

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

(1898)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 462

DATED 28-10-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

mission to issue Passports

Recording papers relating to

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C. N. 64
Board of Revenue.

(1898) Department.

General Register No.

Resolution.

From

The Collector
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Di No. 243
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Dated 23rd September 98
Received 27/9/98
Registered 28. 9. 98
Enclosures -

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SUBJECT.

Informing that the passport forms have been supplied to all concerned officers in the District

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KISTNA DISTRICT COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Camp Gannavaram
MACHILIPATAM,23rd September 1898.

From,

C. No 64

R. Morris Esq.,

Ag. COLLECTOR, KISTNA DISTRICT.

To,

THE Plague Commissioner
Gotacamand.

Sir,

In reply to Government Memorandum No 102 P dated 16th August 98, I have the honor to inform you that the passport forms as per G.O. No 466 P dated 13th May 98, have been supplied to all concerned officers in my District and I have not noticed any instances of omission to issue passports either in this District or elsewhere.

2. In regard to the 2nd point, I have the honor to state that several cases have been reported in which passengers mentioned in intimations as coming from

from the plague infected parts could not be traced in this District from the addresses given in the reports from the Medical officers in charge of railway inspection stations, principally on account of the imperfect nature of the addresses given. A very common address given is "Care of the Station Master, Belwada."

It is obvious that native travellers are unlikely to be residing with the European Station master, and I would suggest that passengers who cannot give more definite addresses at Hospet, Tungabhadra and Guntakal than this or "going to bathe in the Krishna at Belwada" should be detained at these stations.

3 The District Medical officer has reported to me twelve such cases: there may be more. If you desire the exact number I shall ascertain and report them.

Presuming

4 Presuming that all persons about whom such intimations are sent have their tickets punched with a distinctive mark they ought to have been detected by the Hospital Assistants posted to examine passengers at Guntur and Belwada railway stations and their addresses taken by these officers.

I have asked the Head Assistant Collector to enquire and report how the Hospital Assistants have failed in their duty as evidenced by the fact that intimation has been given of the coming of so many passengers, who yet have not been traced and they will be suitably dealt with when the Head Assistant Collector's report is received.

I have the honor to be,
Your most obedient servant
W. H. M.
Ag. Collector.

24-9-05

FROM

THE COLLECTOR,

Kistna District.

TO

THE

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No. of 189 .

ENCLOSURES.

SUBJECT.

Plague Commr.
Local & Muni. (1898) Department. *Office*

CURRENT No. 66

From

The Local & Muni. Dept.

Order

Encl. No. 163 P

Dated 28. 9. 98

Received 27. 9. 98

Registered 28. 9. 98

Enclosures 2

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SUBJECT.

*Transferring certain sug-
gestions of the Collr. of
Trichinopoly against e-
vasion from plague
prevention measures.*

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BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 46460

C. N. 66 of 98

From

J. H. Shipley Esq.,
Collector of
Trichinopoly

Order End No 163 P. of 26-9-1898

Forwarded to the Plague
Commissioner for ~~the~~ of
opinion. J. Trevelyan Esq.

Reference No. 2021 of 98.
Rev.

Dated 2nd September 1898.

Received 6 SEP 1898 5 SEP 1898

Registered 7-9-1898

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for orders
Certain Suggestions
against evasions
from plague pre-
vention measures.

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BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

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Plague - Urgent

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Office of the District Medical and
Sanitary Officer, Trichinopoly.
Dated 28th August 1898.

Surgeon Lieut.-Col. W. O'Hara,
District Medical and Sanitary Officer,
Trichinopoly.

To The Collector of Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I have the honour to direct your
attention to the very unsatisfactory
manner in which the "Observation"
and "Pass-port" Systems (Plague
Regulation 17) are being worked, in
consequence of the want of care
on the part of the officials appointed
to that duty in recording correctly
the names and addresses of "Ob-
servation passengers" travelling by
train.

2. It is a matter of daily occurrence
that reports are sent to me intimating
the departure to this station of persons
under "observation" and the only address
recorded against them is "Trichinopoly."

This is kindly referred
to the address paper
from which
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Unless these persons are detected at the
of the Junction or Fort Stations by the
"(Plague) Ticket Inspectors" they al-
-most certainly evade further in-
-spection, it being no easy matter
to discover new arrivals without special
addresses in a large and crowded
town like Trichinopoly with a popu-
-lation of 90,000. Again, not infrequently
manifestly wrong addresses are given.

e.g. Velaugammi Trichinopoly, Velan-
-famm being a village near Negapa-
-tam where an important festival
is now being held. Similarly the names
of villages in Madurai, Tanjore
and Tinnevely are entered as ad-
-dresses.

