to segregate the

~~mates of the house~~ family, but one of them produces an inoculation certif. dated Bellary, 4 m$^{ts}$. previously & claims exemption. Suppose the certif$^{e}$. only shows the name Mutthaga Chetti, son of Ramsami Chetti, age 40, with other details as above; how is it to be ascertained whether the holder is Mutth[illegible]a Chetti, or whether he has not (say) bought the certif$^{e}$. of some one who was willing to part with it? There is no means of doing so, except after a troublesome enquiry in Bellary and Madura, & bringing witnesses who could speak to his identity. Hence, even though several circumstances might raise the gravest doubts in the minds of the officials, the man could not legally be detained. For this reason it was determined to attach to the certif$^{e}$. an easy means of identification.

I quite agree with this.

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6. But it has been suggested that the means is not ea
This view has been ~~[illegible]~~ put fo

R. & L. Dept.

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He is incorrect.
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thus by Mr. Curtis (P.C.'s Current 1838.) "Anyone who has any practical experience of the matter will tell you that the first requisite is a strong magnifying glass. xxx The second requisite is some familiarity with the lines & marks on the thumb, which only training & practice can give."

7. I conceive that Mr. Curtis' views are baseless. What he must have had in his mind was what occurs when a prisoner is ~~brought~~ arrested & suspected to be an old offender. There are perhaps 10,000 photographs of convicts in the shelves on the walls, & the question is whether he is one of the 10,000 convicts who have been photographed. To work this out, requires highly trained experts, & a strong magnifying glass.

8. What we want is essentially different. We seek to know not whether he is one of 10,000, but whether he is the one man who imprinted his

thumb mark on the Certif^e. Hence all that is needed is to compare one thumb-mark with another. Now the chances of one thumb-mark so closely resembling another as to require a magnifying glass or resort to Experts, are extremely small. I have not recorded this opinion without consulting Mr. Fawcett, who thoroughly endorses it; & who in proof thereof x has taken six thumb marks of the first six persons he ~~has~~ came across (please see attached Envelope). From these Specimens I believe H. M. will satisfy himself that it is extremely easy with the naked eye to check similarity or dissimilarity in two thumbmarks, & that expert testimony is generally not required.

I say "generally", but I will suppose that the examining officer detects some apparent difference, but not so palpable a one as to leave the matt

x or rather, as showing how easily marks can be differentiated.

I never had any doubt about this. What I queried was whether the Plague officer had means on taking a thumb impression & comparing ~~them~~ it with that on a certif. It appears from para 3 that he has. I find however on ~~H~~ comparing the thumb impressions sent by the Secy with the skin on my own thumb, that the differences can be observed in this way without any difficulty.

So far as I can see

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B. & L. Dept.

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e P.O. has merely to compare the thumb impression n the certif. with the thumb f the certif. holder, and can satisfy himself at once whether they agree or differ – at any rate in most cases

A.E.A.

See recent amendment in Current

10. Besides, the matter must be looked at from the point of view of a man wishing to buy a certif^e. Many such a man would be deterred by the thumb-mark expedient – the object of which is generally known.

I never had any doubt on this point provided the P.O. could test the identity of the certif. holder by means of the thumb-impression. Of that I see there can be no doubt first because the thumb impression of the cert- [illegible]n be taken & compared with the impression [illegible]cond because as I hav[illegible] [illegible] above the impression can in [illegible] w[illegible] most cases, be compared with the thumb itself. made

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beyond the need of further examination. All he has to do is to send the two impressions by post to the Sup^t. of Police, who will at once put on experts to examine them. The question is settled in a couple of days absolutely; & the Courts would hold that detention meanwhile (if other ev^ce of identification were not forthcoming) would under the circumstances be justifiable.

11. I hope this explanation will satisfy H.M. that the thumb-mark as a means of identification may often be valuable, while certainly (after the recent amendment of the Reg^n.) to require it can cause no hardship. (The newspapers indeed have gone so far as to urge that it sh^d be inserted not only in the inoculation certif^s, but in the passports.)

AEA none.

H.I.
12.12.98

[R. & L. Dept. 200—13-11-98.]

NOTE FOR THE Secretary

The Hyderabad Plague Inoculation Certificate form is put up. The Bombay form is in the Press. The superintendent has been requested by telephone to return it soon. It will be submitted immediately on receipt

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## HYDERABAD RESIDENCY ORDERS.

