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GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATIONS.

Dated Rangoon, the 20th May 1898.

No. 76.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (r) of section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, and by the notification of the Government of India in the Home Department, No. 302, dated the 4th February 1897, and in supersession of the rules for Rangoon contained in General Department Notification No. 50, dated the 11th March 1897, the Lieutenant-Governor prescribes the following rules for preventing the importation of the bubonic plague into municipal towns and cantonments:—

Precautions against the importation of Plague into Municipal Towns and Cantonments.

1. *Date of taking effect.*—These rules shall come into force at once.
2. *Health Officer defined.*—The words "Health Officer" in the following rules mean, in the case of the Rangoon Municipality, the Health Officer of the Municipality. Elsewhere these words include the Civil Surgeon of the district, a Military Medical Officer in charge of a cantonment, a Civil Medical Officer, an Assistant Surgeon in medical charge of a district, or subdivision, or a municipal dispensary, and any medical practitioner appointed by the Deputy Commissioner under Rule 4.
3. *Powers of Deputy Commissioner.*—The powers conferred on the Deputy Commissioner by these rules shall be exercised, in the case of the Rangoon Municipality and Cantonment, by the President, Rangoon Municipality. All or any of the powers conferred on the Deputy Commissioner may, with the sanction of Government, be exercised by any other gazetted officer.
4. *Appointment of Health Officer and staff and preparation of schemes.*—(a) In all municipalities and cantonments where the Commissioner considers it necessary, except in the Rangoon Municipality where a Health Officer has already been appointed, the Deputy Commissioner shall appoint a Health Officer either by name or by virtue of office to devise and carry out, under the Deputy Commissioner's directions, all measures necessary to prevent the spread of the plague, and shall fix his pay, or, when he is already a salaried officer of Government or of a municipality, may with the approval of Government fix a reasonable deputation allowance to be paid to him for this extra duty.
(b) The Deputy Commissioner may, subject in the case of Rangoon to the general instructions of the Local Government and elsewhere to the general instructions of the Commissioner, appoint such subordinate staff as he may consider necessary to assist the Health Officer in carrying out his duties, and may fix their pay subject to sanction by competent authority.
(c) For the purposes of this rule the Deputy Commissioner may group municipalities and cantonments, and may appoint a Health Officer and staff for the combined area. For every municipality or cantonment in which a Health Officer is appointed, the Deputy Commissioner shall prepare a scheme showing in detail the arrangements for public, family, and caste or race hospitals and camps, medical staff, equipment, and the like which would have to come into force in the event of plague breaking out. Such scheme shall include rules for the egress and ingress of persons from and into infected areas and the ingress into uninfected areas of persons from infected areas.
(d) The Deputy Commissioner shall submit the scheme for approval to the Sanitary Commissioner or other officer appointed by Government in this behalf.
5. *Appointment of Committee of Observation.*—The Rangoon Municipality and Cantonment, and every other municipality or cantonment where the Commissioner may consider such action to be necessary, shall be divided by the Deputy Commissioner into such circles as may be convenient for the purposes of the scheme framed in accordance with the previous rule. The Deputy Commissioner shall appoint for each circle a Committee of Observation consisting of representatives of the different races dwelling in the municipality, or cantonment, in which such circle is situated, and may appoint such salaried registering officers as he thinks fit.
6. *Appointment of Medical Committee.*—The Deputy Commissioner shall also appoint for the whole of such municipality, or cantonment, or combined area, a Medical Committee consisting of the Health Officer as President, one or more lady doctors where available, and representatives of the official and non-official medical practitioners in such municipality, or cantonment, or combined area.
7. *Duties of Committee of Observation.*—It shall be the duty of the Committee of Observation to report daily to the Health Officer, through the registering officer of the circle, all cases of unusual fever which may occur in their circle among persons who have arrived within the preceding ten days from any infected area, or in houses where any such person may be or may have been staying.
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Prevention of the spread of Bubonic Plague in Municipal Towns and Cantonments.

1. *Date of taking effect.*—Except as provided in Rule 8 of General Department Notification No. 76 of this date, these rules shall come into force in any municipality or cantonment from the date on which the Deputy Commissioner may, by proclamation issued with the sanction of Government, declare the plague to be prevalent there, and shall continue in force until, by a similar proclamation, he shall declare the plague to have ceased.

2. *Health Officer defined.*—The words "Health Officer" in the following rules have the same meaning as in the rules published in General Department Notification No. 76 of this date: provided that if necessary the Deputy Commissioner may appoint an additional Health Officer or additional Health Officers.