3. I have represented to several of
these warning stations the utter in-
-adequacy of the addresses recorded
by them; but all the same the evil con-
-tinues and is possibly beyond their
power to remedy.

4. Another difficulty that has to
be contended with in this connection
is that persons undergoing their term
of

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of "observation" intimate their intention
of going elsewhere and give what
turns out subsequently to be ficti-
-tious destinations. They evade
further observation - possibly do
not leave the town - in any case
they are subsequently not heard
of and they cannot be traced for
prosecution.

5. Although it seems impossible
without the actual restraint of
personal liberty to work the system
as at present ^{organized} constituted effectual
-ly, I would suggest that more
stringent measures be adopted with
persons under "observation" who
travel by rail. I should propose
that "observation" passengers (those
of the 3rd class) should be required
to travel in one compartment of
the train, that under ordinary
circumstances they should
not be permitted to break their
journey, that the guard in charge

of course

They do so

quadruple

of the train be held responsible for
conducting them to their avowed
destinations, and that the Station ^{How can be?}
or special plague authorities
should see that their names and
addresses are duly recorded before
they leave the Station premises,
in fact that they should - during
transit - be treated like passengers
arriving at "Inspection Stations"
from infected areas.

b. The second difficulty - viz. the
evasion of observation by intimation
of intended departure to a ficti-
tious destination - can only be met
by extending the liability to pro-
secution to Landlords or Chief
^{residents} tenants of the houses in which "ob-
servation" arrivals take up their
residence, and from which
they abscond with or without the
connivance of these parties. If the
responsibility extended to them
also, I am sure that the evasion
of "observation" from this source
would be materially diminished.

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3.
7. I regret to state that under the
rules as at present worked it is
impossible to secure satisfactory
"observation" principally from the
causes noted above; and consider-
ing how much importance attach-
es to the early detection of disease
(plague), I have no hesitation in
urging that some further measures
be adopted in obtaining the desired
security. Although every possible
precaution is taken to ensure pro-
per observation (including magis-
terial and Police aid) yet from
the return (to-day's) attached,
you will see that a dangerous pro-
portion of those who ought to be
under observation has evaded the
rules.

I have &c.
(Signed) William O'Hara
Sarg. Lieut.-Col.
District Medical and Sanitary
officer.

(True Copy)

Mundana
Jm. For collector.

Daily Report of Plague observation.

"Observation" arrivals who have not been traced					Remarks.
Date	Names	Father's name	Where from	Address	
12-8-98	Supponi Konan		Tadaitanal C/4 Anuthasamany Konan	Chinnakadai street.	} not to be found. not arrived. not traceable
12-8-98	Handasamany	Deerasamany	Do.	Changanulane Cheri	
13-8-98	Syed Hossain	Kurshan Hossain	Hyderabad	No. 150, Begam's tomb, Trichinopoly.	
Do.	M. H. S. Porager	Merchant (Parsee)	Bombay	Trichinopoly.	
15-8-98	Kristna Pillai	Ramasamy Pillai	Bangalore	Do. Kasba	
Do.	Chinaloo	Kankatarama Pillai	Do.	Do. Do.	
Do.	Ethuram Pillai	Maduram Pillai	Do.	Do. Do.	
Do.	Mamasani Pillai	Madanalai Pillai	Do.	Do. Do.	
Do.	Munirathinam	Peromal Pillai	Do.	Do. Do.	
Do.	Limnamal	Gopalan	Do.	Ydiyan street	
Do.	Lamsanthi	Syn	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Vali	Komaran	Do.	Harior	
Do.	Kaliyammal	Kootoo	Do.	Pudichery Chetty Street	
Do.	Antoni Annal	Kearanah	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Eliyabeth	Saurimithu	Do.	Valangai	
Do.	Aruliyammal	Sauriyappan	Do.	Do.	
26-8-98	Mohamed Saif		Do.		
Do.	Shoul Syer		Do.		
Do.	Kaliyammal		Do.		

c/q Post Master, Trichinopoly.

no passport should be given to any one who does not furnish a full address, would suffice. Infringement of the order should be heavily punished; and, of course, if the passenger gives a full and false address, he would (when found) be prosecuted.

