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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

Plague.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1228

DATED 11-8-99

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14/8/99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Detention of trains

Recording with remark correspondence regarding the delay to trains owing to plague inspection at Jalarpet & Podanur

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., No. dated 189 .

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Current No. 1758 P. of 1899, dated 3. 7. 99, from the P.W.D. Ry branch

" " 1955 P. " 1899, " 13. 7. 99, " the Ag Collr. of Salem

" " 2002 P " 1899, " , " " Coimbatore

Dp 11/8/99

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P. W. D (Ry) for favor of Counter initials.

Recorded with the remark that, from the reports received from the Collectors of Salem and Coimbatore, it appears that the delays complained of were unavoidable.

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To,

The P.W.D. Ry branch

" Agent & manager, M. R.

P.W.D.

P q 1st, L q 2nd & 3rd & O

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[L. & M. 1,000—16-5-99.]

PLAGUE.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O., No. , dated 189 .

Current No. 1758P of 1899, dated from the

Current No. 1955P 2002P of 1899, dated of 99. from the

SUBJECT.

Detention of Trains at Jalarpet and Podanur

FOR ORDERS.

The Agent and Manager, Madras Railway, brings to notice that the passenger train (No. 31) from Madras was delayed at Jalarpet and Podanur, owing to plague examination, on ~~three~~ two occasions as shown in the following table:—

Date	Station	Time allowed by Ry Co	Time taken for p. Exn	Delay to train
10th June.	Jalarpet	25	52	27
1 17th "	"	"	32	7
10th " 2	Podanur	30	75	45
18th "	"	"	81	51
~~3 22nd "~~	~~"~~	~~"~~	~~92~~	~~62~~

2. The Collector of Salem explains that the delay to the S. W. Mail train at Jalarpet on the 10th and 17th ~~[illegible]~~ was chiefly due to the number of passeng

eing larger than usual viz 100 more than the average. ~~The~~ Two trains, the Mail train from Bangalore and the Mail from Madras arrive at about the same time and have to be examined simultaneously. The same explanation may reasonably be given for the delay to the train in question, viz No 31 train from Madras, for another train arrives at the same time from Bangalore. It will be seen that the delay at Jalarpet was not very serious. The question is before Govt whether the westward trains should continue to be examined at Jalarpet. If the examination of these trains is discontinued, the only trains to be dealt with will be those arriving from Bangalore and Bowringpet ~~which~~ they can be managed by portion of the existing staff.

This has been discontinued.

3. As regards Podanur the MO in charge of the Station states that the time allowed by the Railway viz 30' may be sufficient for the examination of day trains, but is quite insufficient

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to make a thorough and efficient examination of a night train like No 31 train. He proposes ~~to~~ in order to avoid complaints of this sort to either strengthen the inspecting staff or ~~stop~~ allow the train sufficient time for the examination with the present staff.

4. The Agent, M-R, is prepared to alter the time-table, ~~and~~ but he contends that he should not be asked to keep trains at Plague Stations one moment ~~beyond the~~ authorized starting time. ~~The Inspection Stations have been in existence so long that information ought to be available to say with some accuracy the time needed at each station for examination. But it does not seem advisable to fix a time limit and hurry up the examination.~~

The question is submitted for orders in the linked file

To H M
27.7.99

P.T.O.

20/7/99
22/7/99

Please see H.M.'s order in the linked file flag XV

These currents may, it is submitted, be now recorded with the remark that, from the reports received from the Collectors of Salem and Coimbatore, it appears that the delays complained ~~for~~ of were unavoidable.

The file containing the H.M.'s order referred to above which was sent to the P.W.D. (Ry branch) for taking necessary action in respect of the modification of the Railway time table has returned from that Dept and a draft reference is submitted for approval in the linked file[x] with reference to the latter portion of the H.M.'s order

8.8.99

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[x] (not put up by L & M)

Local & Municipal

~~Political~~ (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1768 P.

From The Public Works Dept Railway Branch

No. 215 RM

Dated 3d July 1899

Received 4 - JUL. 1899

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Ref.
~~**Order**~~

Forwarded to the Collectors of Salem and Coimbatore for very early report

6.7.99

4/7/99

4/7/99 To

The Collector, Salem 4 + 0 encl: also
" Coimbatore 4 + 0

Desp'd 6/7/99

SUBJECT.

