

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

(189)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 616

Dated 8/11/98

Despatched

[Despatch Abstract.]

Evasion of Medl. Exam.

Recording correspondence relating to
at Jalarpet Ry. Inspⁿ Station.

Sg. Collector

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1898)

CURRENT No. 336.

From the Collector and District
Magistrate of N. Arcot.

R. C. No. 336.

Order

10-10-98

Ref: one No. 277 V. of 1898

Forwarded to Collector
Salem for favour of weekly
report. Telegraphic order will
be issued as regards Ticket
numbers. The Jolarpet inspection
station appears to want careful
looking to.

Dated 9"
Received 10"
Registered 10" } Act 1/98.
Enclosures
Spare copies

Signed in Hammick
V.C.

SUBJECT.

Reporting on the evasions of
Medical examinations made at
Jolarpet Railway Inspection Station.

(20th reply returned with reply.)

To the Collr of Salem.

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all possible with out great loss of
 time: This Court can proceed
 better.

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~~Communicated~~
 to the Colls of the Arch.
 for information with
 reference to his letter
 Ref No 277 of 9-10-98.

2. The tickets should be
 furnished by the examining medical
 Officer and not by Police Constables.
 The punches should always remain
 under responsible custody - vide
 Order 5 on page 115 of the Madras
 Police Regulations and Rules.

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 8/11/98

To The Colls of N. Arch
 of North " " Salem

To the Colls of the Arch.
 Note The delay was
 entirely due to the difficulty
 in tracing & for the
 previous papers.

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for information with
reference to the
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~~Board of Revenue.~~

(189) Department.

General Register No.

Resolution.

From

The Ag collector of
Salem
No.

Dated

22. 10. 98

Received

25. 10. 1898

Registered

25-10-1898

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SUBJECT.

Returning the letter of the Collector
of North Arcot reporting on the
evasions of medical Examina-
-tions made at Jalarpet
By Inspection Station & stating
the punching of the tickets
from Bangalore side will
resume the difficulty.

FROM

THE COLLECTOR AND

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,

North Arcot.

To. The Plague Commission
Fort Saint George
Madras

No. of Enclosures. /

Letter, dated 9 Oct 1898

Ref. No. 277 of 1898

SUBJECT.

Reporting on the evasions
of medical examinations
made at Galarpet
Railway Inspection
station.

Forwarded to Mr. Salem for
favor of early reply - Telegraphic
order will be issued as required
Ticket numbers - The Inspector
Inspector to him appear to want
careful looking to.

M. M. M.

By Comm.

10/11/98

(To be returned with reply)

To
The Collr. of Salem

North Arcot Subcollector
and joint magistrate's
office. Camp. Vellore.

Dated 5 Oct 98.

No. 2573 of 98

From. A.C. Dutt Esqr.

Sd/- Sub collector and joint
Magistrate of North Arcot.

To. The Collector of
North Arcot.

Sir,
I have the honor to report to you
the result of an inspection that I
made on the 2nd instant of the
Bangalore tickets delivered at
Katpadi. The tickets have to be
sent on by the Railway Department
every day and there was a packet
of tickets (issued on the 29th & 30th
of September) waiting to be sent off.
The station master was good enough
to let me see the packet that was
just about to be sent off.

In it I found a large number
of tickets that did not bear the
mark that the Plague officers
of

of Jalarpet and Bowringpet
punch into them. The numbers
and other particulars of the tickets
that had neither the Bowringpet
nor the Jalarpet plague mark
are hereto appended.

Station from which issued.	No of tickets.	Class.	Remarks.
Bangalore Cantonment -	240	2nd.	
"	5456	3rd	
"	5461	"	
"	5466	"	
"	1997	"	(child's ticket)
"	1006	"	
"	1007	"	
"	1008	"	
"	1009	"	
"	1010	"	
Bangalore City.	5439		
"	5440		
"	5441		
"	5442		
"	5443		
"	5444		
"	5445		
"	5446		
"	5447		
"	5448		
"	5449		
"	5450		

In this connection I would beg
to draw your attention to the
form of the information sent by the
Railway Inspection Station officers
to the District Surgeon. I beg to point
out that it would be advisable to open
two more columns in the form headed
as

as follows. "No of tickets." "Station
for which the ticket has been issued."
It is practically impossible for
any one to ascertain whether the officers
at an inspection station have been
sending intimations for all passengers
from an infected locality unless
such headings be opened. Thus
suppose I go to Juddiyattam and
find from the Railway books that
500 passengers from Bangalore
alighted at Juddiyattam during the
month. I ask the District Surgeon
who informs me that intimations
for only 200 persons intending to live
in Juddiyattam have been received
during the month from Jalarpet.
If the plague officers at Jalarpet
are asked about the matter, they
would probably say (and with a
great deal of force) that the passengers
gave false information under columns
7, 8, 9, 10 + 11 and that probably
persons who intended to go to
Juddiyattam said that they were
going elsewhere. If the headings
I suggest be adopted, I would
only

All tickets
are examined
by staff at
Jalarpet
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only have to see whether intimation was received for the tickets (whose numbers I could ascertain from the station) delivered at Juddiyattam. To take my present inspection as an illustration, I may point out that all I know is that certain tickets did not bear the galapet plague mark. It is quite possible that the persons who had the tickets were examined and that the authorities merely omitted to punch their tickets. It is impossible for me to ascertain whether the intimations received cover these persons or not.

