

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

(1898)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 362

DATED 24.10.98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Arrivals from the Kolar Rd.

Recording correspondence re the deputation of a special Police Officer to Vaniambadi for detection of evasions of plague regulations by ———, the necessary action having been taken.

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Jolarpet.
26th September 1898.

To

The District Magistrate of
Salem.

Respected Sir,

I most humbly beg to report that in obedience to your honor's order Plague $\frac{245}{P.C.}$ dated 24th instant I handed over charge of Vaniambadi Sur. in the afternoon of 25th inst. to Cusab S. H.O and left Vaniambadi by the Mail train of the same day and reached Bangalore at 6 A.M. this day. I saw and spoke to the Plague Inspector there and watched the passengers booked for the 7 A.M. passenger train to Jolarpet and got myself into the same train and travelled. I alighted at all the intermediate stations and observing the passengers spoke to the Station master and the officers on plague duty regarding the issue of Passports and the working of Plague Regulations.

I learnt that at Malur, Bowningpet & Igakul Stations passports are issued only to passengers coming from Bangalore city and

Cantonment Stations but not to those from
Krishnarajapuram, Whitefield and Devankudi
although they are within the infected area.
At Kamasa mudram and Bisanatham no
passports at all are issued by any one.
Bisanatham Railway Station is within the
Mysore Territory and not in the North Arcot
District as pointed out in the order sent to me
as I find the Mysore Police on duty there.

At Gudipalli, Malavalli and Patchur
passports are issued by Station masters and
at Kuppam by the Police writer of Kuppam
Station. This writer was not ^{present} on the platform
this day when the passenger train arrived
and the station master said that the
passengers to whom passports are to be
issued will be sent to the Police Station
through the platform Constable. I beg to
submit that a competent person may be
selected for issuing passports at Kuppam
instead of the station writer. The station masters
of Gudipalli and Kuppam stated that the
passport forms were all exhausted and
that they wanted more forms. At Patchur

out of the passengers alighted two wanted to
go to Ambur and one to Pallikonda by road
and they were booked to Patchur from Bisanatham
and Bowringpet Stations. I questioned them as to why
they should go by road instead of by rail though
they had money with them. They did not give
satisfactory reasons and I suspected that they
must have come from infected areas and
evidently wanted to evade inspection at
Jolarpet and therefore asked the station master
to rebook them in the same train and I handed
them over to the Doctor at Jolarpet. I learnt
from the station master of Patchur that
yesterday also 5 passengers from Bangalore
alighted at Patchur to go by road to
Vaniambadi to evade inspection at
Jolarpet and that they were sent by the
same train to Jolarpet through the guard.

From the observations made by me this
day I found that there is every chance of
passengers from infected areas of
Krishnarajapuram, Whitefield and
Devankudi coming to Malur and

Bowringpet stations and rebooking themselves
there by nest trains in order to evade observation
and passport issuing at Jolarpet as Passports
are not issued to such passengers now at
those stations. I therefore beg to suggest that
necessary steps may be taken to cause passports
to be issued to such passengers at Malur
Bowringpet, Tyakal, Bisanatham and Kama
samudram stations.

There is reason to believe that the
Plague regulations are not very strictly and
carefully worked out even in the stations in
North Arcot and Salem Divs of the Bangalore
Branch. I will continue my travelling up
and down during the week and settling
matters a right, will submit my final report
at the end of the week.

I beg to remain,
etc
Sd/- B. Krishnasami
Inspector of Police

(True Copy)

for ag Collector

C. No 226

Malur
29th September 98.

The Collector and District Magistrate,
Salem.

Respected Sir,

I most humbly beg to report that
I submitted my first report to your honor on the
26th inst. and as I consider that some facts
observed by me subsequently ought to be brought
to your honor's notice I submit this my
second report this day.