Transferring letters from the Agent and Manager Madras Railway regarding the stopping of trains at Jalarpet and Podanur for plague examination

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No. 215 R.M.

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

RAILWAY BRANCH.

MEMORANDUM.

Dated Madras, 3rd July 1899

Letter from the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway, No $\frac{11401}{714}$, dated 17th June 1899.

– Do – Do – No $\frac{11617}{718}$ dated 22d – do –

Transferred to the Local and Municipal Department with reference to the Agent's letter to the Plague Commissioner No $\frac{11401}{12357}$ x, dated 28th November 1898.

x in P.C.'s Progs $\frac{953}{19.12.98}$

for Under Secretary

To

The Secretary to Government
Local & Mun. Deptt.

H.B. 30/6

(No. I.)
No. 11401
714

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,
Madras, 17th June 1899.

CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS
RECEIVED
19 JUN. 1899
MADRAS.

3152,
19.6.99

[illegible] 22/6

From

The Agent and Manager.
M. R. Co.

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the Company's Traffic Manager reports that the S. W. Line Passenger train No 31 of the 10th instant from Madras, arrived at Mettupalaiyam on 11th, 72 minutes late, owing to a delay in excess of the usual stopping time, of 27 minutes at Jalarpet, and 45 minutes at Podanur on account of Plague Examination. I therefore beg to request that steps may be taken to reduce such excessive delays. In this connection, I would invite attention to this Office letter No H 11401/1137 of the 28th November last, in which the danger of running trains at other than the booked time was pointed out.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

R. Edwards
for Agent & Manager.

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(No. I.)

No. 11647

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CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS
RECEIVED
23 JUN. 1899
MADRAS

Paper recd from C.S. 28/6

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 22d June 1899.

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From

The Agent and Manager. M.R.C.

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23.6.99

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the Company's Traffic Manager reports, that No. 31W the South West Line Passenger Train from Madras of the 17th instant, arrived late at Mettupalaiyam on the 18th; and the late arrival was due partly to plague examination, a delay having occurred in excess of the usual stopping time, of 7 minutes at Jalarpet and 51 minutes at Podanur.

I therefore beg to request that steps may be taken to reduce such delays.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servt.

Edmunds.

for Agent and Manager.

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Local & Municipal ~~Public~~ (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 11537

Order

From The Ag Collector Salem

No. 1286/P

Dated 13th July 1899

Received 15 JUL. 1899

Registered 15-7-99

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SUBJECT.

Reporting on the delay of trains at Jalarpet for Plague inspection on the 10th instant

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No. 1286/P

SALEM COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
13th July 1899.

FROM
Robert B. Clegg Esq., I.C.S.
ag Collector and District Magistrate,
Salem,

To
The Secretary to Government,
Local & Municipal Department,
Madras.

SIR,

With reference to your Reference on Current No 1758 P of the 6th instant, I have the honor to state that two doctors usually attend the night mail trains, one of them examining the 1st and 2nd class passengers of the Bangalore Mail and all the passengers of the Madras Mail while the other examines the 3rd class passengers arriving by the Bangalore mail train. On the night of the 10th June last the No. of passengers in the Madras Mail amounted to 291 i.e 100 more than the average and the number of passengers to be intimated was large. This chiefly caused the delay. On the 17th June the train was detained only 7 minutes beyond time and Doctor Thomas late Chief Medical Officer has recorded the following explanation.

"The carriage doors of the Madras train "were ~~being~~ very imperfectly locked and "several 1st and 2nd class passengers "came out and went to the Refreshment "Room before being examined."

2. I have drawn the attention of the Chief Medical Officer, Jalarpet, to the delays; no doubt they will be avoided as far as possible.

3. Since the 29th ultimo on which date Dr Thomas left, the staff is short by one Doctor and I have wired to the Surgeon General that a substitute be sent forthwith.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

R. H. Jenkins.
For ag Collector

x/mm
Copied by b.g. 14/7

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Local & Munl. (1899.) Department.

CURRENT No. 2002 P

From
The Collector of
Coimbatore.

Order

D.Dis., No. 671./Pl, of '99

Dated 15th July, 1899.

Received

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SUBJECT.