4. As regards the difficulty of following up 'observation cases', I cannot regard Dr. O'Hara's suggestions in any degree practical excepting those made in para 5 of his letter with which I concur and about which I have, as said, addressed the Agent, South Indian Railway.

5. It would, no doubt, be an admirable thing if suspects were the Cygnosuro of neighbouring eyes, and their every movement known to us. But failing that, I am sure that such a measure as making the host responsible for the guest would cause a great deal of injustice. What is there to prevent a suspect from silently flitting away, without notice given to his host? And how

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how could we possibly, in fairness, punish the host for the offence of his guest? The analogy of security for debt, or security for appearance, or for good behaviour does not obtain where the parties are probably strangers to each other.

6. As far as I can see, the only prophylactic measure we can adopt is the rigorous prosecution of those offending against the passport regulations: warrants should, on default of appearance, be immediately applied for, and the offenders hunted down. A few sharp sentences of imprisonment would act as a healthy deterrent.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedt Servt,

Mundankar
For Collector.

1898.

Plague Control Office

C. N. 33

from

R. H. Shipley Esquire
Collector of
Trichinopoly

To

The Plague Commissioner
Coimbatore.

Dated 19th }
Sept. 21st } September 1898

Ref on Current No. 2021 of 98.
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Enclosure - one.

Submitting for orders a -
Copy of the letter from the
Agent, South Indian Railway
regarding the reservation
of an observation coach
and recommending that the
suggestions in the previous
letter may be approved.

No. P. 1563/33
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South Indian Railway Company,
Limited, Agents' Office,
Trichinopoly, 6 Sept. 1898.

From The Officiating Agent, S. I. Railway,
To The Collector of Trichinopoly.

Sir, In reply to your no. 2021 of 98 of 5th September 1898, I regret to say that I do not think it would be practicable to carry out your suggestion that the guards of trains should be responsible for suspects as long as they were travelling by their respective trains. Supposing the doors were locked, a man wishing to evade supervision could easily get out of the window while the guard was attending to some other part of the train. The only possible way of exercising the control you desire would be by putting a special man in charge of the suspect carriage who would never quit it, and this Administration could not undertake this police duty.

I have &c.
Sd/- J. H. Le Mesurier
For off. Agent.

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Collector.

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Plague

Trichinopoly Collect Office
Dy 19th Sept

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From R. H. Shipley, Esq.,
Collector of Trichinopoly,
To The Plague Commissioner,
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Sir,

In continuation of my letter Ref.

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(a) on Current No. 2021⁺ dated the 2nd instant
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I have the honour to forward herewith
a copy of the letter from the Agent, S.I.R.
on my suggestion regarding the reser-
-vation of an observation coach
in each train for the safe transport
of suspects and persons from
plague infected parts to the stations
at which they are to alight.

2. I do not myself see any force in
the objection made by the Agent that the
Railway Authorities cannot undertake
the duty of watching the observation
Coach. Coaches are locked while
the passengers and their tickets are
examined, and all that is necessary
is to see that persons do not escape

Probably not
possible from Rg
point of view.

Dr P. M. H.
21-10-98

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through the windows. This is not difficult.
The Station orderly and a railway
servant can easily watch a whole
train - one on each side and prevent
escapes. And if a person from this
Coach wants to alight for purposes
of nature, there can be no difficulty
in seeing that he does not abscond.
If a separate observation Coach
is attached to every train there will be
a great saving of time and trouble during
inspection.

3. The expense of haulage will be slight,
and in any case the Railway should
bear it without murmuring as it is
as interested as any other body in
keeping the plague out of the Presi-
-dency.

4. I therefore respectfully recom-
-mend my suggestion for the favourable
Consideration of Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir

Your most obed^t servant,

Mundakur
Inspector.

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Plague Comrs.
Local & Munt (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 63.

From

The Local & Munt. Dept.

Order

Encl. No. 160 P

Dated 26. 9. 98

Received 27. 9. 98

Registered 28. 9. 98

Enclosures 5

Spare copies. -

SUBJECT.

Forwarding papers re.
instances of omission
to issue passports for
disposal.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., No.		dated	189	,
Again G.O., No.	930 P	dated	29-2-92	189 ,
Current No.	1562 P.	of 189	, dated 30-8-92	, from Nilgiris
" "	1672 P	" 189	, " 7-9-92	" Combatna
" "	1673 P	" 189	, " 8-9-92	" do
	1761 P.		10-9-92	Nilgiris

ORDER. Enst No 160 P. 426-9-1898

Forwarded to the Slave
Commissioner for disposal.
H. Freeman
Secretary to Govt
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Plague Comrs.
Local & Munt. (189) Office Department.

