

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

(1898)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 923

Dated 16-12-98

Despatched 19-12-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Rebooking at Intermediate Stations

Informing the Dist. Asst. to the Resident,
Hyderabad, of the measures adopted in this
Presidency to prevent evasions of the plague
rules by arrivals from infected areas by—

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

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In reply to your letter No 7342 of 6-12-98, I have the honor to state that the Madras plague rules are intended to meet all cases, though of course they may be evaded sometimes.

2. No passenger from an infected area is allowed to enter Madras city without a passport binding him to present himself daily for ^{examination} for a period of ten days. If he changes his residence during this period, he has to give intimation beforehand, and the authorities of the new place of destination are warned. The passport is issued at the railway station of destination, and the rules describing the passport system will be found in G.O. No 890 P. of 24-5-98 & 13/4 P. of 12-10-98. Similar rules for the districts are contained in G.O. No 466 P. of 13-5-98. Copies of all these papers are enclosed.

3. If instead of coming straight to Madras, the passenger makes his journey at an intermediate station for a short period not exceeding a few hours, his fresh ticket is endorsed with the word 'plague' in red ink on the completion of his journey. If he makes his journey for a longer period, he is given a passport at the intermediate station & thereafter his movements are watched & the passenger observed for ten days. As a further check, the name, address, and the number of the railway ticket of the passenger are taken at the frontier railway station at Jalapah & communicated direct to the authorities of the place of destination, who have to account for him.

From The First Assistant Resident Hyderabad

No. 7342

Dated 6-12-1898

Received 8-12-1898

Registered 8-12-1898

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Stating that the Resident would be obliged if the Plague Commissioner would kindly explain precisely what the arrangements for checking off railway passengers from an infected area who proceed to their destinations after breaking their journey at an intermediate station.

10/12/98

Sir Letter no 9238/16-1298

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In reply to your letter no 7342. I have the honor to express my regret that I cannot give the assurance you asked for in your 3rd paragraph that it is impossible for passengers from Bangalore or other infected localities to board a train at the latter place & arrive at Hyderabad without any indication of their place of origin. I could give you such an assurance only if it were possible to ensure the arrival from an infected area for an indefinite period. This, for obvious reasons, is impossible.

2. All arrivals within the Presidency are examined at our Railway Frontier Inspection Stations. If they come from an infected area, or for any reason are suspicious, they are liable to be detained for various reasons or observation, but if not detained, their tickets are provided with the Plague mark, which necessitates their taking with a passport on arrival at their destination. This passport binds him to report himself for 10 days. Failure to report is punishable under 3 of the Epidemic Disease Act. If a passenger returns without leaving the station, his ticket is placed marked at the station where such passengers are issued, or marked with the word 'Plague' in red ink. These marks are stamped at the station where they are issued.

3. It is only by fear of prosecution that the regulations can be expected to be obeyed. Cases of brain are frequently by train, & the officers brought to trial. It is in the meanwhile that unless passengers are given adequate details as to the plan they are going to, they are liable to be detained for 10 days observation at the railway frontier station.

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Political Office.

No. 7342 of 1898.

FROM

C. H. A. Hill Esquire, C.S.,
First Assistant Resident,
Hyderabad,

TO

The Plague Commissioner,
Madras.

Dated Hyderabad Residency, the 6th December 1898.

SIR,

I am directed to refer to your letter No 699, dated the 17th November 1898 on the subject of the detection of railway passengers from an infected area who proceed to their destinations after breaking their journey at an intermediate station.

2. Information has been received that a Marwari of Trimulgherry named Bansibhau Jawan Meall who has a branch firm at Bangalore, on receipt of a telegram from that station announcing the death of 2 members of the firm, has wired to the remaining two members to close the firm and return to Secunderabad via Madras with

with the object of avoiding detention.

3. The Resident believes that the case is met by the procedure indicated in your letter under reference but will be glad of an assurance that it is impossible for passengers from Bangalore or ^{other} infected localities to Madras to rebook at the latter place and arrive here without any indication of their place of origin.

4. It is believed that, under the plan indicated in your letter, an arrival at Madras from Bangalore would be undetained unless he could produce an inoculation Certificate. In the case, however, of a man who proceeds from Bangalore to some intermediate station and there alights, and gives up his ticket and, after staying there a day or two, rebooks to his ultimate or real destination, it is not quite clear how the system would work with success. Unless he rebooks at once the traveller's identity would probably be lost; but the Resident supposes that such police arrangements are made as would effectually frustrate the design. As it may be desirable

desirable to introduce a similar system in the Railway lands under the Resident's jurisdiction he would be obliged if you would kindly explain precisely what the arrangements for checking such evasions are.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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First Assistant Resident

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