### NOTIFICATION.

HYDERABAD RESIDENCY, *22nd the Aug. 1898.*

No. 41.

In accordance with the provisions of section 2, sub-sections (1) and (2), of the Epidemic Diseases Act, No. III of 1897, as applied to the Hyderabad Contingent stations, Secunderabad, and the Residency Bazars by Foreign Department Notification No. 443-I.A., dated the 4th February 1897, and in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Governor-General in Council in Notifications No. 444-I.A., dated the 4th February 1897, and No. 1232-I.A., dated the 3rd April 1897, the Resident is pleased to direct that the following addition shall be made to rule 6 of the Rules promulgated in the *Residency Orders* notifications noted in the margin:—

No. 59, dated the 24th December 1897.
No. 8, dated the 15th February 1898.
No. 9, dated the 18th February 1898.

Provided that persons holding a certificate in the form annexed showing that they have been inoculated by M. Haffkine's process shall, unless they are actually suffering from bubonic plague, be exempt from detention, except for such period as may be required to disinfect their baggage and clothes, if those are considered suspicious. The certificate should be considered to be valid for six months.

(By order)

C. H. A. HILL,
*First Assistant Resident.*

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*Plague Inoculation (Royal Arms) Certificate.*

No.

Certified that , father's name , resident of , street/village , town/thana , district , has been inoculated by me, and that his thumb mark was at the time impressed before me.

Space left for thumb mark.

(Signed)

Dated

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C.A. Instn. in C.O. 14237 / 8 Sep. 98

H.M. has approved the addn. of the following words after "The medl. certife. shall be in the following form" viz.

'But when in a certife. issued under authority the thumb impression has not been taken other satisfy. evce. of identifn. may be accepted'.

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Please issue now with other alterations

L & M C No 2588P

For early action
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~~The words "[illegible] may be [illegible] at their own [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] should [illegible] to state when~~

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Note for the Secretary to Government,
Local & Municipal Department.

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C. Nos. 1527 & 1566.

The suggestion now made by the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, was once recommended by the Sanitary Commissioner, but negatived by Government in G. O. No.1305P, x dated 11-10-98 for the reasons stated in my note No. * 96, dated 7-10-98. Although the figures ~~are~~ so far show that very few persons with correct inoculation certificates have yet reached ~~at~~ Madras, and all such persons are watched, yet it will certainly be safer to make the inoculation certificate only valid if dating at least ten days before inspection, as in Bombay ° ~~Bellary~~, and I would suggest that the Regulation be amended accordingly. The alteration is shown in the accompanying copy of G. O. No.1423P, dated 8-11-98.

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* Flag B.

° Flag C.

Mr Hammick's note was written before the Bombay Policy had been published.—
25/11 LB.

H. M. At B. q.v. Mr. Hammick had a very different opinion as a proposal for 17 days.
H. T. 25-11 98

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C. No.1583.

Clause (a) may be amended by the insertion of the following words after the word "not" in the first sentence, "unless suffering from or suspecting to be suffering from Plague".

C. No.1582

With regard to clause (b) it may be noted that it is still open to observe passengers at their houses as was the practice before the passport system was introduced.

Clause (c) is the Calcutta rule xx and was adopted after due consideration.

25/11/98.

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The proposed additions should be made. Undoubtedly some risk is incurred by the present form of the rule as to the inocula^n certif. AH 26-11-98

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Order No.1577-P dated 12-12-98

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(4) In clause (c) after the words"The inoculation certificate shall be in the following form", add the following:-"But when in a certificate issued under authority the thumb impression has not been taken other satisfactory evidence of identification may be

accepted".

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(True Extract)

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For Secretary to Government.

- The Plague Commissioner.
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- [illegible] Commissioner.
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NOVEMBER.

### Plague Regulations.

Agreeing with the Plague Commissioner regarding certain concessions to be made in the case of inoculated persons and amending the —, and ordering the publication of a notification in the Fort St. George and all District Gazettes.

## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers :—

G.O., No. 837 P., dated 17th August 1898.

Abstract.—Ordering the publication of a notification framing a regulation under the Epidemic Diseases Act relaxing the rules regarding segregation in the case of persons in good health who have been inoculated with M. Haffkine's prophylactic.

G.O., No. 1023 P., dated 7th September 1898.

Abstract.—Communicating to Collectors and others, for information and guidance, letter of the Government of India issuing subsidiary instructions with regard to plague administration.