On the 27th I left Jolarpet by 2.30 A.M.
train and instructing the Station Master of
Patehar, Malanur and Kuppam regarding the
Plague Regulations and the issue of passports
and conversing with Police Constables Venkatesan
at Gundupalli, Veerasinghiah Bisanatham &
Ponniammi at Kamasamudram who belongs
to the Mysore Police and who are on Plague duty
alighted at Bowringpet Station to see how the
plague regulations are worked out here. This is
an ^{important} ~~unimportant~~ station as a Branch Railway
goes from here to the Gold fields of

13 Dorigam etc places. Mr. A. Kodandapani
14 mudaliar Asst. Surgeon with one Hospital
assistant and a sufficient staff of Police
are on Plague duty here and they issue passports
to passengers coming from Bangalore City and
as this being the place declared as infected
area by the Plague Commissioner of Mysore.

I was present on the platform and
observed the passengers that got into the
passenger and goods trains that came from
Bangalore but no attempts to evade inspection
at Jolarpet were discovered. I left Bowringpet
by the goods train and arrived at Jolarpet
at 5.30 P.M. At Kanasamudram and
Kisanotham the Police Constables on plague
duty say that they had no instructions to issue
passports and no forms supplied to them.

At Kuppam the Station master is
issuing passports from 27th inst. in place of the
Police Station writer. The Plague regulations
are strictly observed now in all the stations
of North Arcot and Salem Div. of the Bangalore
Branch and especially at Kuppam.

Pal-chin where many passengers from infected areas
alight every day.

On 28.9.98 I left Jolarpet by 1.30 P.M. train
(passenger train) and arrived at Madurai at 5 P.M.
after visiting as usual at all the intermediate
stations. I attended the mail train that arrived at
Madurai at 9 P.M. from Bangalore and watched
the passengers that alighted and those got into the
train. No evasions of plague regulations were
noticed. I halted at this station to watch
more trains this being an important station.

This day the 29th inst. at 7 1/2 A.M. I came
to the station and conversed with the passengers
who were awaiting the arrival of the
passenger train from Bangalore. Among them
I detected 6 persons who wanted to evade
inspection at Jolarpet. Of these one Kuppusami
a Pandaram came from Krishnarajapuram
by road to Madurai and purchased here a
3rd class ticket no. 9644 to Jolarpet and he
wanted to go to Trichinopoly. The other 5 persons
are Pattammal 1, Rajammal 2,
Chikka Maryammal 3, Munniammi 4, &
Nagappa 5. They came to Madurai from

Bangalore yesterday by the goods train at 3 Pm and remaining at Malur without any business. Came to the station this day and purchased 3rd cl. tickets nos. 1593 to 1596 to Cholutur. They say they were not given passports at Malur yesterday. They had with them a special pass issued by an officer at Bangalore but that does not preclude them from obtaining passports. I asked the Station Master of Malur to write to Jolarpet about these 6 passengers and to request for arranging medical observation for them there. I also gave a Chit containing their ticket nos. to the Chief guard to whom I showed the passengers.

I again attended the goods train for Bangalore which arrived at 12 A.M. and observed the passengers but nothing of importance was noticed.

At 3 Pm. Another goods train arrived and among the passengers that were booked for it at Malur I noticed a male, 3 females & one child who purchased tickets to Patchur. They said that they came to Malur from

from Kothakotta (which I learn is within the Bangalore St.) and going to Neelundi village through ^{Narainpatti} ~~Narainpatti~~. This village is far away from Patchur but nearer to Jolarpet on the side of Ramnambadi. Therefore these passengers appear to have attempted to evade inspection at Jolarpet. I communicated their ticket nos. 3274 to 3278 to the Station Master of Patchur through the guard and asked him to arrange and send the passengers on to Jolarpet to be handed over to the medical officer there.

At Malur passports are given to the passengers coming from Bangalore by a Police Havildar but there seems to be no check on the passengers who got themselves booked by the subsequent trains after once obtaining passports.

I beg to submit that for the last 2 or 3 days the no. of passengers by train from Bangalore is on the increase and I hear that every day people quit Bangalore with families either by rail or road to different parts of the Country where they

have relatives or friends as they were afraid of
plague at Bangalore and moreover they know
well that there is an inspection station at
Jolarpet and that they are detained there
for observation etc. and hence there is reason
to believe that many persons will try to
come to Malur and other stations of the
Kolar & outside the infected area by road
and get tickets there in order to avoid
inspection at Jolarpet. To detect all such
cases every day will be impossible and
therefore I most humbly beg to submit
that the safe course is to treat all the
passengers from these stations to Jolarpet
as coming from infected area.

