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By "such passengers" I meant "passengers coming from infected places"

Grammar

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By Order,

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Local and Municipal Department.

D.O. No. 618 dated 19th August 1898.

My dear Elwin,

It seems apparent from the first Guntakal case and for other reasons that the M.O. at Hospet is letting a number of people pass from the Hubli side who are suspicious as coming from a plague area, and who cannot be trusted to report themselves for observation on arrival.

Government is issuing official orders calling for further strictness, but I am directed to ask you to have a change made at once. Most of the passengers would seem to fall within the above description, and if so, most of the passengers should be detained. In that case of course your Hospet camp would have to be largely increased, and you may increase it at once, and employ an additional staff.

Hitherto, it is believed, detention has been the exception; in future, freedom from detention will probably be the exception.

Yours sincerely,

(sd) H. Tremenheere,

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L. & M.
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NOTE FOR THE Secretary

As regards preventive arrangements at Hubli, Brigade Surgeon Lt Col A. F. Dobson, Residency Surgeon, writes "No railway booking from Hubli is allowed unless by a pass, which, however, does not exempt from disinfection of ~~kit~~ person and kit; and only for some 20 selected persons, nominated by the Collr:, without inoculation certificates. For all others, these certificates are necessary to obtain a pass to travel by rail. Passengers without passes en route for Mysore, and for stations between Hubli and Gadag are detained in the Ry Observation Camp --- up to 10 days. They and their kit are disinfected at the Ry disinfection ~~camp~~ depot before and after going to the Observation Camp. The foregoing has lately, under Government order, been much modified×".

× How modified, not stated

2. The Madras Sanitary Commsr who visited Hubli two days later (see on the 24th Feb) gives the following account

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cont:—
Booking in any direction from
ilway station near to Hubli is
bidden except under pass from
esident Plague Authority at Hubli
Patel of village outside Hubli.
(2) Booking from Hubli is prohibited
" except in the case of persons holding
" passes from Resident Plague Authority
" to travel by rail or certificate of
" having been twice inoculated by a
" Govt Medical Officer or a special
" pass exempting from disinfection &
" detention.
"(3) Passengers ~~from~~ by all trains arriving
" and departing are inspected, and
" unless holding passes &c are detained
" and disinfected"

3. Neither Officer sends a copy of the
pass or states the conditions under
which it is granted. According
to Dr Dobson both the pass and the
inoculation certificate are required,
but according to Dr Thomson either
is sufficient. The pass referred
to in the above extracts seems to be
the certificate mentioned in Rule 49,
page 88 of the Plague pamphlet, which
is granted to passengers "who can
produce
" produce satisfactory evidence
" that they have not been expo
" to infection". But when the applica
for the pass is known or suspect
to have been exposed to infection,
the resident Plague authority is
required to "defer granting the pass
" until the applicant has been
" kept under medical observation
" for a period which may extend to
" ten days, or until the reasons for
" suspicion have disappeared. In
" such cases, disinfection of clothes
" should always be insisted on".

4. In para 16 of his report,
Dr Thomson ~~[illegible]~~ recommended that
all persons travelling from or near
Hubli should be detained at
Hospet for 10 days, whether they
brought a pass or not. This
was negatived as being a measure
of quarantine and as tending to
drive people to roads and bye paths
and thus spread plague in directions
where the Govt control was less strict.

5. The present proposal of
Col Sir G. Moore goes still further
& is open to the same objections. It
is 90 miles from Hubli to Hospet
and

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miles from Hubli to Harihar, if a man knew for certain at he would be detained at Hospet Harihar for 5 to 10 days, he ould much prefer going by road and taking train at a station eyond Hospet or Harihar. But the whole of the Bellary Dt frontier (and presumably Mysore frontier also) is under observation, and it should be possible to stop on the frontier any such passenger. ~~But~~ It is, however, much less dangerous to collect all suspicious cases in a large camp at a Ry station than to have them scattered over a number of road inspection stations, and not to insist upon a rule requiring every passenger from Hubli side to be detained as a matter of course at Hospet for a number of days. A better mode would be to interpret the term "suspicious persons" as liberally as possible and to detain ~~all~~ only such persons as at present. In Bombay, they seem to have classed under this head all persons from infected areas excepting only those who "can be depended on to res

"in a fixed place and to present "themselves daily for medical "examination for 8 or 10 days af "arrival"

[illegible]
16/8/98

First ascertain by [illegible] proportion of passengers de at Hospet. H T
16-8-98.

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Hon's d.o. of 18. Aug.

There is not much in it.
HS

The Madras Times of Sund
is forwarded - please see telegr
marked.

2. In Madras, the master of a plague-stricken syce was segregated. So are the Humphre family in Kodaikanal (p. 2. of newspaper.) But discretion may be used in each case; & the risk of this European being infected before Plague had shewn itself in his servant is so small, that I think we need not write to the Resdt.

3. On the 16th I wired to ask what proportion of passengers is detained at Hospet, as well as the number of passengers; no answer has yet come.