3. *Powers of Deputy Commissioner.*—The powers conferred on the Deputy Commissioner by these rules shall be exercised, in the case of the Rangoon Municipality and Cantonment, by the President, Rangoon Municipality. All or any of the powers conferred on the Deputy Commissioner may, with the sanction of Government, be exercised by any other gazetted officer.

4. *Definition of Medical Committee.*—The words "Medical Committee" in the following rules have the same meaning as in General Department Notification No. 76 of this date: provided that if necessary the Deputy Commissioner may appoint a separate Medical Committee for any smaller area than the whole of the cantonment or municipality.

5. *Procedure in case of suspected plague.*—When the President of the Medical Committee has reason to believe that a case of plague has occurred in a house, he shall proceed accompanied if possible by the members of the Medical Committee, to enquire into the case. The owner and occupier of the house shall permit the Health Officer and Medical Committee to enter his premises and examine any person whom such Health Officer has reason to believe to be infected with bubonic plague. In case of resistance or refusal, the Health Officer may call in any police officer, who may arrest without warrant any person offering active resistance, and shall take such other steps as may be necessary to give effect to this rule. If the person is a female, the examination shall be made, if possible, through female agency.

6. *Segregation.*—(1) If on enquiry under the last preceding rule the Health Officer finds that a fatal case of plague has occurred in the house, or that any person therein is suffering from or infected with plague, he shall, in the latter case, cause such person to be removed to a hospital for treatment. He shall also, in either case, cause the other occupants of the house in which such person resides, and all other persons who are likely to have been infected, to be removed to a segregation camp and to be detained under observation for ten days. The Deputy Commissioner may grant subsistence allowance to persons detained under this rule.

(2) When family hospitals and camps or caste or race hospitals and camps have been provided under Rules 17 and 18 of General Department Notification No. 76 of this date, sick or suspected persons may, if they so desire, and if accommodation is available, be removed to such hospitals or camps. In the case of females, who by custom do not appear in public, their transport shall be arranged for in such a manner as to preserve their *purda*.

(3) In family and caste and race hospitals the patients may be treated on such system and by such doctors as they or their friends may desire.

(4) In all hospitals separate and suitable accommodation shall be provided for females, and they shall, so far as may be possible, be treated by female agency.

(5) In all hospitals, the relatives, friends, *hakims*, *baidis* and priests of sick persons shall be allowed free access to them at all times, subject to such precautions as the Health Officer may consider necessary.

(6) If in any case a person removed to a hospital is accompanied by friends or attendants, the Health Officer may require as many of them as are not in personal attendance on the patient to be removed to a segregation camp under clause (1) of this rule, or, as an alternative, to be inoculated.

(7) If a person is attacked with bubonic plague while so segregated, the Superintendent of such segregation camp shall forthwith inform the Health Officer, who shall cause such person to be removed to a public, family, caste or race hospital, and the Superintendent shall take such steps as the Health Officer may direct to prevent the spread of infection in the segregation camp.

(8) All hospitals and camps shall be suitably guarded, and, in the case of family or caste or race hospitals and camps, the arrangements for guarding must be approved by the Deputy Commissioner, and their cost will be met by the person on whose application the hospital or camp was sanctioned.

(9) On the report of the Health Officer that he has withdrawn the license for any family or race or caste hospital or camp, the Deputy Commissioner may order such hospital or camp to be closed.

7. *Disinfection and cleansing of houses by Health Officer.*—In any house in which a case of plague has occurred, the Health Officer shall take measures for the disinfection and cleansing of the house, the destruction of bedding, clothing, and articles of a similar nature, the improvement of the sanitary condition of the premises, the removal, in consultation if possible with a competent engineer, of all partitions, erections or structures which obstruct light or ventilation, and other sanitary precautions. The Deputy Commissioner may, on the report of the Health Officer, order the destruction of any building if disinfection cannot be satisfactorily effected otherwise, awarding compensation to persons who are so poor as to be unable to replace the structure that has been destroyed.

8. *Right of entry.*—The owner or occupier of any house in which a case of plague has occurred shall permit the Health Officer and his staff to enter his house or premises for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Rule 7. In case of resistance or refusal, the Health Officer may call in a police officer, who may arrest without warrant any person offering active resistance, and shall take such further steps as may be necessary to give effect to this rule. Provided that when an apartment is occupied by a female, who according to custom does not appear in public, the Health Officer or his staff shall not enter such apartment without giving notice and affording time to such female to withdraw.