In this connection, I would also beg to suggest that the local officers who issue passports at our railway stations be also directed to enter in a register or on the passport itself and on its counterfoil the numbers of the tickets of all persons to whom they issue passports. We would then be able to check their work with reference to the intimations received. Again a great deal of false information is given at Railway Frontier Inspection stations under columns 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 and

and a great deal of valuable time wasted in trying to trace imaginary persons. If the columns I suggest be opened, we would only have to search for the tickets and obtain the information we want from the passport issuing officers at the alighting station. I may state that false information is rarely given at the alighting station where an officer is present whose local knowledge would at once enable him to detect a false answer. Our local passport issuing officers would be kept up to the mark by their knowledge that all the details necessary to check their work had already been furnished to the district surgeon. I must add that if my suggestion be carried out, it will be necessary for the officer in charge of a frontier inspection station to send intimation sometimes to two districts viz the district in which the passenger intends to alight and the district where he intends to stay. I

In conclusion I would beg

beg to suggest for your consideration
that Government be requested to
direct that all officers employed
solely on Plague duty at Frontier
Inspection stations be directed
to wear a badge containing the
word Plague in red letters. Such
a course would strengthen the
hands of Plague officers and
at the same time prevent imposture.

I have etc

(sd) A. C. Dutt

Ag Sub collector.

(True copy)

W. Walter
Ag collector

W. H.

Plague

NORTH ARCOT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Chittoor, dated 9th October 1898

Refarenc No. 277 of 1898.

sd 9-10/98

FROM

J. H. Bollen Esquire
Collector and District Magistrate,
North Arcot,

To

The Plague Commissioner
Fort St George
Madras

Sir,

In continuation of the re-
marks made in my letters No 292
dated 7th October 1898 and 297 dated
8th October 1898 regarding the procedure
at Jalarpet I have the honor to
forward for your information a
copy of my Sub collector's letter
No 2573, dated 5th October 1898. It will
be observed that many of the tickets
issued from Bangalore City and
Cantonment were not punched
with the special plague punch
at Jalarpet, though (this I learn
personally from the Sub collector)
they all bore the railway punch
mark J. The Sub collector tells

me

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me that the tickets which did not bear the plague punch mark formed about 30 percent of the tickets he examined, the others bearing the punch mark. I would draw special attention to the two series of tickets Nos 1006 to 1010, and 5439 to 5450 which being in serial order seem to shew either that whole carriages escaped observation or that batches of persons travelling in company managed by some means or other to elude observation.

2. I fully support the Sub Collector's suggestions as to the two additional columns to be entered in the intimation form, and as to the ticket numbers being entered in the passport forms themselves. I am issuing orders to passport issuing officers in the district to note ticket numbers on the passport and counterfoil. I also think it a good idea that

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all subordinate plague officers at Railway Inspection stations be supplied with "plague" badges, to be worn on the left arm. If approved I can supply such badges from the Vellore jail.

3. I have since received the following further particulars regarding the action taken at Jalarpet with reference to Kristappa and Venkatachalapati. I do not guarantee the information but it is probably true. Kristappa's party left Bangalore at 7.10 A.M. on the 30th September and arrived at Jalarpet at noon the same day. Kristappa was found to be ill and was detained, and his father Venkatachalapati offered to stay with him, and both lived in the same hut in the plague camp. At about 5.30 P.M. on the 3rd October Venkatachalapati (not Kristappa)

died

died in the plague camp. News of the death was taken to Wallajahuzar by some members of another party who had been detained and allowed to proceed with passports. Two relatives named Arayanarasani chelki and Pavana Kingayya left ^{Wallajahuzar} for Jalarpet on the evening of the 4th to fetch Kistappa, and arrived at Jalarpet at 12.36 A.M. on the 5th. They remained at the railway station till dawn and then went to the Plague camp and were allowed by the Police guard to speak to Kistappa and to wait for the arrival of the officers concerned (what officers I don't know). The officers, it is said, arrived at about 6 A.M. and let Kistappa go, and the three left Jalarpet by the 12.27 P.M. train. No passports appear to have been issued to them. As Kistappa died at Wallajahuzar of undoubted plague in a marked and virulent form, it

it cannot be doubted but that Venkatachalapati's death was also due to plague. It is therefore unaccountable how Kistappa was allowed to proceed. 4. I have just heard by wire from my Sub Collector that Jalarpet wires that Abdul Rahim mentioned in my yesterday's letter died of malaria. It is to be hoped that this is true. I do not know whether the Medical officer in charge at Jalarpet has any experience of plague cases. If he has not, his diagnosis of malaria must be received with caution. Muthial Reddi who died at Veppalai of virulent plague was when seen by Lieutenant Colonel Lancaster I.M.S. apparently suffering only from malaria. The woman Muniammal who died at Wallajahuzar of plague (Major Baumerman I.M.S. formed

found bubbles on the corpse) was seen by Major Bannerman I.M.S. a few hours before her death and that experienced officer was not able to say that she had anything more than malarial fever.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most obedient servant

W. W. W. W.

Ag Collector

W. W. W. W.

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SALEM COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
22. 10. 1898.

No. 279
Blague

FROM Robert B. Clegg Esq.,
ag COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
Salem,

To *Blague*
THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSIONER of Fort St George,
Madras.

SIR,

In returning the papers received with your endorsement N^o 155 dated 11th instant about the omission on the part of the Inspection Staff at Jalarpet to punch certain tickets issued on the 29th and 30th ultimo, I have the honor to state that Mr Beik, Medical officer Jalarpet reports that the punches were received on the 29th ultimo, that for a day or two in the beginning the Police Constables to whom this business was entrusted had some difficulty in understanding which tickets were to be punched and which not, that the omission complained of probably occurred in this way and that this difficulty was overcome in a day or two

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Zur Nacht bedrückt Sevauch

Aug 24 1885
Ag Collector

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