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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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From R. E. ELLIS, Esq., M.I.C.E., Acting President, Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 14th July 1899, H. No. 681-B.P.

I have the honour to point out that, though several areas have lately been declared by Government to be uninfected with plague, yet the railway tickets of persons who apparently have been residing in those areas are punched by plague officials at various stations up the line. This places both the staff at Perambur station and myself in somewhat difficult positions, as the former are bound to give passports to the bearers of these plague-punched tickets notwithstanding their vehement protests, and I do not myself always feel justified in overruling the plague punch by exempting these persons when they complain to me.

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3. Complaints have from time to time been made by persons arriving from uninfected localities who have been given passports, because their tickets bore the special marks described above. The issue of passports in such cases was correct, but in order to obviate as far as possible the inconvenience which passengers may be put to by the erroneous plague-marking of their tickets, the Government has decided that in such cases the aggrieved passenger should be permitted to prove that he was not liable to take out a passport, and that the President, or the Health Officer in the

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(True Extract.)

for Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
 " all Collectors (A, B, D—K).
 " the Surgeon-General.
 " the Sanitary Commissioner.
 " the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.
 " General Officers Commanding Districts.

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 ✓ Officers Commanding Districts.

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Ed. A. F. Eccleston.

NOTE FOR THE Secretary

It is respectfully
Submitted that the
Prescott's letter (C. No.
2005) will be printed
at the top of this order
which will be commd.
to all Collrs and the
Presd. M. C. Madras,
and that it would there-
fore seem unnecessary
to communicate the
same letter in another
f.o. to certain Collrs.

It is respectfully
Submitted that the
following sentence
may, if necessary,
be added to the f.o.

"Collectors are re-
quested to issue the
necessary instructions
regarding the plate-
marking of tickets

to the medical officer
in charge of plague
at railway inspection
stations and others
concerned and draw
their attention to
P. C's. Circular
No 1018 of 14.4.88

Very well
28/7/88 you might have
pointed this
out at first
and it is done
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Local and Municipal Department.
(Plague)

Cur: No. 2005-P, dated 19th July 1899, from the President, Municipal
Commission, Madras.

Order: No 1183 P 2-8-88

In the letter read above, the President
Municipal Commission, Madras, brings to
notice the difficulty experienced by the
pass-port issuing staff at Perambur and
himself in working the passport rules in
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Complaints
3. ~~Cases~~ have from time to time been ~~brought to notice~~ *made* in which persons arriving from uninfected localities *who have been* were given passports *because* for the reason that their tickets bore the special marks described above. ~~in~~

~~such cases the tickets happened to be wrongly punched or cut off. The wrong punching or cutting off entails unnecessary annoyance to the holders of the tickets as it involves the liability to take out passports. The attention of the Medical officers in charge of the Railway Inspection Stations was drawn to the matter in the Plague~~

Commissioner's Circular No. 1018 dated

14th

The issue of passports in such cases was correct, but in order to obviate as far as possible the inconvenience which passengers may be put to by the erroneous plague-marking of their tickets

14th April 1899.

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~~Mistakes of the sort do not, however, appear to have ceased. The Government have decided therefore~~ considers that in such cases the aggrieved passenger should be permitted to prove that he was not liable to take out a pass-port, and that the President, or the Health Officer in the Municipality of Madras, and the Municipal Chairman or any Revenue Officer not below the grade of Deputy Tahsildar in the Mufassil should be authorised to cancel the passport when he

is satisfied that it was wrongly issued. *Collector are requested to issue the* (From orders)

by
28/7/88

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** necessary instructions regarding the plague marking of tickets to the medical officers in charge of railway inspection Stations and others concerned and draw their attention to Plague Commissioner's Circular No. 1018 dated 14th April 1899.*

Note

The draft order on the docket of the current (2005) need not, perhaps, issue.