I beg to remain
etc

27 B. Krishnaswami
Inspector of Police
in Special Plague duty

(True Copy)

For collector

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Jolarpet
2. October 1898
To The Collector & District Magistrate
Salem

Respected Sir
I most humbly beg to state
that I submitted my second report
to your honor from Malur on the 23.
ult. and subsequent to that I attended
the mail train from Bangalore on the
same day at 9 P.M. and watched the
passengers that got into it. No attempts
at evasion of plague regulations were
noticed. The train was full with pass-
engers and there was hardly space for
the passengers booked at Malur.
Upon enquiry I learned that from 1st
October no passengers will be booked at
the Bangalore City Station unless and
until they are disinfected and that at
Cantonment Station they will not be
booked unless a passport is produced
from a health officer and no passengers
at all will be booked at Krishnas-
wami & Whitefield stations.
To avoid the bathing & disinfection
system ^{from the train} and also to quit Bangalore
on account of plague most of the
city people travelled from there
to different parts of the country
by

by train and hence the increase
of passengers on the 29. + 30.

I left Malur at 9 P.M. on the
29. by the mail train and arrived
at Jolarpett on the 30. I came to Patchur
and there watched the passengers that
alighted here from the trains. 11
persons from Bangalore alighted
here and they wanted to evade inspection
at Jolarpett. All these were rebooked
and sent to Jolarpett. On 1-10-98
I left Patchur by 2 P.M. passenger
train and travelled. At Kuppam
a Hospital Assistant is now attending
the trains to examine the passengers
alighting there. 18 passengers from
Bangalore who alighted here on the
30. might were rebooked to Jolarpett
as they wanted to avoid inspection
there.

At Bowringpett I heard that
a suspected case of plague is under
treatment in the Segregation Camp.
I arrived at Malur at 5 P.M. and
attended the mail train. The carriages
were almost empty and very few
passengers got into the train from
Malur

Malur.

I heard that in a village called
Lingarpettai 4 miles from Malur
a suspected case of plague occurred and
is under observation. I halted at Malur
for the night.

On 2-10-98 I came to the
Railway Station in the morning and
heard that ^{at} village called Alambadi
on the road to Hosur from Malur
a woman who came from Bangalore
died of fever and suspecting it to be
a case of plague the local authorities
had gone there this morning for making
enquiries. I watched the passengers
that were booked from Malur for the
8 A.M. passenger train from Bangalore
but no attempts at infringing plague
regulations were noticed. I left Malur
by the same passenger train & travelled.
At Kuppam the local Magistrate
also attended the platform for watching
the passengers that come from infected
areas. I arrived at Patchur at 11 A.M.
and halted here to watch the other
goods train. At 5 P.M. the goods
train came & in which 1 male
2 females & 3 children alighted
at

at Patchur from Indipalli but on questioning them they said they were coming from Kolar and wanted to go to Madras and as these persons appeared to be attempting to avoid inspection at Jolarpett they were rebooked by the same train and I also travelled in it & handed them over to the medical officers at Jolarpett & they sent them to camp.

I most humbly beg to submit that according to your honours orders I was on this special duty for one full week. The passport issuing system is very strictly and satisfactorily worked out and the plague regulations are likewise observed in all the stations of North Arcot & Salem districts especially at Kuppam and Patchur which are very important. The other stations Mattam & Indupalli being unimportant as no passengers from infected areas alight at these places.

As regards the other stations in Mysore territory I beg to state that at Madur and

and Bownipette passports are issued regularly and also at Tyakel and at Bownipette the medical officer in charge also sends passengers coming from infected areas to purchase tickets there to Jolarpett & gives intimation by telegram that they are coming from infected areas.

At Madur also the Station Master and the passport issuing officer are trying to find out if any passengers are coming from infected areas to purchase tickets there in order to avoid inspection at Jolarpett but it will be impossible for them to trace out all cases as the infected areas of Devankundi and other places being nearer to Madur many people may try to walk by road and come to Madur to get into the train.

The passport issuing system is observed at Kamasamudram, Bisanatham and Indupalli stations but these being small stations passengers from Bangalore and other infected areas are not alighting at these places.