CURRENT No. 64

From
The Local & Munt. Dept.

Order

Encl. No. 159 P

Dated 26. 9. 98

Received 27. 9. 98

Registered 28. 9. 98

Enclosures 3

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SUBJECT.

Transferring stat. from
the Collection of Coimbatore
showing instances of passengers
trying to evade plague
regulations.

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BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Plague

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 1762 P



C. No. 64 2-78

From

The Collector of Coimbatore.

End No 159 P. dy 28-9-1898.
Order

Transferred to the Plague Commission

Disposal No. $\frac{2736}{Rev.}$ of 1898.

H. Tremendous
Secretary to Government

Dated 10. Sept. '98

Received }
Registered } 13. 9. 98

Enclosures One.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding a statement of instances which go to show that passengers are trying to evade plague regulations.

12/9/98

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

executive number
Date of arrival

C. 20 176 P. 795

Statement.

Consecutive number	Date of arrival	Name of traveller	Father's name	Caste	age	Whence coming	Destination and residence during the next ten days.					Remarks.
							District	Taluk	Village	Street	Number or name of the owner of the house.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	23.8.98	Hanumanth	"	"	"	Bangalore (city)	Coimbatore	Bhavani	Erode	"	"	No 1. 'Hanumanth' is probably an incorrect name. Further, Erode village is not in the Bhavani Taluk as stated opposite this number and Nos 2 & 3.
2	Do	Sheik Mahamad	"	"	"	Do	Do	Do	Do	"	"	
3	Do	Amirdien	"	"	"	Do (cantonment)	Do	Do	Do	"	"	
4	Do	meenachiammal	Eyavaiyer	Brahmin	40	Do (city)	Do	Erode	Erode	"	"	A Brahmin is not likely to have a Mahammadan name which 'Jamal' is. goods clerk - Subbaraya Pillai's house.
5	24.8.98	Jamal Raw	Lami Raw	Brahmin	40	Do	Do	Do	Do	"	"	
6	Do	Chidambaram	"	Hindu	23	Do (cantonment)	Do	Do	Do	"	"	
7	25.8.98	Rajammal	"	Brahmin	26	Do (city)	Do	Do	Do	"	"	Police Inspector Espal Ravi's house } There is no police inspector by name Espal Ravi. Could not be traced.
8	26.8.98	Krishna Rao.	"	Do	45	Do	Do	Do	Do	"	"	
9	Do	Ladasiva Sastri	Sivalinga Devar	Do	"	Do	Do	Palladam	Mangalam	"	"	
10	29.8.98	Jam Bee	Ghulam Singh	Marathi	18	Do (cantonment)	Do	Erode	Erode	Darma Singh's house	"	Could not be found - no tickets from Bangalore or Jalarpet were collected on that date at Mangal railway station. A Brahmin is not likely to be called a Devar as the passenger's father's name is given. There appears to be no man by this name.
11	Do	Kaliyamma + child	Chodralinga chetti	Kovaras	20/4	Do (Petta)	Do	Do	Do	Rama chetty's house	"	
12	30.8.98	Dorasamy	Shanmugam	Naidu	26	Do (cantonment)	Do	Do	Do	To his house	"	
13	Do	Leetharamiah	Tirumaliah	Brahmin	22	Do (city)	Do	Karur	Vadaya palayam	to his house	"	Naidus being Vishnuvites are not likely to have such a name as 'Shanmugam' which is given as the name of the passenger's father. Vadaya palayam is reported by the Karur Municipal Chairman to be a mistake for Vadakur Agraharam in Karur Municipal town. The passenger has since been found and observed. The Tahsildar of Erode to whom the District Medical and Sanitary Officer intimated reports that there is no such village in his Taluk. There is no such street.
14	1.9.98	Lami Pillai	Subbaraya Pillai	Hindu	35	Chennapatnam	Do	Erode	Erode	Periya Kolanda mudaly's street	"	
15	-	Kagamma + child	"	"	"	Bangalore city	Do	Do	Pittai velathai	"	"	
16	3.9.98	Ranga Naidu	Dorasami	Hindu	40	Berur	Do	Do	Erode	Thupkham street	"	Was not noticed as he had rebooked from Erode. Subsequently he was traced and is being observed. Stopped at Erode.
17	4.9.98	Adinarayana chetti	"	Hindu	"	Maddur	Do	Do	Karur	"	"	
18	-	Ramakrishna Naicken	"	Do	"	Plague infected parts	Do	Palladam	"	"	"	
19	-	Marudamuthu Pillai	"	Do	"	Do	Do	Do	"	"	"	Proceeded straight to Coimbatore. Nothing is known of No 20 no report from the Tahsildar of Palladam. Instructions to have Nos 18 & 19 observed have been given.
20	-	Langa Naicken	"	Do	"	Do	Do	Do	"	"	"	