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Yes. it shd

To
The Pt M.C. Madras
All Collectors
The Surgeon-General
" Sanitary Commissioner
" D. Hy Madras Command
" Officers Commanding Ds

Note

For the addition of the stamp annexed with Secy's order thereon

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PLAGUE.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O., No.

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Current No.

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of 1899, dated

from the

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SUBJECT.

Wrong-punching of railway
tickets

FOR ORDERS.

The President, Municipal Commission, Madras, Complains that the railway tickets of persons who apparently have been residing in areas once considered infected but subsequently declared free are punched by plague officials and that this mistake places the passport issuing staff at Perambur and the President in difficult positions, as the former are bound by rules to issue passports to the holders of punched tickets and the latter cannot exempt them from ^{the necessity of} taking out passports.

2. To facilitate detection of arrivals from infected areas existing

existing orders require that their tickets are punched with the special plague punch at inspection Stations or if the passengers re-book at other intermediate Stations their new tickets are scissored off. Instances may occur - Some have actually been reported - where tickets are wrongly punched or scissored under the mistaken impression that the place from which the passenger has come is within an infected area, or, rarely, perhaps, under bad motives. When once a mistake of this sort is done, there is no option left to the passport issuing officer but to issue a passport and there is no escaping the ten days' inspection. The chances for such mistakes occurring may be minimised by the Collectors of districts insisting on the passport issuing officers and medical officers of inspection Stations maintaining a list of infected areas posted up to date.

Q.O. 1326 P dt 13.10.98
P.C's Progs 302 dt 21.10.98
" 461 dt 21.2.99

P.C's Progs 1190 dt 2.5.99
" 1206 dt 3.5.99
Q.O. 7617 dt 22.5.99

It would be still possible that the tickets may sometimes be wrongly punched and passengers caused unnecessary trouble and annoyance. It is submitted that in such cases, the aggrieved passenger should be permitted to prove that he was not liable to take out a passport, and that the President or the Health Officer in the City of Madras, and the Municipal Chairman or any other officer not below the grade of Dy Commr in the Municipal should be authorised to cancel the passport when he is satisfied that it was wrongly issued.

3 Last week, a reporter of the Madras Standard who went to Virinjipuram in North Arcot for Madras & returned the next day was given a passport at Perambur, because his ticket was punched at Virinjipuram. This was wrong & the reporter made an oral complaint to this Office. He was referred to the Collr of N. Arcot & the President, Madras Municipality.

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means for rectifying such

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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 2005



From
THE PRESIDENT,
Municipal Commission,
Madras.

Order

Communicated to Collectors
who will issue necessary
orders to Medical officers in
Charge of Railway Inspection
Stations. Their attention
should be drawn to P.C's
Circular No 1018 dt 14-4-99.

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Dated 14 July 1899.
Received at City 17-7-99
Registered 19-7-99
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Informing that the Railway
tickets of persons who apparently have been
residing in uninfected areas are punched
by Plague Officials at various stations up the
line which places both the staff at
Tarambur station and himself in
somewhat difficult positions and request
that definite orders be early issued on the

19/7/99

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The Collectors of Anantapur, Bellary, Chittoor,
North Arcot, Salem or Coimbatore
.. P. H. Madras.

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Health Department,

Madras, 14 July 1899

H. No. 681
B.C.

From

R.F.Ellis Esq., M.Inst.C.E.,

~~LIEUT. COL. SIR GEORGE MOORE, KT., G. I. B.~~

A. President, Municipal Commission.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Local and Municipal Department,

Cotacambund.
~~Fort St. George~~

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Enclosure.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. K. M.
Ag. President, Munl. Commn.

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NOTE FOR THE *Secy*

Submitted that the latter portion of para 1 of the p. is not quite what the President says, & that it might be altered as follows:—

"and solicit the issue of such orders as will ensure that the tickets of some but persons considered suspicious by some Police Officer are punched before arrival at Panchur."

From
5/8/88

Butter leave out the word
altogether. It is not clear
from the letter what order
Mr. Ellis exactly wants.

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ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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