Read—also the following papers :—

From the Plague Commissioner, Madras, dated 17th October 1898, No. 218.

Abstract.—Recommending that inoculated persons may be exempted from the ten days' observation required under the passport rules, and that a completely inoculated household should be free from all segregation even though a member of the family be attacked with plague.

Telegram from the Postmaster-General, Madras, dated 14th October 1898.

Abstract.—Representing the inconvenience he and his establishment are put to in consequence of the passport system, and suggesting the exemption of inoculated persons from the operation of the passport rules.

Order—No. 1423 P., dated 8th November 1898.

The Government agrees with the Plague Commissioner and resolves to amend the Plague Regulations accordingly. The following notification will be published in English and in the vernaculars in the Fort St. George and all District Gazettes :—

### NOTIFICATION.

Under the provisions of the Epidemic Diseases Act, III of 1897, and in supersession of Notification No. 728, *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 6th September 1898, Part I-A, page 262, His Excellency the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is pleased to frame the following Regulation and to direct that it shall be inserted as Regulation 31 in Notification No. 897, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 18th December 1897, Part I, pages 1583–1589, and as Regulation 21 in Notification No. 898, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 18th December 1897, Part I, pages 1589–1593 :—

The provisions of these Regulations in regard to segregation do not apply to persons who hold certificates that they have been inoculated by M. Haffkine's process, provided such certificates bear a date not earlier than six months previously. Such persons shall be entitled to the following privileges :—

but not ~~a~~ later than ten days

(a) They shall not be liable to detention at any railway or road observation camp when travelling, except for such period as may be required to disinfect their baggage and clothes, if those are considered suspicious.

unless suffering from or suspected to be suffering from plague.

(b) They shall not be liable to take out passports and present themselves daily for observation for ten days after arrival from a plague-infected place.

(c) Inoculated persons who have been living in an infected house or have otherwise been exposed to plague infection shall not be liable to be segregated, but may be required to evacuate the infected house and to have their clothes and personal effects disinfected. When, however, all the occupants of a house have been inoculated, neither the patients nor the other inmates of the house shall be required to be segregated, provided arrangements are made to the satisfaction of a Plague authority for the disinfection of the house and its contents, and for the prevention of the spread of plague to the neighbouring dwellings.

The inoculation certificate shall be in the following form :—

*Plague Inoculation [Royal Arms] Certificate.*

[Counterfoil.]

No.

Name

Father's name

Street
Village

Town
Taluk

District

Date

Initials of operator.

(unless suffering from plague),

No.

*CERTIFIED* that , father's name , resident of Street
Village , Town
Taluk , District has been inoculated by me, and that his thumb-mark was at the time impressed before me.

Space for left thumb-mark.

*Signature and designation.*

*Dated*

Note.—This certificate exempts the holder from segregation, from detention when travelling, and from ten days' observation under the passport rules. It does not, however, exempt him from liability to evacuate an infected house, except in the case where all the occupants of the house have been inoculated, or to have his clothes disinfected when travelling. The certificate is valid for a period of six months.

(True Extract.)

*Secretary to Government.*

To the Plague Commissioner.
" all Collectors (A—L).
" the Surgeon-General.
" the Sanitary Commissioner.
" the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
" the Superintendent, Government Press.
" Translators to Government.
" Political Department.
" Marine Department.

Endorsement—No. 1423-A P., dated 8th November 1898.

Copy forwarded to the Government of India.

H. TREMENHEERE,
*Secretary to Government.*

Exd. J. Henricus.

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# PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1898)

**CURRENT No.** 1527

**From** The President Municipal Commission Madras

**Order**

Although the figures so far show that very few persons with correct inoculation certificates have yet reached Madras, and all such persons are watched, yet it will certainly be safer to make the inoculation certificate only valid if dating atleast 10 days before the ~~[illegible]~~ inspection. & I would suggest that the notification be amended accordingly – draft G.O. to be submitted for orders of Govt.

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G. No. 903

**Dated** 22-11-1898

**Received** 22-11-1898

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## SUBJECT.

Suggesting that the inoculation certificates should not carry exemption until at least 10 days after the date of issue.

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MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS,
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G. No. 903

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Madras, 22 November 1898.

From

The Hon. Lieut.-Col. SIR GEORGE MOORE, Kt., C. I. E.,
*President, Municipal Commission.*

To

The Plague Commissioner,
Madras.

Sir,

Enclosure.