N.B. Nos 1 to 14 are reported by the Chairman, Erode Municipal Council not to be traced.

Coimbatore Collector's Office
10th September 1898

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11/9/98.

Signature of Collector.

Plague-

Disposal No. 2736 of 1898.
Rev.

Coimbatore DISTRICT COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
10th September 1898.

FROM

J. A. Cumming Esquire,
Ag. COLLECTOR OF THE
Coimbatore DISTRICT,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Local and Municipal DEPARTMENT,
Coimbatore Madras.

SIR,

With reference to G. O., No. 766 P., dated
6th August 1898, I have the honor to forward
a statement containing instances which
go to show that passengers are trying to
evade the plague regulations. In all these
instances when intimation received from
the medical officer on plague duty at
Jalarpet by the Medical and Sanitary Officer
of this District were sent to the officers con-
-cerned, the latter reported that either
the passengers could not be traced or
their addresses were incorrect.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
J. A. Cumming
Ag. Collector.

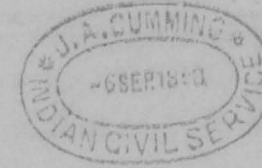
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11/9/98.

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

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CURRENT No. 1572 P



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Order

From

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Forwarded to the Coll of
Comibation for explanation in
Continuation of S. No 930 P.
dy 29-8-98

J. A. Cumming
Secretary to Government

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4/9/98

Re No. 653-98

Dated 30th Sept 98

Received 2-9-1898

Registered 2-9-1898

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Sanitary Inspection report
dated 29 August 98

Submitting Copy

of _____

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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1. *Par. trassery* from Bay shore several here on the 25th Oct - 1891 - 1892.

2. *Chellam.* do. ———— 20 ———— 27th 1891 - 1892.

3. *Jake,* do. ———— 20 ———— 28th 1891 - 1892.

4. *Puccella mettrai* school. ———— 20 ———— 28th 1891 - 1892.

Municipal Office Ashland.
29th August 1898.

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to
The Chapman Arc.

Sir,
I beg to report that the marginally
noted persons have arrived here from
Bangalore which is an infected place, -
but no intimation about these
arrivals has been given by the inspecting
officer of Dadar, nor by any other
officer. Generally passports of persons
who arrive here, come from Dadar
Station on the very day of their
arrival. The above mentioned arrivals
might have come via Dadar Station
but omitted obtaining passports.

No. 2682 (Tuncsofz)

The
 (Ed) Dr. Thomas Young Esq.
 certd. Sanitary Inspector
 in Plague Duty.
 Oct. 29th 1898.
 for of splendor for
 (Ed) G. H. Hammett
 Chairman.

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information (true copy) (Ed) G. Hammett
Chairman.

Submitted to the Government in continuation
of my letter dated 22nd August 1898 Refers for
No 153/98. Enquiries will be made to ascertain
the cause of the alleged failure to give passports.
Planning collector's office }
Dated 30th Aug 1898 }
Commissioner }
Traffic collector }

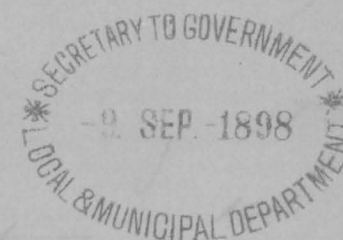
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Plague.

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. *1672P*



From
*The Collector of
Coimbatore.*

Order

VW
Disposal No. *2673* of 1898.
Rev.

Dated *7th September 1898.*

Received *9-9-1898*

Registered *9-9-1898.*

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Plague.— Submitting the report called for in G.O. No. 930P. Mis, dated 29th Aug. 1898 regarding the instances brought to the notice of Government by the Collector of the Nilgiris, in which passports were not issued to passengers from infected ports or in which passengers were not observed.