9. *Evacuation of street or quarter.*—If plague has become prevalent in any street or quarter, the Deputy Commissioner may, on the report of the Health Officer, direct the inhabitants of such street or quarter to vacate their houses and to remove to a temporary settlement at a distance from the infected quarter. The Deputy Commissioner may provide such persons with temporary accommodation. The Health Officer shall arrange for the thorough disinfection, cleansing, and sanitary improvement of the empty premises, and no person shall be permitted to return until the premises have been certified free from infection.

10. *Watch and ward of houses.*—Whenever houses are vacated under Rules 6 and 9, each householder shall be permitted to make suitable arrangements for the care of his house and property during his absence, provided that the house is not occupied. He may remove any valuable property or place seals upon it, and the Deputy Commissioner will arrange for the watch and ward of empty houses, and will see that they are properly padlocked or secured.

11. *Duty of compliance.*—A person dealt with under the foregoing rules, and any persons who may be removed to a hospital or camp, shall comply with any directions, general or special, that may be given him, or may be publicly notified by the Health Officer with regard to his removal to, and residence in, any such hospital or camp, and with respect to disinfecting or destroying any bedding, clothing or other articles, or with respect to any other sanitary matter.

He shall not depart from such hospital or camp without the written permission of the Health Officer.

12. *Disposal of dead.*—In the case of a death from plague, the friends of the deceased shall be permitted to dispose of the corpse by cremation or burial in accordance with their religious practices, but they shall obey the directions of the Health Officer or other sanitary or executive authority as to the route and method of removing the corpse to the burial or cremation place. In the event of the failure or refusal of relatives or friends of the deceased to dispose of the body, the Health Officer shall dispose of it in accordance with the religion of the deceased. The corpses of Europeans or Muhammadans who die of plague shall be buried, if possible, at least 6 feet deep. The coffin and cloth used to cover the corpse, when not interred with the corpse, shall be destroyed. In cases where cremation is the custom, the body shall be completely burned at the usual burning ghat or other isolated locality in accordance with custom, the cloths which have been in contact with the body being either burnt according to custom or disinfected.

13. *Ambulances.*—The Deputy Commissioner shall provide suitable conveyances, painted in a conspicuous manner, for the free carriage of persons suffering or suspected to be suffering from the plague, and it shall be lawful to drive or carry such conveyances through any public or private thoroughfare.

14. *Disinfection of public conveyances.*—Any conveyance, public or private, not being an ambulance set apart for use as prescribed in the foregoing rule, that has been used by a person infected with or suspected of being infected with plague, shall be thoroughly disinfected and exposed to air and sunlight for not less than 24 hours before being again used, and all articles of furniture belonging to it which, in the opinion of the Health Officer, cannot be properly disinfected, shall be destroyed by fire.

15. *Compensation.*—The Deputy Commissioner may in his discretion pay compensation to any person who has sustained substantial loss or damage by reason of anything done under these rules: provided, however, that no person shall be entitled to claim any compensation whatsoever. In deciding claims to compensation, the Deputy Commissioner may consult the Committee of Observation, the Medical Committee, or any assessor or person he may think competent to advise, but shall not be bound to follow their advice.

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16. *Control.*—All powers conferred upon the Health Officer by these rules shall be exercised subject to the general control of the Deputy Commissioner.

17. *Expenses.*—All expenses incurred in carrying out these rules shall in the first instance be paid from the municipal or cantonment fund concerned, but the Deputy Commissioner may recover from any person any amount which such person would under similar circumstances be liable to pay to the Municipal Committee under the municipal law for the time being in force in Lower Burma.

18. *Power to impress carts, &c.*—The Deputy Commissioner is empowered for the purposes of these rules to temporarily impress carts or other vehicles ordinarily let for hire, with the beasts necessary to draw them, and labourers or coolies, and to make such payments for the same as he may think fit.

By order,

D. H. R. TWOMEY,

Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of Burma.

G. B. C. P. O.—Nos. B. S., 2378 and 2379, 21-5-98—400.

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General

DEPARTMENT.—No.

705/32-2

FROM

The Secretary to the Government of Burma,

TO

The Secretary to the Government
of Madras.

Dated Rangoon, the 21 May 1898.

SIR,

In compliance with the instructions contained in Government of India Home Department letter No 6 Sanitary—608, dated the 28th February 1897, I am directed to forward for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council 15 copies of the notifications marginally noted which General Department nos 76 and 77 dated 20th May 1898 have been issued by this Government under the Epidemic Diseases Act.

Yours faithfully,

your obedient servant

J. W. R. A.
Secretary

G. B. C. P. O.—No. 1830, B. S., 16-4-98—1,000.

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General

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In compliance with the instructions, contained in the report of the Committee on the subject of the "State of the Union" for the year 1891, the following information is furnished in regard to the various matters mentioned in the report.

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