[L. & M. 1,000—16-5-99]

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

Plague.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1387

DATED 20—9—99
Dpd 22. 9. 99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Complaints against the Assistant Surgeon on plague duty at Arkonam.

Expressing displeasure at the conduct of M. R. Ry Punyakoti Mudaliyar, assistant surgeon on plague duty at Arkonam in refusing to give up his railway ticket to the ticket collector, and his unseemly altercation with a passenger.

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[L. & M. 1,020—16-5-99.] PLAGUE. LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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

Current No. 1916 P of 189 , dated from the

Current No. 1955 A.P of 189 , dated from the

" 2678 P

SUBJECT.

Complaints against the Assistant Surgeon on plague duty at Arkonam

FOR ORDERS.

The Collector of North Arcot was requested to enquire and report on Certain Complaints brought by the Madras Railway authorities against Assistant Surgeon Punyakoti Mudaliar on plague duty at Arkonam. The allegations against him were:

(1) that on the 6th June 1899 he arrived by No. 32 train from Tirutani and refused to show his ticket when called on to do so by a ticket Collector; that he and four others went away without giving up their tickets;

and

and (2) that on the 28th Idem he behaved with great rudeness to a respectable passenger apparently without provocation.

2. The Collector has forwarded the report of the Head Assistant Collector who enquired into the charges. This officer reports that both the allegations have been proved. But as regards the first he says that there was no intention to defraud the railway Company as the tickets were subsequently recovered from the Assistant Surgeon and the other four persons. With respect to the second charge, he considers that there was some slight provocation offered by the passenger. In para. 10 of his report the 2 Head Assistant Collector says:–

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"My opinion is that the "Assistant Surgeon has failed "signally to work in harmony with

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"with the railway officials "and that a great deal "of ill-feeling exists which "is largely due to his "somewhat pugnacious "character, and that the "only way to ensure "a better state of things "in future is that the "Assistant Surgeon be "at once transferred."

3. The Collector has already requested the S. G. to transfer the Assistant Surgeon immediately. ~~Submitted that the papers may be recorded~~

The S. G.'s list for September shows that the Asst. Surgeon is under orders of transfer to Tungabhadra. He is only a temporary officer employed for plague duty. He counts service from 10-8-98.

H.S. 9/9/99.

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I do not think that this is sufficient. A formal complaint

Have taken as chapter by the [illegible]

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The matter having settled by the transfer of the medical officer in fault. Submitted that the papers may be recorded

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has been made by the Agent of the Ry. and it is clear that the Asst Surg. ~~is~~ & his companions are liable to a prosecution for refusing to give up ~~his~~ their tickets.

I w^d say that Order No 1387 P. Mis. d/ 20-9-99 H.E. the G. in C. has learnt with displeasure the reprehensible conduct of Asst Surg. M.R.Ry. A. Panikkoti Mudaliar in refusing to give up his railway ticket to the ticket collector, and his unseemly altercation with a passenger. As orders have already been passed directing the transfer of the Asst. Surg. no further action is required.

A.C.A. 16.9.99.

D/f 20/9/99

Copy of course to the Agent Madras Ry. & Surg. Genl besides the others.

To the Coll. of N. Arcot P&O
" Agent & manager, Madras Ry P&l 1st & 2nd & Encl of 3rd do
" Surgeon General Thro' Public Dept do.
Copy to the Coll. of Bellary ~~P&O~~ ~~do~~ P&O
do.

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The Agent & Manager, Madras Railway, requests that a Govt Police Officer may be deputed to sit on a committee at Arkonam to inquire into a complaint against the Asst Surgeon attached to the plague Inspection Station at that place. This is for the Judicial Department to deal with. There is no objection in this Dept to the application for the services of a Police Officer being complied with.

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I do not see that any case for a Committee has been made out. The complaint is singularly vague & it is not clear whether the Assist. Surgeon is accused of defrauding the Company or of violating plague Regulations. He & his friends apparently had tickets. Vide p. 2 of Traffic Manager's letter.

The papers might be sent to the Collector for Report. [illegible] receipt of which it may be decided if any Committee is necessary.

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17.7.99

A second complaint against this servant. Surgeon has also subsequently been received. It may also be sent to the Collector for report.

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I think both cases had better go to the Collector for report. ~~The second~~ It is doubtful however whether they relate to Railway or to Plague, and Judl. should therefore be asked to C.I. the reference.

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For Collector's report vide c. 2678 P.

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Judicial

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

There is no objection to the draft in Judicial, which, until the question is decided whether an enquiry is necessary, ~~and~~ is not concerned. The only matter with which Judicial will have to deal is the deputation of a police officer.