29/9/98
29/9/98

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Plague

Dis. No. 2673 of 98
Rev

Coimbatore

DISTRICT COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

7th September 1898.

FROM

J. a Cunningham Esq

ag COLLECTOR OF THE

TO

Coimbatore DISTRICT,

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Local & Municipal DEPARTMENT,

Madras. Coimbatore

SIR,

With reference to G.O. No. 930 P, dated 29th August last, I have the honour to report as follows.

2. Plague inspection at Pōdamir has passed through several stages.

At first all trains from the west were inspected, but none from the East. G.O. No. 624 P, 29th June 1898,

then directed that passengers to the Nilgiris from plague infected parts should take passports at Pōdamir. The full meaning of

this was not understood owing

to some ambiguity in the language

language used, and G.O. N^o 441 P,
2nd August 1888, laid down that
it was the duty of the passport
issuing officer to trace out such
passengers and not allow them to
go away without passports.

3. It was not therefore till the
receipt of the latter G.O. by the
medical officer on plague duty i.e.
7th August (I was on tour in Kollegal
at the time) that the system
was put fully in force. And it was
not until 10th August that the
Madras Railway Company put in
force the rule regarding locking
of carriages containing passengers
from plague infected parts before
arrival at Podanur.

4. In the list sent by the Collector
of

of the Nilgiris, all except N^{os} 25 & 26
passed through before 10th August.

5. As regards N^o 25, the mistake in name
is not unnatural for a native, but
steps have been taken to prevent a
recurrence of such mistakes, as a
book is now given to European passengers
to enter their names in. I may also
mention that Major Quin did not
require a passport if he had
been in Bangalore for 20 days,
as he passed through on 13th
August 1888 and it was not till
18th August 1888 that Bangalore
was declared plague infected.
As a matter of fact, however,
the medical officer's register shows
Mhow as the place whence
he

he came.

6. As regards No 26, he passed through in the same train as His Excellency the Governor. There was some confusion but ten other passengers were provided with passports that morning. The medical officer fancied Jamaluddin must have gone into the refreshment room to attend his master. I have directed him in future to note the number of servants in the master's passports.

7. Of the others in the list sent me, all except Nos 14, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22 had evidently broken their journey as the advices were sent to the collector of the nilgiris by the officials in Madras and arko-
nam. Their tickets would have given

Given the medical officer no information and it would have been only by making detailed enquiry under the second para of Regulation 14 that the medical officer at Pödamir Conto have ascertained they came from plague infected parts. Further, Nos 1-10 ~~and~~ passed through before he received orders to issue passports for the Nilgiris. They should have been provided with passports by the medical officer at Mettupalayam, but I represented the difficulty experienced by the latter in

my ROC No 1606^(b) dated
16th July 1898

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8. As regards No 17, the medical officer at Podanur had not realised that he should send information to the local authority as well as ^{intimation} to the District medical and Sanitary officer. His attention was called to Regulation 17 (ii), and the revised forms of passports have not this right.

9. As regards Nos 19, 20 & 22 the District Superintendent of Police has been asked to see that accurate and prompt information is furnished by the police when acting under Regulation 1.

10. There remains the question of whether Podanur or Mettupalaiyam

Yam should be the station for issue of passports to the Nilgiris

11. Since Mr. Burdett has passed through, the new rules regarding issue of passports at Podanur have been brought into effect - in fact since Bangalore was declared plague infected, all trains from the east are now inspected under G.O.

No 839P, dated 18 August 1908. The issue of passports for the Nilgiris at Podanur ought to be efficient now, much more than if it was done at Mettupalaiyam. It also prevents the risk of re-booking at

at Podam.

12. I would raise the question, however, whether the Government considers that all trains from the east should be inspected now that Jalapet is an inspection station? I do not think the issue of the shorts for the mil girls in itself justifies such inspection.

13. The words of the G.O. are "examine all passengers from hence (ie, from Takal and Mysore Province, since restricted to Bangalore district) proceeding towards both Calicut and Mettupalayam." This can only be done by inspecting the whole train.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

M. J. S.
ag. collector.

C.V.
1/9/98

Plague

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. *16730*



Order

From

*The Collector of
Coimbatore*

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Disposal No. *2698* of 1898.
Rev.

Dated *8th September 1898.*

Received *9-9-1898*

Registered *9-9-1898.*

Enclosures *over. C. B. 1562*

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SUBJECT.

