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

Current No. 3180P of 1899, dated 19-10-99 from the Collector of Salem

Current No. 3413P of 1899, dated 6-11-99 from the Sanitary Commissioner

G.O. 1671P
20/11/99

SUBJECT.

Special plague establishments at Kuppam & Mulanur

FOR ORDERS.

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Refce in C.No. 3180 P d 20.10.99 ~~Order~~.

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**From** The Acting Collector of Salem

Ref. **No.** 1678/5. C.

**Dated** 17th October 1899

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## SUBJECT.

Suggesting that Regulations 18 and 19 may be modified for reasons stated and stating that special arrangements are necessary at Mullanur & Kuppam to prevent evasion of inspection at Jalarpet

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Extract from the Register of intimations of passports issued to persons proceeding from Mullanur and Kuppam to Assam Stations from 13-8-99 to 13-10-99.

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| Towns or villages proceeding to | Period during which issued | number of passports issued at | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Kuppam | Mullanur |
| Tiruppattur Town | (a) | 20 | 14 |
| | (b) | 18 | 16 |
| | (c) | 3 | .. |
| | Total | 41 | 30 |
| villages of the Tiruppattur Taluk. | (a) | 17 | 29 |
| | (b) | 12 | 27 |
| | (c) | .. | 4 |
| | Total | 29 | 60 |
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| | (b) | 13 | .. |
| | Total | 19 | 1 |
| villages of Salem Taluk | (b) | 1 | .. |
| villages of Dharmapuri Taluk | (a) | 3 | .. |
| | (b) | 5 | .. |
| | Total | 8 | .. |
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Salem Collector's Office,
17 October 1899

For Acting Collector

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North Arcot ~~Salem~~ Collector's Office,
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Sir,

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possess sufficient local knowledge to find out if a traveller is giving a wrong destination or a false address is the Station master himself and not a hospital assistant who would be a stranger to the locality. Under these circumstances I do not see the use of a hospital assistant at Mullanur. All that I can do is to remind the Station master of his duties under Regulations 18 & 19 and to ask him to enforce the Regulations strictly with the help of one or two constables. I have issued instructions to the Station master accordingly and I hope that cases of evasion of the Regulations similar to the ones brought to notice will no longer occur.

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sd/ T. V. Srinivasan
For Ag Collector

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For Ag Collector

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R. No. 3180 P

Ref. No. 1678 / P.C.

SALEM COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
17. October 1899.

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FROM
Robert B. Clegg Esq., I.C.S.
Ag COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
Salem,

TO
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, Local and Municipal DEPARTMENT,
Madras.

G.O. 1671 P 8 Nov/95

SIR,

I observed sometime ago that there was a practice of passengers from the Kolar Gold Fields proceeding by rail as far as the Mullanur station and thence by road to Tiruppattur, Vaniyambady and other places in this district with a view to evade inspection at Jalarpet. I suggested therefore to the Collector of North Arcot as reported in my letter to Government no: 164 dated 28. August 1898 that Regulations 18 and 19 be worked at Mullanur in the same way as at Patchur.

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I enclose a copy of his reply. He points out that under Original Mufassal Regulations 18 & 19 only the Station master or the Railway official in charge is empowered to rebook a passenger alighting at a Station short of an inspection Station with a view to evade inspection at the latter station and that an hospital assistant or any other officer appointed for such duty cannot act independently.

2. At Patchur, the work was left for sometime at the beginning in the hands of the Station master and it was found necessary to depute a hospital assistant with two constables to assist him. At mall roadside Stations like Patchur nd Mullanur, the Station masters re not well paid officials and annot be relied on at all to

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enforce the regulations without which the advantages of the inspection Station would be very seriously diminished. Besides, with one railway orderly they are powerless to do so, if they would, when, as at Patchur, a crowd of Mahomedans sometimes alight in a body. To help the Hospital assistant at Patchur I have had to post three constables in addition to the Railway orderly there. The Hospital assistant after a little experience and with the Station masters' aid easily finds out who are bonâ-fide travellers alighting at that station and who are not. The former are passported and the latter sent on to Jalarpet by the same or succeeding train. As an instance of the usefulness of the Hospital assistant, I may mention that recently a Mahomedan passenger from Bowringpet to Patchur sent on by him was found in a moribund

condition

What does he mean by inspection Stat. Neither Patchur nor Mullanur is an inspection Station at all

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He means probably the inspection Station at Jalarpet. He points out ~~that~~ the advantages of this inspn. Station would be diminished if travellers were allowed to evade it by alighting at intermediate Station.

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Condition at Jalarpet. In order to overcome the technical objection pointed out by the Collector of North Arcot, I have the honor to suggest that the regulations 18 and 19 be modified by adding after the words "Railway official in charge" in regulation 18, and "the Station master" in regulation 19, the words "or officer specially authorized by the Collector in this behalf."