Plague Examination--

Reporting on the late arrival of trains on the 11th and 18th June, 1899, at Mettupalayam.

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Coimbatore Collector's Office.
15th July, 1899.

D.Dis. Pl.No.671,of '99.

COPY of letter from T.H.Govind Singh, Assistant Surgeon on Plague duty Podanur, No.607. dated 12th July, 1899, to the Collector of Coimbatore

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With reference to your endorsement on the Proceedings (herewith returned) of Government L.& M. Department regarding the excessive delay of passenger trains on the 11th and 18th Ultimo at Podanur I have the honour to explain as follows:-

On the 11th Ultimo No. 31 passenger train referred to arrived here at 4.12 A.M., i.e, 97 minutes late, the due time being 2.35. A.M. The number of passengers itself examined on that date was unusually large ~~Viz~~ viz, 338. Of these there were 18 from infected areas whose full addresses had to be taken and amongst them 13 were for passports.

On the 18th Ultimo too, the same passenger train arrived here 100 minutes late. The number of passengers was a little over the average and the number from the infected areas on this date was very large, i.e,31 with six passports. The time taken up for the purpose of examination and taking down full addresses in excess of the stopping time was only 39 minutes and not 51 as is stated in the Agent and Manager's letter.

I now beg to submit the following for consideration. The night trains have, as you are aware, more carriages attached to them because more passengers travel owing to the cheapness of fare. Immediately after the arrival of the train first the engine which, stops at a long distance from the platform has to be examined then the first and second class passengers who are to be examined in their carriages, it being night time, it takes a long time before they are aroused. Then the 3rd Class passengers, consisting of men, women, and children, most of whom being in sound sleep, they have to be awakened without giving cause for provocation, brought out on the platform and arranged in order to admit of a proper and satisfactory examination which is unavoidable. This means expense of time and it cannot be avoided.

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If the ~~ssenger~~ examination is done in a hurried and perfunctory way and a passenger from an infected area were to escape and disseminate the seed of contagion the staff will be seriosly dealt with. Again the stopping allowance of 30 minutes, which might suffice during the day, is certainly under the circumstamces above stated ~~is~~ quite insufficient for a thorough and efficient examination at night. In my opinion with my two years' experience in examining passengers any slip-shod way of doing it with a view to gain time and to please the Railway authorities is sure to defeat the beneficial intentions of Government. Either of the following alternatives is the only way of effectually stopping complaint of this sort ,i.e, the increase of the examining staff or that of the time for examination.

I cannot understand how or why the medical examination of passengers on account of Plague should entail in "greater danger of running trains other than the booked time" than the delay which occurs in the running of trains on the part of the Railway staff, for on both the dates (11th & 18th) the train which was due at Podanur at 2.35.A.M, actually arrived 97 and 100 minutes late respectively. But deducting therefrom 27 and 7 minutes respectively taken up in excess at Jalarpet the delay on the part of the Railway staff in arriving at Podanur has amounted to 70 and 93 minutes late, for which I am not responsible.

(Signed) T.M.Govind Singh.

(True Copy)

Submitted to Govrnment in the Local and Municipal Department ,Madras, with reference to its memorandum, R.o.C.No. 1753. P. dated 6th July, 1899.

2. In reference to the late arrival of the train at Mettupalayam ~~inthe~~ on the morning of the ~~1st~~ 18th June, as I was a passenger by the train from Erode I wish to report the following facts.

The train due at Erode at 9.21.P.M. reached there about 11.30P.M. and left there (I particularly noticed the time) at 12.3.A.M. on the morning of the ~~1st~~ 18th or 123 minutes late. The Railway Company only speak of an extra delay caused by plague at Jalarpet by 7 minutes. The train reached Podanur at about 4. A.M. I then slept and waking at 5.20. A.M. got half out of the train thinking it was at Coimbatore. There was only one Railway Official I could see on the platform. He told me the plague examinationwas over. However the train

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did not leave Podanur till about or after 5.30.A.M. It then ran till just outside Coimbatore station where it remained a full quarter of an hour. It was just about 6.A.M. when I got out of the ~~town~~ train at Coimbatore station. These facts should in my opinion be considered in deciding upon the cause of the delay to the ~~xx~~a train. I can vouch for them.

Acting Collector.