*Submitting copy of letter from
the Medical Officer on Plague
duty at Podanur explaining
the cause of the alleged failure
to give passports and intima-
-tions in the case of 4 persons
mentioned in the endorsement
of letter of the collector of Nilgiris*

*Recorded
26 + 95*

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

* herewith
returned

1. Bonusamy came from Bangalore arrive here on the 25th inst. C/o Mr. Short
2. Chellan ———— D: ———— 27th C/o Mr. Smith
3. Jobe ———— D: ———— 28th Clerk Shubhamchand
4. Recella Victoria & child ———— D: ———— 28th Shop

No. 350.

Lodnoor
4th September 98.

From

J. H. Govind Singh
Assistant Surgeon

To

The Collector
of Coimbatore.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement
No. 2180, dated 3rd instant on the letter of
the Collector of Nilgiris to explain the cause of
the alleged failure to give passports to the
marginally noted persons, I have the honor
to state that passports and intimations
have been given on the 20th ultimo in the
case of passenger No. 1 to the authorities at
Coonoor as per address given.

On the 27th and 28th ultimo there have
been 7 and 50 passengers respectively. When
intimations and passports were given for
57 passengers on both the dates 3 passengers
viz. 2, 3 & 4 could never have escaped notice
unless they rebooked themselves in any of the
intermediate stations. I may also point

out that the Sanitary Inspector himself in his letter admits "that passports of persons who arrive at Coatacarnund come from Podnur on the very day of their arrival." He further states the above mentioned arrivals might have come via Podnur." He has evidently not ascertained the facts of the case and if by rail from what to what station they had tickets. This information of course the passenger will now deny through fear of being prosecuted for evading Plague rules.

Passengers by the morning train from Bangalore in which the majority of them travel on account of reduced Railway fare have got ample and more time to rebook in all the intermediate stations especially Jalarpet, Salem and Erode. Instances of rebooking I have had several of late but it is difficult to prove. I therefore beg to state that under the existing mode of inspection passengers like those mentioned by the Sanitary Inspector could never escape unless by rebooking as above stated and

that information obtained regarding them at Coaty must have been incorrect. it.

I have &c
(Signed) J. H. Govind Singh
Assistant Surgeon.

/True Copy/

Plague
Dis. No. $\frac{2698}{26}$ of 1898.

Submitted to Government Local and Municipal Department with reference to its Memo No. 132 P, dated 5th current, returned herewith.

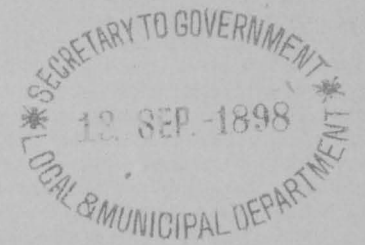
2. G. O. No. 930 P, dated 29th Ultimo has already been answered in this Office Disposal No. $\frac{2673}{Rev}$ of 1898, dated 7th September 1898.

Coimbatore Collector's office }
8th September 1898 - }
Ag. Collector.

OK
8/9/98.

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 1761P



From *The Collector*
of the Nilgiris

Order

Cur No. *1247.*
1898.

Dated *10th September 1898.*

Received }
Registered } *13. 9. 98*

Enclosures —

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SUBJECT.

Passports.

Reporting for the information
of the Government - one
case of omission to issue
— by the Medical Officer
at Podanur.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

NILGIRI COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Ootacamund, 10. September 1898.

REF. ON *lur* No. 1247/98

FROM

A. Butterworth Esquire
as COLLECTOR OF *do*
Nilgiris.

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Local & Municipal DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

Stonehouse Hill

ENCLOSURES.

SIR,
In continuation of my letter No. 653 dated 22nd August 1898 regarding certain permissions to issue passports to travellers from Plague infected tracts I have the honor to report the following for the information of the Government. By advice No. 495 dated 16th August 1898 from the Sanitary Inspector on Plague duty Madras, the arrival of Mr Beiden found an enquiry to be Mr Beidell, was reported to this office. Mr Beidell accordingly arrived at Sholur but was not furnished with a passport at Podanur. I have the honor to be,
I have reported this fact to the collector of Nilgiris.

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Copied by

Compared by

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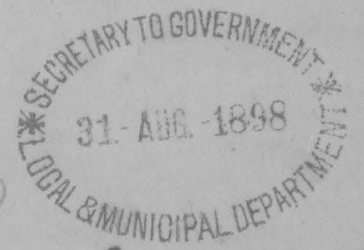
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W. C. C.
for Collector.

