

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

(189)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 538

DATED 5/11/98
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[Despatch Abstract.]

Plague Rules

Informing the Agent & Manager, etc.
of Company that — are being made
to cause as little hardship as possible
to the Company.

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PLAGUE.

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Dated 189

No.

From

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

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER,

Madras,

To

THE

Agent and Manager

Madras Railway

SIR,
Letter No 538 of 5/11/98
2/11

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No 11287 of 15-10-98 to the Consulting Eng. for Railways, which has been transferred to me for disposal, I have the honor to inform you that instructions have already been issued for to use carbon paper and pencil at the Jalapeh Inspection Station. As regards detention of railway passengers, the inspecting medical officers have been told that it is necessary to detain only those persons who are found travelling in the same compartments with

I have taken a little time to introduce the necessary.

2. I have seen the new Bombay rules to which you have drawn attention in your letter, but I observe that the system therein explained is that which has been in force in this Presidency from the very beginning of plague administration. I admit that plague rules like any other rules may be ~~used~~ abused, and I shall be much obliged if you can bring to my notice any instances of abuse which may come to your notice. I shall be glad to do what I can to set matters right.

As far as I can judge the
Bombay rules are stricter than
ours, in that the Clinical
Thermometer is ordered to be
used in many cases where
we content ourselves by
feeling the pulse. I sh^d say
that under the new Bombay
rules the detection of train
fever is greater even than it
is here -

— So far as long as Bangalore
continues to have plague in an
epidemic form I cannot see
any way to relax our rules -
which have apparently done much
to keep plague out of the Presidency.
If plague can be got rid of in
Bangalore probably it will be
possible to relax the regulations to
some extent at Yolarpet. H

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CURRENT No. 2335P

From The P. W. Department
Railway Branch.

Order No. 214 P 8731-X-98
Forwarded

Referred to the Plague
Commissioners for ~~favor of early~~
~~remarks.~~ Consideration & Disposal.

R. M. No. 331

H. Tremembler
Secretary to Government
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Dated 25-10-98
Received 27-10-98
Registered 28-10-98
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Spare copies.

SUBJECT.

For according letter No 11287 dated
15th Octr from the Agent and
Manager Madras Railway,
to the effect that plague rules
are a distinct hardship upon
the Company.

To the Mayne Commission.

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Madras Railway Company,

Traffic Manager's Office,

Central Station, Madras 5th Octr.1898.

The Agent and Manager,

Rayapuram.

Dear Sir,

Your No.11287-9330 of 28th Ultimo.

With reference to the extract from the Consulting Engineer which accompanied your letter quoted above, as you are aware, we cancelled Nos.32 and 37 mixed trains between Gooty and Raichur on the 6th April last and from time to time the number of coaching vehicles have been reduced in the various districts. It is of course quite possible to find three or four empty carriages on a train at one part of the run and to find the same train full some miles further on but as far as possible the coaching vehicles have been and are being reduced to fit the present traffic.

2. With regard to train mileage, it is possible that, if matters become much worse than at present, it might be desirable to cancel the 6.45 and the return passenger train. Our goods trains, which at present also take third class passengers and are called mixed, we cannot at present cancel in any district. We could discontinue carrying third class passengers by these trains to drive them into the mail and passenger trains in certain districts but there are stations at which mail and passenger trains do not stop, or at which they stop at most inconvenient times to the public, so that although it would be a measure of economy, it would be a great hardship to third class passengers at many stations if we prevented them from travelling by mixed trains.

3. On the other hand it would reduce the number of trains to be examined at plague examining stations and in that way be a convenience to the plague Officials.

4. If the Consulting Engineer could assist us in obtaining some modification of the present passport system, some very serious delays would be saved at examining stations on the Madras Railway. At present, the plague Official writes out carefully and at his own speed on three forms particulars of the wherefrom and the whereto and the name and the address, caste, father's name etc, of passengers from plague infected areas

or of passengers going to the Nilgiris and the time occupied for a mere handful of passengers is often 40 or 50 minutes. Pencil and carbonic leaf would save the time but could be obliterated. Is it not possible however for some of the Government experts to suggest a leaf which would give an indelible copy of the counterparts so saving the triple work? The pencil for the counterfoil retained could if necessary be an indelible one.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd) F. W. Read.

Traffic Manager.

(True Copy)



Agent and Manager.

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Madras,
RAVAPURAM TERMINUS,
AGENT & MANAGER'S OFFICE,
Madras Railway Company.

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AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 15th October, 1889.

From

From

CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS
RECEIVED
17 OCT. 1898
MADRAS.

To

The *Agent and Manager.*

Madras Railway.

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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SIR,

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liable to be seized and removed to a segregation camp. It is possible that the rules, if not too stringent, are being wrongly interpreted.

I have already drawn the attention of the Surgeon General to the Government of Madras to cases where the Company's Servants travelling on duty (men who are well known) have ^{been} forcibly detained, although they were apparently in perfect health and had in no way infringed the plague rules.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

Louis S. M. V. S.

Agent and Manager.

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer
 for Railways.

Dated

Recd.

C. No 2335P

No. 331 R.M. dt 25-10-98

Transferred to the
 Local and Municipal Depart-
 ment for favour of early con-
 sideration.

Under Secretary
 22-10-98.