From the circumstances reported above I most humbly beg to

to submit that hereafter there is no
 necessity for a travelling officer to
 supervise the passport issuing system as
 it is very well worked out now in North
 Arcot & Salem Districts and as for the other
 Stations the travelling officer cannot be
 expected to do much as they are in the
 Mysore State and therefore as I have already
 submitted for your honor's consideration
 it would be better that we treat those
 Stations also as infected areas or the
 Mysore authorities must make some
 better arrangements to prevent persons
 from infected areas getting into the
 trains at these Stations to avoid
 inspection at Jolarpet.

I must humbly await your
 honor's orders at Vaniambadi as to
 whether I can take charge of my
 Division

I beg to
 sd/ P.C. Krishnaasamy
 Inspector of Police in
 Special Plague Duty

True copy
 For A.C. Collector

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No. 114
 FROM
 SALEM COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
 5th October 1898.

Robert B. Glegg Esq.,
 COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
 Salem.

To
 The Secretary to the Commissioner of
 Plague
 Port Saint George,
 Madras.

SIR,

In continuation of the copy of my order dated
 24th ultimo no. 245 placing the Vaniambadi Police
 Inspector on special duty for a week to travel
 up and down on the trains between Bangalore
 and Jolarpet Railway Inspection Station, I have
 the honor to state that the Police Inspector began
 his work on the 26th ultimo. His movements were
 as follows:-

- 26th September. Jolarpet to Bangalore by the
 mail train and back by the
 passenger train leaving Banga-
 lore at 7 A.M.
- 27th Do. From Jolarpet to Bowringpet
 and back 3.30 A.M. to 5.30 P.M.
- 28th Do. From Jolarpet to Malur 1.30 P.M.
 to 5 P.M.; also attended the mail
 train.
- 29th Do. Attended three trains at Malur

and then left Malur at 9:30 P.m. by the mail train for Jolarpet.

30th September From Jolarpet to Pachur

1st October Pachur to Malur 2 to 5 P.m.

2nd Malur to Pachur 8 to 11 A.m.
and thence to Jolarpet 5:30 P.m.

The chief points brought to notice are that at Malur, Bowningpet and Tyakal Stations passports are granted only to passengers arriving from the Bangalore city and Cantonment Stations but not to those from Krishna Rajapuram, Whitefield and Devanagundi, that passengers from the Bangalore District travel by road to Stations outside the infected area and thence book by rail, that no arrangement has been made at the Stations within the Mysore Province to prevent re-booking of passengers from the infected area and that no passports are at all issued at Kamasanuram,

Bisaniatham and Gudupalli. I enclose copies of his three reports dated 26th, 27th & 29th September and 2nd instant. Under the circumstances,

I am inclined to recommend that the

Kolar District in the Mysore Province may be treated as an infected area. I have permitted the Inspector to rejoin his duty at Vaniambadi as the Superintendent of Police informs me that he has no other Inspector in the District to depute to Vaniambadi. I think the Inspector's reports show that it is desirable that an officer should continue on this special duty to detect attempts at evasion of the regulations and if you deem fit, I would ask you to address the Inspector-General of Police to depute an officer for the purpose. As the Kolar District is not declared an infected area, there is nothing to prevent travellers from crossing the borders of the Bangalore District and then proceeding by road or rail as having come from an ^{uninfected} ~~infected~~ area and escaping observation altogether.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

your most obedient servant

Ramdas
Collector

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DEPARTMENT.

No. 3889.

CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

MADRAS, 15 October 1898.

FROM

H. A. Stuart Esq. I.C.S.

M. HAMMICK, I.C.S., Esq.,

Ag. INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

Madras,

TO

THE Plague Commissioner,
Madras.

SIR,

ENCLOSURES.

I have the honour to return the
papers received with your letter No.
164, dated 10th instant, and to inform you
that the required instructions have
been issued to the Railway Police.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Douglas Robertson

for Ag. Insp^y.-Genl. of Police

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Plague Court Office

C. No 452

From

H. A. Stuart. Esq. I. L. S.
Ag. Inspector General
of Police
Madras.

To
The Plague Commissioner.

No 3889

Sept. 15. 10. 98.

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