

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

(189)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 959

Dated 19-12-98.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Emigrants to Straits Settlements etc.

Informing the Supt. S. S. Emigration
Deptt. Negapatam, of the state of plague in the
Presidency and especially in the city of Madras,
and stating that it would be best to observe
the ————— before embarkation

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In reply to your letter no 661
of 10-12-98, I have the honour
to state that all the ^{plague} cases
that have hitherto occurred
in the City of Madras were
imported, and that there is
at present no danger of
infection from this place. In
view of the speed of the disease
in human & imports of this
kind bordering on that of a
fact that people from infected
places get mixed with the ordinary
population, it would be a wise
precaution to restrict, if not stop,

altogether emigration from the Madras Presidency
being 1452/100

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SUBJECT.

Requesting the favour of
opinion as to whether it
is considered safe to
bring coolies from Madras
to Nagapatam for emigration
as plague cases have
occurred at Madras

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FROM

J. HARDAKER, Esq.,

SUPERINTENDENT,

S.S. EMIGRATION DEPOT,

NEGAPATAM.

To

THE

Plague Commission

Madras

Dated

10 Dec.

Received

1898.

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do do

REFERENCE ON

No. *3.8.661*

ENCLOSURES. *nil.*

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that it is reported in the Columns of the Madras Mail of 5th inst. by the Health Officer Madras that two cases of plague were removed from Duplègne on the 3rd inst. to the Plague Hospital at Egmore, one having proved fatal, and the other patient's condition is said to be precarious.

I address you this letter as Govt. Emigration Agent for the Federated

Malay States, & Straits Settlements, also Superintendent of S.S. Emi-
gration depot here, where coolies recruited from the Straits
districts in the Presidency are brought down and ~~detained~~
& detained ~~in~~ prior to their embarkation for Penang, and the
Native States in the Malayan Peninsula, they are as a rule de-
tained in the depot for about four days prior to embarkation,
negotiations being the last part of embarkation to Penang -
Shipping on an average 150 to 200 coolies fortnightly ^{from Penang}
Steamers, and all our coolies are drawn from General Stations
in the Southern district; some are brought down from Madras
on every occasion, after being detained there ^{for some days} in the Recruiters
godowns - Under the circumstances I request the favour

of your opinion as to whether it is considered safe to bring
coolies here from Madras for emigration, also if it be absolutely
necessary to stop emigration from there until further notice from you

2 Since the visitation of Plague in Penang alone, and in
the Mysore territories, I have circulated a notice to the Recruiters
agents here to instruct their Recruiters that they are not
to recruit coolies ^{from} the Straits; to the best of my knowledge no
emigrants have been brought down up to this time from the plague
infected districts, notwithstanding the fact it would be
well that the Plague authorities should also see to this, in
view to prevent emigration from there - I have also addressed
the Chairman of the Municipality on the matter.

I am the honorble
Sir

Yours truly
Sd/-

James
Superintendent of S.S. Emigration Depot
and General Agent for S.S.

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