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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 15128



Plague

Plague Commr's Office
C. No. 89

Put off all the replies to this reference
(2) G.O. about detention of all persons who cannot be relied on to attend 10 days' inspection
(3) G.O. drawing attention of the authorities to Regulation 18 & 19.
1/9/98

From

Mr. Ag. Collector
Tanjore

Order.

End. No 162 P. dt 26-9-1898

Forwarded to the Plague Commr.
for issuance of ~~offering~~ on basis
sent to of the Commr's letter.

H. Trevelyan
Secretary to Government
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Long
25/9/98.

Ref. on. C. No. 1170 of 98
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Dated 30 August 1898
Received 31-8-1898
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SUBJECT.

Reporting with reference
to G.O. No 102 P. dated
16 August '98 as to whether
any instances of omission
to issue passports or to
observe passengers from plague
infected areas have come
to notice.

Re 102
26-9-98

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF

Nilgiris,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

Dated

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Reference on

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ENCLOSURES.

SUBJECT.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

TANJORE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

30 August 1898.

Plague

No.

Camp,

FROM

J. Twigg Esquire, Collector,
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,

TANJORE,

To

The
Local and Municipal
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
DEPARTMENT,
MADRAS.

SIR,

With reference to G. O. N. 102. P.
dated 16 August '98. Calling for a
report whether any instances of
omission to issue passport to
passengers from plague-infected
areas or to observe such passengers
have come to notice. I have the
honour to report as follows: —

2. Since the passport system
began to work in this District
intimation of expected arrival
of

of passengers from /
arras has been received in the
Case of 163 ^{persons} ~~passengers~~. In 64
Cases, passports were issued, and
41 Cases are so recent that inform-
ation is not available at the
time of writing. Of the remain-
ing Cases, 20 were brought
under observation though the
issue of passports had been
evaded, and this leaves 38 Cases
unaccounted for.

* includes the Case
at Negapatam in
which arrival was
discovered only after
death.

3. Besides the
above Cases
in which
intimation

was received, the passport-
issuing officers have detected
and issued passports to 54
persons of whose expected
arrival

arrival no intimation has been
received.

4. The tricks by which obser-
vation is sought to be avoided
are various. In the Negapatam
Case referred to in G. O. N. 796.1.
dated 12th August 1898, the right
address was given but the wrong
name, and the individual slipped
home by a devious route and then
lay concealed. It is hoped that
this trick will not again be
successful in view of the strict
search and enquiry that has been
ordered to be maintained till each
notified person is accounted for.
There remain Cases in which a wrong
address is given ^{or in which a correct address is given} but the individual
stops short of his destination or
goes elsewhere. Sooner or later the
latter

latter individuals will come home and be discovered, but this will be too late for purposes of observation.

5 It would be well if something could be done to make it less easy to escape detection by passport-issuing officers.

Punched tickets are the most obvious means. I have been unable to obtain information from the Railway Audit Office as to the numbers of punched tickets given up at the various Stations in the District, but I do not think any one with a punched ticket could have escaped detection.

6 I would offer the following suggestion. When at a frontier inspection station a passenger's ticket

ticket is observed not to agree with his declared place of destination, he should be notified both to the District to which he says he is going and to the place for which he possesses a ticket. The passenger should, in all cases whether he has declared to proceed further or not, come under the hands of the authorities at the place where he gives up his ~~purchased~~ ^{punched} ticket, and not be allowed to re-book and proceed without a passport and a punched ticket through to his declared destination.

7 In this connection the following fact should be noted. Of the 163 cases of intimation mentioned in para 2, 147 came from Frontier Stations (including 5 which were also

also notified from Perambore),
and 16 from Perambore alone. I
imagine that these last are
Cases of persons who, at the
Frontier, declared their destination
to be Madras and at Perambore
declared that they were proceeding
further. Now of the 38 Cases of
individuals mentioned as noti-
fied but unaccounted for
in para 2, 29 occur among the
147 persons notified from —
Frontier Stations and no less
than 9 among the 16 notified
from Perambore.

8 As regards failure to
observe persons to whom pass-
ports have been issued, one
man has never appeared since
issue of passport and cannot
be found. He is a Sopy, and his

his Commanding Officer has been
communicated with by the Muni-
cipal Chairman, Tanjore. In 5 other
Cases the persons failed to appear
for a certain number of days during
the today's period and have been
dealt with by warning or pro-
secution.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

J. Sivapnamani ^{Collector}
30/8/52
Perambore

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