I have the honour to bring to notice what I consider to be a grave danger likely to result from the Notification published under G.O.No.1423 P dated 8th November 1898.

" Inoculated persons are not to be liable to take out passports and present themselves daily for observation for ten days after arrival from a plague infected place. "

Now take a case - A is infected with plague on the 1st. He is inoculated on the 2nd, comes to Madras on the 4th with the virus in him - He is free from observation and has 6 more days to develop the disease.

This he does on the 10th.

It is true that under para 2 of Reg.12 his address can be taken - but suppose, as is very likely to happen, that forty or fifty inoculated passengers arriave daily, it would be practically impossible to watch them all and half of them may be infected.

I would suggest that the inoculation certificate should not carry exemption until at least 10 days after the date of issue - I should be inclined to say longer.

As it stands it is putting a premium on the importation of Plague.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Geo Moore Lt.-Col.
President, Munl.Commn.

The President Madras Municipal Commission is requested to report with as little delay as possible how many inoculation certificates have been shown on each day in Madras during the last 5 or 6 days

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List of persons holding inoculation certificate with Thumb impression who passed through Perambore without taking passports from 19th November to 23rd Nov.1898.

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| Madras Inoculation certificate holders ..... | 5 |
| Mysore Inoculation certificate holders ..... | 1 |
| Bangalore --------do---------do----------.... | 6 |
| Gooty - ----------do---------do----------..... | 1 |
| Bombay -----------do---------do----------..... | 1 |
| Bouringpet -------do---------do----------..... | 1 |
| Durmavaram -------do---------do--------.. ... | 1 |
| Total | 16 |

Without Thumb marks, made to receive passports for the 22nd & 23rd November 1898.

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| Bangalore Inoculation certificate holders .. | 14 |
| Belgaum ----------do---------do----------... | 1 |
| Total | 15 |

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Forwarded to Plague Commissioner with reference to his Memorandum dated 22nd November 1898.

23-11-98. Geo Moore Lt.-Col.

President, Munl.Commn.

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# PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

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**From** The Sanitary Commissioner
Madras

**Order**

No. 2825/S

**Dated** 23-11-1898

**Received** 24-11-1898

**Registered** 24-11-1898

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## SUBJECT.

Enquiring whether it is the intention of Govt. to rule that inoculated persons when travelling shall not be liable to detention on account of plague or suspected plague.

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OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
~~Fort St. George~~ Madras, 23. 11. 1898.

From

SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,
SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE Plague Commissioner
Madras.

Enclosure.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. No 1423 A.P. dated 8th November 1898, I have the honor to enquire whether it is the intention of Government, with respect to para (a) of the notification, to rule that inoculated persons, when travelling, shall not be liable to detention "on account of plague or suspected plague.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant

W G King
Lieut Col I.M.S
Sanitary Commissioner

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C. No 1582

# PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

## (1898)

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**From** The Sanitary Commissioner
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SUBJECT.

Requesting to permit him to place on record that he considers the notification referred to in G.O. No 1423 A.P. d/8-11-1898 to be unsuitable to the sanitary requirements of the Madras Presidency

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Madras. ~~Fort St. George~~, 23rd Nov 1898.

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From

~~Surgeon~~-Lieut.-Col. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras,

To

The Plague Commissioner
Madras

Enclosure.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No 1423A.P. of 8th November 1898, which reached me on the 17th instant, I have the honor to request you will permit me to respectfully place on record that I consider the Notification therein conveyed, more especially paras (b) & (c), to be unsuitable to the sanitary requirements of this Presidency, in respect to efforts at present being made to prevent plague obtaining a foot-hold within its limits. I can imagine a condition when control of an epidemic of plague having been hopelessly lost by local authorities in a particular locality, the Concessions now

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made might be reasonable and necessary, having regard to the peculiar conditions of opposition likely to be encountered at the hands of an uneducated people to sanitary measures curtailing their liberty; but, on the one hand, to adopt measures intended to prevent the entry and transmission of plague from other localities to this Presidency by the elaborate and expensive system of "observation" at present existing, and, on the other, to allow the loopholes for introduction and subsequent spread of the disease indicated in the provisions specified, seems to me inconsistent, unnecessarily hazardous, and decidedly premature, and to be based upon a misconception of the applicability and Sphere of usefulness of Mr. Haffkines valuable system of inoculation.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obed Servant
W G King.
Lieut Col. I.M.S.
Sanitary Commissioner

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