4. Please see para. 23 p. 126 of the accompanying Blue-book. In Bombay, all persons from an infected area are regarded as suspicious, unless they can be depended upon to report

Our rules give ample power to detain people who cannot show that they are proceeding to a fixed place of residence ~~account~~ it (p. 13, para 14, last sentence) or cannot be traceable depended on to give infn (p. 31, last para but one) - we may point out to Hospet & Tungabadra the necessity of greater strictness - Jallarpet must have the additional powers given by the addl. Mofussil Regns, so I think the Salem district had better

declared "under observation"
the Colrs be told to organize
inspection stations on the roads
leading into the [illegible] &
Tadpatri Taluks – Luckily they
are few in number – Observation
will also have to be organized.
Possibly this may also be necessary
along the N.A. frontier by Kuppam
& Kangundi – The N.A. Colr. should get his plans formulated.

In Anantapur also a Railway
inspection station should be started,
I think, where the Ry from Bangalore
& Guntakal enters the District, though
it will no doubt ~~not~~ be sufficient
to have it on a very small scale.

Of course if plague gets into our
territory behind (i.e. to the South
of) the Observation Cs in Bellary
& Kurnool, they may as well be
broken up & the staff be
transferred further South to
guard districts still unaffected. But
that need not be thought of at
present. For present purposes I don't
know what more we can do than is
indicated above.

HS

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for observation on arrival
See also Ref. 29. Pamph. p. 21
Pamph. Para. 11. p. 79. Also Flag

5. It seems clear to me that
both at Harihar & Hospet many
persons have been let through
who cannot be so trusted.
I think we should now strictly apply
the Bombay principle. This
would detain perhaps 5 out of
6 passengers, & our camp at
Hospet would have to be
greatly ⊗ enlarged. Similar
action might be suggested
at Harihar.

how greatly, depends
on the answer
to my telegram.

⊗ Then it must be
HS

6. This seems better than Moore's
suggestion. Meanwhile I have
not written to him.

JT
18 8 98.

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T.O. to Resdt. informing
of ~~our~~ the greater strictness
now to be used.

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From (Person) Sir George Moore

Strongly recommend all communication between Hubli and bangalore and guntakal being stopped.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
16-AUG-1898
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Augt 16 1898

My dear Tremenheere

I received enclosed telegram from Moore last night — what do you think?

Of course such action as he proposes is beyond our powers, Hubli being out of our jurisdiction — we might however move India to suspend the issue of railway tickets from Hubli & we might stop all travellers from that direction from crossing our frontier, and Mysore might do the same. But should we? This would be quarantine, pure & simple, which we have decided against. Moreover, it seems to me that in the Hubli regulations for refusing permission to leave the place to persons who have not been inoculated we have as an efficient protection as any we are likely to be able to work for ourselves –

Yours very sincerely

H. W. [illegible]

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Augt. 18, 1898

My dear Tremenheere

Enclosed from Moore by the midday mail – I didn't see the Mad: Times of Sunday – Please look it up & see if it contains anything of interest.

I wrote Moore last night to say that we were going to establish an Inspn. Station at Jollarpet & that I didn't see how we could do more; that what he proposed would be quarantine, which has been pronounced against; & that the Hubli rule of refusing railway tickets to persons who had not been inoculated seemed to me all that could reasonably be asked for. - Have you any suggestions to make? If not, will you write to Moore what you think about the matter -

As regards what Moore says about the Master of the plague patient being at the Club, i.e., not being segregated, how do we know that he was a "Contact"? ~~He~~ He may not have been near the patient - If, however, the Bangalore rules are the same as ours, under which "contacts" can be segregated, it may be as well to draw Robertson's attention to this man's being at the Club at Bangalore.

Yours sincerely

H. W. Wiles

18/8/98

Bangalore
16th August 1898

My dear Philip

If you saw the Madras Times of Sunday Evening you would have understood my telegram. What happened was this - I was talking to Mc Gann in the club and he said it was an undoubted case of plague. I had not seen the paper and thought he referred to an old case that had been reported as suspected. A few minutes after I took up the paper and read the account of the case. I was talking to two men about it and the danger from Hubli, when a stranger standing by said that was my servant. I did not say anything but thought to myself if this had happened in Madras you would not have been here. The man is a loco Superintendent on the S. M. Railway and must I suppose be in constant communication with Hubli. Madras cannot

Of course we before here
we could refuse to allow
any passengers from Hubli
to enter Cantonment. This
would cut off one source
of danger. If any Mysore
would co-operate. I would
quarantine Hubli altogether
and not allow any one from
it into Bangalore or Cantonment.
If it gets hold here it must
get into Madras whatever
we do at Arconum. This may
turn out to be an isolated

[illegible] like ours in Madras
but the danger exists.
Robertson has gone to
Mysore or I would have
seen him about it. I do not
mean to say that precautions
have not been taken here, but
I think that the isolation
of Hubli is the only safeguard
if there be any safeguard

yrs sincerely
Geo W Moore

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for Secretary to Government.

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