

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

(1899)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No.

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Dated

19-1-99

Despatched 20-1-99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Plague Regulations

Forwarding to the Traffic Manager, all by
mark on the conduct of the Stationmaster of
Mumbai who under Reg. 18 of the original Plague
Regulations prevented a passenger from leaving
the station at his station.

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NOTE FOR THE Mayor Comes

In the case in question, the passenger took a ticket from Billings to Arkham. If he wanted to stop at Tintani he should have taken a ticket to that place. It must be presumed that every man knows the law & if ~~not~~ ^{notwithstanding} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~knows~~ ^{he} Regulation 18, a man stops at an intermediate station, it seems clear he must have an ulterior object. In this case, if the passenger was bent on performing his devotion at Tintani, he would have run back after his examination at Arkham. But he did not & the Colls of N. Street seems right in his premise that the man wanted to evade the rules. As regards the regulation itself it is submitted that it must be enforced strictly so long as it remains law. Attention is invited to C.O. No. 760 of 6th Aug.

Query,

I believe Belling is not declared infected but up my nose today

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The distance is
very far and
if further
proceeds

diag
17/10/81

No 1468 19/1/99

In reply to your letter
No C 81462 of 14-1-99
The fact is that the
Station master at Tirumangalappuram
appears to have been wrong
in his report. The passenger who made
the complaint looked for
Bellingham, but he was stopped
in an infected area. In reality,
for Bellingham has not been
declared infected, but
not the passenger. It may be
Bellingham's district. It may be
however that the Station master has
in his list of infected areas &
in that case he was right in
being over-zealous in the
order. If the passenger
looked for an infected
area, or had stopped in an
infected area in case, I am
of opinion that the S.M. was
right in giving the order.
It is necessary to be careful.

Just
check if
the
inference is that
the passenger
was in an infected area

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 576

From The Traffic Manager
Madras Railway

For Order

No. C 81462

Dated 14-1-1899
Received 16-1-1899
Registered 16-1-1899
Enclosures 5-
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SUBJECT.

Enclosing an extract from
a complaint made by a
passenger who held a
ticket from Bellingham to
Arumam and who wished
to break his journey at
Tirumangalappuram for religious
purpose, and requesting
to be favoured with the
P.C. remarks as to the proper
action to be taken under such
circumstances.

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Madras Railway Company.

In your reply

Reply to your

Traffic Manager's Office,

C 87462

give reference to

Central Station, Madras, 14 January 1899.

From



The Traffic Manager,

Madras Railway.

The Plague Commissioner,

Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an extract from a complaint made by a passenger who held a ticket from Bellary to Arkonam and who wished to break his journey at Tiruttani for religious purposes!

2. Under the Railway rules he was justified in breaking his journey. The Station master, Tiruttani, under regulation 18 of the original *munfassa* Plague Regulations refused to allow the passenger to halt at his station. The man complains strongly and, with considerable reason, against this high-handed action and maintains that it would have been quite sufficient if he had been given a passport.

3. The District Traffic Superintendent, Gooty, who first had the complaint in hand referred the question to the Collectors of Bellary and Anantapur, Calicut and

and Nath Arcot, and I enclose copies of their
replies, from which you will see that their opinions
differ very considerably.

4. Under the circumstances I have the honor
to request that you will kindly favor me with
your remarks as to the proper action to be
taken under such circumstances.

5. In this connection I may also refer you to a letter
in the "Hindu" of 27th December 1898, under the heading of "Pl.
and Railway passengers." I have the honor to be,

Sr,
Your obedient servant,

Dhan Bahadur

for Traffic Manager

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Copy of letter No 1184 } dated 21. 12-98
A 8159 }
to the Dist: Traffic Dept. Rook. from the
Collector of Anantapur.

With reference to your letter A 815 9/18 12/98
I have the honor to state that in the cases
referred to passports should be given by the
station masters if the passengers are infected
and intimation should be sent to
the local authority.

2. It is under consideration to provide
some better means whereby the breaking of
journeys in the intermediate stations
by passengers and thus evading observation
may be prevented and further regulation
in the matter will shortly issue.

True copy

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Head Clerk

Extract from Complaint from Mr. Mathurayasaree,
No. 83 Sowcarpet Madras, dated 4th December
1898 to Lge. Manager, Madras.

I had taken a ticket to Arkonam and alighted
at Tiruttani. But the Station Master Tiruttani un-
reasonably suspecting me to have come from one of
the plague infected districts asked me to go to Ar-
konam. And although I gave him satisfactory rea-
sons he refused to allow me to go to Tiruttani. Seeing
that all my reasonable explanations fell flat on his ears,
I went to Arkonam and was examined by the plague
officer, who certified that I was in sound health.
I could not then go to Tiruttani. Since the plague
officer detained me in Arkonam for three hours
so, I had to forsake the object of going back to
Tiruttani and returned to Madras in great dis-
appointment and with my heart felt desire of see-
ing the god in Tiruttani, not carried out. Even
though the Tiruttani Station Master knows full
well that I am a native of Madras, and that
I have been in the habit of going to Tiruttani
for years to gather, he unfeelingly disappointed
me in my desire.

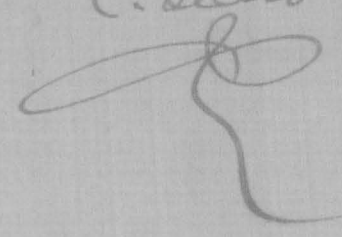
True Extract

Head Clerk
C. Section

Plague

Copy of letter No. DD 1053P of the 20th December 1898
from Rg: Collector of Bellary to Dist: Lfe:
Supt: Madras Ry: Company
Madras.

In reply to your letter A 8159 I
18/12/98
have the honor to say that in my
opinion the rule contained in original
plague regulation 18 referred to
by you should be strictly adhered
to as long as the regulation remains
in force. The matter being one
of general importance I would
suggest that you should address
the plague commissioner.

True Copy
Head Clerk
C. Section


Copy of letter No 241 dated 20 December
1898 from the Ag/Collector of Cuddalore
to the District Traffic Superintendent
Goatry.

^{Am} 8159 With reference to your letter No
dated 18th December 1898, I have the
honor to inform you that Regulation
18 applies only if a person appears to
be trying to evade examination. If
he can give a good reason for wishing
to alight at a station short of the
end of his journey, he should be
allowed to do so on taking a passport
from the Station master.

True Copy

Head Clerk

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Copy of letter No 461 dated 28 December
1898 from the Dy Collector & District Magistrate,
North Street, Chittur to the District Traffic
Superintendent Madras Railway Group.

With reference to your letter No A 8159,
dated 18th December 1898, I have the honor to
inform you that I approve of the action
of the Station master of Bruttani which
is quite in accordance with the Regulations.
The taking of a passport and the
subsequent observation under the passport
rules which is done in most cases by
unprofessional men such as Police Station
House officers and the village Headmen do not
ensure the detection of plague cases as well
as an examination at a Railway
Inspection station. Plague symptoms
develop in such a short time that I
think it necessary that even a passenger
who has passed through an inspection
station should not be allowed to alight
at a station short of another inspection
station for which he has taken his
ticket or through which he has to pass
to his place of destination. In the case
quoted by you it seems clear that the
passenger acted as he did in order to
evade examination at Arkonam.

True Copy

Head Clerk

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