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250—19-12-98.]

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings :—

Again G.O., No. dated 189 .

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Current No. 1916 P. of 1899, dated 5. 7. 99 , from the P.W. Dept. Ry branch

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To

The Judicial Dept
for favor of C.I.

Reference ~~U~~ Nos 1916 P & 1955 A.P & 2017/99

The ~~enclosure~~ letters from the Agent & Manager, Madras Railway, received with the endorsements read above will be referred to the Collector of North Arcot for report.

(From orders)

20. 7. 99.

To

The Collr. of N. Arcot with 2 & Ref.
~~enclosed~~ [C. No 1916 P & 1955 A.P.

Copy to the Agent & Manager M.R.

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Public Works (1899) Department.

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CURRENT No. 3397.

C No 1916 P.

L.M.D.

~~Order~~ No. 41. $\frac{\text{R.M.}}{\text{O}}$ dated 10th July 1899

Transferred to the Local & Municipal Department for favour of remarks.

J. Doyle.
Under Secretary.

Got accommod 10th July 1899

From The Agent & Manager, Madras Railway

No. $\frac{11912}{807}$

Dated 5th July 1899

Received 6th do — 13-7-99

Registered 13-7-99

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C no 1916 P and C No. P. (47 $\frac{\text{R.M.}}{\text{O}}$)

Ref.

Referred to the Collector of North Arcot for enquiry and report.

Ag. Secretary to Govt.

A.H.S.
13/7/99

SUBJECT.

Complaint against Assistant Surgeon on Plague duty at Arkonam.

Forwarding copy of a letter from the Company's Traffic Manager regarding — & requesting to send an officer of the Govt. Police Dept to act on a joint Committee at Arkonam to enquire into the matter.

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Madras Railway Company
Traffic Manager's Office.
No. 96989 / 35585
Central Station, Madras 3rd July/99.

The Agent and Manager
Rayapuram.

Dear Sir,

Complaint against Asst: Surgeon
on Plague duty, Arkonam.

I beg to enclose copy of report from the District Traffic Superintendent, Arkonam to the effect that the Asst. Surgeon on Plague duty at that Station is suspected of having defrauded the Company by travelling without a ticket and that on representing the matter to the Medical officer on plague duty he has expressed himself unable to admit that the Asst. Surgeon has committed any fault.

2. The matter is a very unsatisfactory one and I do not think it should be allowed to rest in its present position. I shall be happy to ask the District Traffic Superintendent, Arkonam to sit on a joint investigation with any officer whom Government

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From
The Agent and Manager.

To
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

Dated 188

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if such a course is considered desirable.

Yours &c,

Sd/ F. W. Read,

Traffic Manage

(True copy)

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From
The Agent and Manager.

To
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

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Copy of letter dated 29.6.99 from the District Traffic Superintendent, Arkonam to the Traffic Manager, Madras.

It is reported that on the 6th instant the Asst. Surgeon engaged on plague duty at Arkonam Station was seen to arriv by No. 32 train and with four others to alight from the train before the usual plague inspection the five together proceeding along the platfor and when the Assistant Surgeon was asked by one of the Travelling Ticket Collectors for the tickets, he took no notice and went into the plague shed while the four others left the Station by the overbridge. After chang his clothes the Assistant Surgeon procee to examine the passengers in the train by wh he had arrived and immediatily after examination was completed, he was agai requested by the same Ticket Collector t over the tickets for himself and the four others who had alighted with him, when the Asst. Surgeon affected not to kn the Travelling Ticket collector was and questioned his right to ask him for the tickets. The tickets were subsequently handed over to the station master by the plague passport clerk.

I have represented the case to the Medical officer on plague duty who replies that he has enquired into the matter and finds the Asst: Surgeon entirely free from blame and that no plague inspection regulations have been violated.

Our ticket Collectors are excluded from examining or collecting the tickets of passengers until after the plague inspection has been completed and the Acting Asst: Surgeon in the case under notice has prevented the ticket Collectors doing their duty and if repeated will encourag others to set our Staff at defiance an will result in considerable fraud.

Regarding there not having been any violation of Plague Inspection Regul -tions, I beg to remark that when Officers of the Railway Company travel about

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The Agent and Manager.

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The Consulting Engineer
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AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,

Madras, ______ 188

From

Agent and Manager.

To

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

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duty they are required to remain seated in the carriages until released by the Plague Inspection Staff. It is therefore not easy to understand how it can be contended that the Asst: Surgeon has not violated any plague Inspection Regulations in alighting himself, and allowing others to alight with him and leave the station before any Plague Inspection had been made.