3. I have also to report that people do alight as far back on the line as the Kuppam Station to evade inspection at Jalarpet, as will be observed from the enclosed list for the past two months extracted from the register of intimations in my office. The destinations of these travellers are ordinarily reached from Railway Stations beyond Jalarpet. The last imported plague case at Vaniyambady came by road from Kuppam and was taken ill on the way. I submit, therefore, that special arrangements are desirable at Mullanur, and probably at Kuppam also, to prevent evasion of inspection at Jalarpet and my experience is that Station Masters will not do this work satisfactorily.

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

R.A. Jenkins
for Acting Collector

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## SUBJECT.

Submitting with remarks letters from the Collectors of N. Arcot and Salem re the special arrangements that should be made at Kuppam and Mullanur to prevent evasion of inspection at Jolarpet and agreeing with them as to the proposed modifications of Regulations 18 and 19.

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NORTH ARCOT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Dated 30th October 189
Dis No. 2336 OF 1899.

FROM

R. H. Campbell Esq: I. C. S.,
Ag. COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
*North Arcot,*

To

THE Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Local and Municipal Department,

(Thro: the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras).

SIR,

With reference to your Endorsement, Ref. on C. No. 3180/P dated 20th October 1899, on the letter of the Collector of Salem, returned herewith, I have the honour to state that I have already explained in my letter to the Collector of Salem my reasons for not deputing a hospital assistant to Mullanur. It has been ascertained that the number of persons coming from the Bangalore side and alighting at this station during the first 6 months of the current year- the period when plague was severe in Bangalore- was only 409 or a daily average of 2 or 3. The deputation of a hospital assistant on a salary of at least Rs. 25 with one or two constables to assist him to watch the small number of arrivals seemed to me to be rather an inexpedient measure. In a petty station like Mullanur all that requires to be done is, to remind the station master of his duty under the Regulation and to see that he works it properly. According to the Salem Collector's argument every minor station on the Bangalore branch where passengers might alight to go to Salem District avoiding the examination at Jalarpet and every station between Renugunta and Arkonam ought properly to be provided with an Hospital Assistant. Moreover the advantages of so employing Hospital Assistants are comparatively few as compared with the expenditure involved. When once people come to understand the object with which

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an Hospital Assistant has been deputed to a station they will be ready with any number of falsehoods regarding their destinations and no amount of local experience or knowledge can be of any avail.

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2. As regards people alighting at Kuppam station to evade inspection, sufficient precautions have already been taken against travellers from Bnagalore getting into British territory through Kuppam. The local Hospital Assistant attends every passenger train from Bangalore and examines persons alighting there. He has also been authorized under Regulation 29 to detain persons suspected to be suffering from plague.

3. I see however no objection to amending plague regulations 18 and 19 in the manner suggested by the Collector of Salem; as it will enable Collectors to act independently without waiting for the sanction of Government, in cases where evasions become common, as seems to be the case in Patchur.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
For Ag. Collector.

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Office of Sanitary Commissioner,

No. 2757/5 Madras, 6: November 1899

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From
Lieut.-Colonel W. G. King, M.B., C M., D.P.H., I.M.S.,
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras,

To
The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department.

Enclosure 5.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement NO. 3180 P, dated 20th October 1899, I have the honour to state that I agree with the last sentence of para 3 of letter from the Collector of Salem (NO. 8336/D.B. dated 30th October 1899.) The fact that persons have attempted to pass through the Mullanur station for purposes of evasion, and have done so successfully, proves that a special danger has to be met by special means; that is, that the most convincing of the arguments adduced by the Collector of North Arcot, to the effect that if a Hospital Assistant be stationed at Mullanur so also should one be stationed at each of the intervening stations between Renigunta and Arkonam, should have little weight. There can be no safe comparison between the lengths of railway lines indicated. In the case of the Inspection station at Jalarpet it is evident, as matters at present stand as to existing conditions in the Mysore territory, that an evasion is a palpable danger to the Presidency, whereas this is by no means so to the same degree having regard to the condition of territory served by the Inspection station at Arkonam. More than 77 cases of plague have been stopped from time to time at Jolarpet. This proves the necessity for the existence of that station, in that persons infected with plague travelling between Mysore and Jolarpett are not rare, and, consequently, that evasions

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evasions are dangerous. The particular event complained of by the Collector of Salem is a sufficiently good illustration of the truth of the last point. To do the utmost, therefore, within a reasonable limit of expenditure, to prevent a repetition of such occurrences would seem but discreet. The appointment of a Hospital Assistant at Mullanur must be regarded as a trivial outlay, if thereby, as must be the case, the efficiency of the Jalarpet Railway Inspection station be increased. As to the proposal to "remind" the Station Masters of their duty under Regulations 18 and 19, it may be safely assumed that the procedure would be farcial. It is certainly not evident that the Collector of North Arcot would himself really trust to the practice, as he has employed the local Hospital Assistant at Kuppam, notwithstanding the existence of a Station Master there.

2. I agree with the Collector of Salem as to the proposed modification of the Regulations 18 and 19. This would go far towards securing what I have long hoped to see, namely, the classification of Railway Inspection stations into major and minor, and allowing powers corresponding with this terminology to the inspecting officers employed (vide letter* NO. 834 dated 13th March 1899.)

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

W. G. King

Lieut-Col: I.M.S.,

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

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