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PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

READ—the following papers:—

From the Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated 2nd November 1898, Ref. No. 3660 Rev.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting to be instructed on the question of the exemption of certain railway servants from the passport rules.

From the District Traffic Superintendent, Madras Railway Company, Gooty, dated 21st November 1898, No. S-4896.

ABSTRACT.—Stating that it will be a great convenience if it can be arranged for railway servants leaving Gooty to be free from observation and detention.

From the Collector of Kurnool, dated 24th November 1898, R.C. No. 2622-Genl.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting instructions for the exemption of certain classes of persons from plague rules.

From the Collector of Salem, dated 2nd December 1898, No. 660.

ABSTRACT.—Pointing out great irregularity on the part of the railway servants in the matter of presenting themselves for observation daily, and requesting that the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway, may be asked to warn his subordinates that they will be prosecuted if they act contrary to the Plague Regulations.

LETTER, No. 1⁶/₂, dated 5th January 1899.

SIR,

I have the honour to communicate to you a note upon the relaxations of the passport rules that may be made with regard to certain classes of railway servants.

2. I regret to have to record that it has come to my notice on more than one occasion that a railway medical subordinate in attendance on a case, which must undoubtedly have given reason to believe that the patient was suffering from plague, has concealed the fact of sickness until it has been discovered by the local plague officer. It is requested that the Agents of the Railway Companies will be so kind as to impress upon all officers serving under them the necessity for reporting to the local plague officer at the very earliest opportunity every case of sickness which raises a suspicion of plague, in order that steps may be taken at once to prevent the spread of the disease.

3. You are requested to withdraw the concessions immediately in any case in which you consider they are being abused.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

L. E. BUCKLEY
for Plague Commissioner.

To all Collectors (A).

the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.

Railway Administrations.

the Postmaster-General.

the Superintendent of Telegraphs.

Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.

the Surgeon-General.

the Local and Municipal Department.

Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.

all General Officers Commanding Districts.

Ed. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

ENCLOSURE.

NOTE.

The inconveniences and difficulties attending the working of the passport rules in the case of railway officers have been brought to notice both by the railway authorities and Collectors. A general relaxation of the rules cannot be made in favour of any particular class, and in the case of railway servants is especially undesirable, for there is reason to believe that it has been by this class that infection has been carried to several places. The trouble that is now experienced by those constantly on the move may be avoided by them if they are willing to be inoculated, and no relaxation of the rules is called for in the case of those who are unwilling to be inoculated and to whom the inconvenience is merely personal.

2. There are persons, however, constantly employed on the railways, such as engine drivers, firemen, guards and mail sorters, with regard to whom, as long as they are on actual duty from day to day, the strict enforcement of the passport rules may result in public inconvenience, and in their cases some relaxation may be granted. The duties of these men are of a fairly constant nature, and they halt for any length of time only at the larger stations, where their absence from regular duty must come at once to the notice of a superior officer. On the application of the railway or postal authorities, Collectors may exempt by name from the ordinary passport rules individual servants of the classes mentioned, on the understanding that the officer to whom they are immediately subordinate must report at once to the nearest local authority every case of sickness among the servants to whom the exemption is given. Any permanent change in the nature of the duties performed should be reported to the officer granting an exemption certificate. Persons so exempted shall be provided with tickets in the following form:—

(Name) , son of , employed as
and ordinarily residing at , has been exempted from the passport rules
(Original Mufassal Regulation 17) as long as he travels on duty as such
between the stations of and

Mark of left thumb.

Signature, designation and seal of officer issuing the ticket.

It should be understood that exemption from the passport rules does not carry exemption from any of the other regulations framed under the Epidemic Diseases Act.

3. Other classes of railway servants are probably less frequently on the move and the enforcement of the rules among them is likely to result less frequently in public inconvenience. In cases of real difficulty, it may be possible to arrange under the original Mufassal Regulation 17 (i) for the inspection of the passport holder at the railway station, or, under additional Regulation 26, railway officers of known and approved character and responsible position may be appointed Honorary Assistant Plague officers, and empowered under original Regulation 17 (i) (d) as "local authorities" at certain stations for the working of the passport rules among railway servants.

4. Under additional Regulation 30, Collectors may exempt from the necessity of taking out passports any person with regard to whom there are no reasonable grounds for suspicion of infection. Such exemptions must be made personally, not generally, and should be granted sparingly.

5. Any concession may be withdrawn at any time without assigning a reason.

L. E. BUCKLEY,
Plague Commissioner.

4th January 1899.

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