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Madras, 5th July 1899

CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS
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From
The Agent and Manager,
M. R. Co

To
The Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Madras

Transfer to Traffic Dept for favour of remarks

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter No. C $\frac{96989}{35585}$ dated the 3rd instant and its enclosure from the Company's Traffic Manager and to state that in my opinion this case should be enquired into fully, and I shall be glad if an officer of the Government Police Department can be deputed to sit on a joint Committee at Arkonam.

Plague officers at Railway stations in this Presidency have been given much more latitude than officers engaged on Plague duty in the other Presidencies; but we cannot [illegible] o these officers to take [illegible] position to evade payment

It may be necessary to require the plague staff at examining stations, hereafter, to suspend their operations until the tickets of all passengers have been first examined; but I propose to allow the present system to remain in force until I hear from you.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Agent & Manager.

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From The Agent and Manager.

To The Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Dated 188

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~~Public Works~~ (1899) Department.

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From The ~~Agent & Manage~~ P. W. Deptt. ~~Madras Railw~~

No. ~~11912/828~~ 47

Dated ~~8th~~ 15th July 1899

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SUBJECT.

Assistant Surgeon on plague duty at Arkona

Forwarding for necess action copy of a report from the District Traf Superintendent with ref to the conduct of the

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AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 8th July 1899.

CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS
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From

The Agent and Manager.
M. R. Co.

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Madras.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. 11912/807 dated the 5th instant, I have the honor to forward herewith, for your information and such action as you may consider necessary, copy of a report from the District Traffic Superintendent, Arkonam, with reference to the conduct of the Assistant Surgeon on plague duty at that Station.

C. No 1953 A.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Agent and Manager.

No. 47 R.M./O dated 15/7/99

Transferred to the Local & Municipal Department in continuation of No 41 R.M./CO dated 10th July 1899.

Under Secretary
15.7.99.

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From
The Agent and Manager.

To
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

Dated 188
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No.

Copy of letter No. C.469 D/5th July 1899 from the District Traffic Superintendent Arkonam to the Traffic Manager, Madras.

The Station Master Arkonam reports that on the morning of the 28" ultimo on the arrival of the No. 14 mail his attention was attracted by an altercation which was taking place between a Parsee passenger and the Native Assistant Surgeon on plague duty. On enquiry he ascertained that the Parsee passenger was expostulating with the Parsee Surgeon, who was in charge of plague inspection work, for being locked up in his carriage and not permitted to leave it after the plague inspection work had been completed; when the Native Assistant Surgeon officiously interfered and was very impudent and insulting in his manner towards the parsee passenger. The witnesses of the conduct of the Native Assistant Surgeon are Mr. Llughard, Asstt: Station Master Baldre Mr. Woolridge, Head Constable of Police on Plague duty and the Parsee who was in charge of Plague inspecti work at Arkonam and who has since been relieve and whose name I am not in possession of.

The Parsee passenger complained bitterly to t Station Master of the rude treatment to which he had been subjected and requested the Station Mas in reporting the circumstances to mention that he a person of some standing, and acquainted and

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correspondence with several leading princes in India, and persons of rank and position, and produced correspondence to show this; and further stated that on arrival at his destination he would see the Collector and make a complaint, and, further, would ventilate his grievances, for the public benefit, in the public newspapers of Bombay & Madras.

I may point out that if this Native Asstt: Surgeon behaves in the manner he is stated to have done to the parsee passenger, it can readily be imagined the treatment to which he will not hesitate to put native passengers if his wishes are not entirely complied with.

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AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE

Madras, ______________ 188

From

Agent and Manager.

To

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From
The Agent and Manager.

To
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

Dated 188
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Local & Munl. (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 2678 P

Order.

From
The Collector of
North Arcot

Dis No. 2054/W of 99

Dated 5th Septr 1899.
Received 7 SEP. 1899
Registered 7-9-99
Enclosures 1 ple of papers. (C.R.O. 1918 L & 1955 A. ret &c & copy of the Asst Collr's report)
Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Reporting on the charges preferred against the Asst Surgeon W.A.L. A. Ramakrishna Rao & stating that the Surgeon General has been informed that his immediate transfer is necessary on public grounds

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North Arcot Head assistant
Collector's office. Ranipet.
29th August 1899.
Dis no. 3916 D. of 99.

From.
D. L. Moore. Esqr
ag Head asst Collector
North arcot.

To.
The collector of
North arcot.

Sir,

In accordance with your letter, dated 3-8-99, Ref on Cir no 2822 D. of 1899, ~~but~~ I have the honor to report that I held an enquiry at Arkonam on 15-8-99 into the conduct of the Assistant Surgeon on plague duty. The District Traffic Superintendent and the Medical officer on plague duty were present and assisted in the enquiry.

2. The first complaint against the Assistant Surgeon is that on the 6th june he arrived from Tiruttani and refused to show his ticket; that he and four others went away without giving up their tickets

tickets, his presence enabling the others to get away without giving up their tickets.

3. The second Complaint is that on one occasion he behaved with great rudeness to a Parsee gentleman passenger who threatened to write to the papers and complain of the conduct of the Assistant Surgeon.

4. Six members of the Railway staff including the Station master were examined at length, as also the two Hospital assistants, the Plague clerk and ~~the~~ a Hospital assistants' peon.

5. I do not propose to give a Summary of all the evidence recorded which was very lengthy. In the first case the main points which I consider to have been proved are that the assistant Surgeon did alight with ~~the~~ others and go away without giving up his ticket, and that the tickets (his and others) were afterwards given up by the Plague clerk.

The assistant surgeon explains that the other tickets belonged to persons who were taken to the shed as suspects and afterwards let go. This explanation will not stand as it is clear that when passengers are thus examined, their tickets are taken by the Hospital assistant and not by the Assistant Surgeon. The Plague clerk to whom the Assistant Surgeon gave the tickets deposes that he thought at the time that the tickets belonged to the Assistant surgeon and his friends who had come from Tirutani; ~~and~~ that it never struck him that they could be the tickets of suspects.

6. I am of opinion that the Assistant Surgeon went away without showing his ticket and allowed others with him to do the same; that he had no intention of defrauding the Railway Company as he had a ticket, but that he

refused

refused to show his ticket when asked simply as part of his usual conduct towards the Railway officials. It is quite clear that he does not get on with the Railway officials and that whether the fault is entirely his or not, he behaved on the occasion in question in a most unjustifiable manner. He explains the charges as being trumped up owing to the ill-feeling between him and the Railway officials.

7. As regards the second question it appears that an altercation took place between a Parsee passenger and the Assistant Surgeon. The former was apparently annoyed at not being allowed to leave his carriage and was evidently rude to the Assistant Surgeon whom he did not recognise as an official. The Assistant Surgeon then lost his temper (this he confesses) and abused the passenger. Although he may have had some provocation, his conduct as an official on

duty

on duty was most reprehensible.

8. I regret that this report has been delayed owing to the fact that I had written to J. J. Woolridge, European Head Constable now on duty at Bellary for his account of the altercation of the Parsee passenger. There is nothing new in his evidence and I have refrained from dwelling on it because a copy of it was not sent to the Assistant Surgeon. I, however, showed it to the pleader, who appeared for the Assistant Surgeon and he agreed that it would be waste of time to submit it for explanation.

9. I took an explanation from the Assistant Surgeon in person and he also submitted a written statement. The gist of both has been given above.

10. My opinion is that the Assistant Surgeon has failed signally to work in harmony

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with the Railway officials and that a great deal of ill feeling exists which is largely due to his somewhat pugnacious character and that the only way to ensure a better state of things in future is that the Assistant Surgeon be at once transferred.

4. I may say that the Medical officer in charge is of the same opinion and recommends the immediate transfer of the Assistant surgeon. I need hardly point out that it is of the greatest importance in a large junction like Arkonam that the plague work should be done without friction. I therefore recommend that the Assistant Surgeon be transferred and warned to behave himself better in future. The records of enquiry are sent herewith.

I have etc.
(Sd) P. L. Moore.
Ag Hd asst Cltr.

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NORTH ARCOT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Chittoor dated 5th Septr 1899
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FROM

R. H. Campbell Esq
Ag COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
North Arcot,

TO

THE Secretary to Government.
Local and Municipal department.
Fort Saint George,

SIR,

With reference to Government Memorandum Ref. on c. nos 1916 P. and 1955 A.P., dated 28th July 1899, I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of the Head assistant Collector's letter Dis. 3916 D. of 99, dated 29th August 1899 reporting on the charges preferred against the Assistant Surgeon M.R.Ry. A. Puniakot Mudaliar.

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Collector that the immedia
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Surgeon is necessary on pub
grounds and I have there
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forwarded a copy of the Head assistant Collector's report to the Surgeon-General and have requested him to order the immediate transfer of the Assistant Surgeon.

3. The papers received with the memorandum under reference are herewith resubmitted.

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

for Ag. Collector.

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