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MADRAS—1899.

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Letter, No. $\frac{16}{2}$, 5th January 1899.

JANUARY.

Relaxations of the Passport Rules.

Communicating, with remarks, to the Collectors and the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, a note upon the — with regard to certain classes of railway servants and persons with regard to whom there are no reasonable grounds for suspicion of infection.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

Read—the following papers:—

From the Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated 2nd November 1898, R[illegible] No. 3660 Rev.

Abstract.—Requesting to be instructed on the question of the exemption of certain railway servants from the passport rules.

From the District Traffic Superintendent, Madras Railway Company, Gooty, dated 21st November 1898, No. S.-4896.

Abstract.—Stating that it will be a great convenience if it can be arranged for railway servants leaving Gooty to be free from observation and detention.

From the Collector of Kurnool, dated 24th November 1898, R.C. No. 2622-Genl.

Abstract.—Requesting instructions for the exemption of certain classes of persons from plague rules.

From the Collector of Salem, dated 2nd December 1898, No. 660.

Abstract.—Pointing out great irregularity on the part of the railway servants in the matter of presenting themselves for observation daily, and requesting that the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway, may be asked to warn his subordinates that they will be prosecuted if they act contrary to the Plague Regulations.

Letter, No. $\frac{16}{2}$, dated 5th January 1899.

Sir,

I have the honour to communicate to you a note upon the relaxations of the passport rules that may be made with regard to certain classes of railway servants.

2. I regret to have to record that it has come to my notice on more than one occasion that a railway medical subordinate in attendance on a case, which must undoubtedly have given reason to believe that the patient was suffering from plague, has concealed the fact of sickness until it has been discovered by the local plague officer. It is requested that $\frac{\text{the Agents of the Railway Companies}}{\text{you}}$ will be so kind as to impress upon all officers serving under $\frac{\text{them}}{\text{you}}$ the necessity for reporting to the local plague officer at the very earliest opportunity every case of sickness which raises a suspicion of plague, in order that steps may be taken at once to prevent the spread of the disease.

3. $\frac{\text{You}}{\text{Collectors}}$ are requested to withdraw the concessions immediately in any case in which $\frac{\text{you}}{\text{they}}$ consider they are being abused.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
for *Plague Commissioner.*

To all Collectors (A).
" the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
" Railway Administrations.
" the Postmaster-General.
" the Superintendent of Telegraphs.

Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.
" the Surgeon-General.
" the Local and Municipal Department.
" Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.
" all General Officers Commanding Districts.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Enclosure.

NOTE.

The inconveniences and difficulties attending the working of the passport rules in the case of railway officers have been brought to notice both by the railway authorities and Collectors. A general relaxation of the rules cannot be made in favour of any particular class, and in the case of railway servants is especially undesirable, for there is reason to believe that it has been by this class that infection has been carried to several places. The trouble that is now experienced by those constantly on the move may be avoided by them if they are willing to be inoculated, and no relaxation of the rules is called for in the case of those who are unwilling to be inoculated and to whom the inconvenience is merely personal.

2. There are persons, however, constantly employed on the railways, such as engine drivers, firemen, guards and mail sorters, with regard to whom, as long as they are on actual duty from day to day, the strict enforcement of the passport rules may result in public inconvenience, and in their cases some relaxation may be granted. The duties of these men are of a fairly constant nature, and they halt for any length of time only at the larger stations, where their absence from regular duty must come at once to the notice of a superior officer. On the application of the railway or postal authorities, Collectors may exempt by name from the ordinary passport rules individual servants of the classes mentioned, on the understanding that the officer to whom they are immediately subordinate must report at once to the nearest local authority every case of sickness among the servants to whom the exemption is given. Any permanent change in the nature of the duties performed should be reported to the officer granting an exemption certificate. Persons so exempted shall be provided with tickets in the following form:—

(Name) , son of , employed as
and ordinarily residing at , has been exempted from the passport rules
(Original Mufassal Regulation 17) as long as he travels on duty as such
between the stations of and .

Mark of left thumb.

Signature, designation and seal of officer issuing the ticket.

It should be understood that exemption from the passport rules does not carry exemption from any of the other regulations framed under the Epidemic Diseases Act.

3. Other classes of railway servants are probably less frequently on the move and the enforcement of the rules among them is likely to result less frequently in public inconvenience. In cases of real difficulty, it may be possible to arrange under original Mufassal Regulation 17 (i) for the inspection of the passport holder at the railway station, or, under additional Regulation 26, railway officers of known and approved character and responsible position may be appointed Honorary Assistant Plague officers, and empowered under original Regulation 17 (i) (*d*) as "local authorities" at certain stations for the working of the passport rules among railway servants.

4. Under additional Regulation 30, Collectors may exempt from the necessity of taking out passports any person with regard to whom there are no reasonable grounds for suspicion of infection. Such exemptions must be made personally, not generally, and should be granted sparingly.

5. Any concession may be withdrawn at any time without assigning a reason.

L. E. BUCKLEY,
Plague Commissioner.

4th January 1899.

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Press Clerk

Send this file to S.C urgently after fair copying on half margin the note below – The papers should be printed urgently after final approval.

29/10/[illegible]

Fair copy submitted below.

added at ⊕

4/1.

I suppose you mean that such powers are not vested in them qua A.P.O's under §26., but they may be specially empowered likewise.

A

Note for the S. C.

The following may be added to para 2 of the note.

"Persons so exempted shall be provided with tickets in the following form – ~~exemption certificate~~

(Name) . . . .

Son of . . . . employed as . . . . & ordinarily residing at . . . . has been exempted from the passport rules (Original Mufassal Regulation 17) as long as he travels on duty as such . . . . . . between the Stations of . . . . . . & . . . . . .

~~Thumb~~ mark of left thumb –

Signature, designation & seal of officer issuing the ticket."

2. Persons of known & approved character appointed under Addl. Reg 26 are called "Assistant Plague Officers" & have no powers to act under Original Mufassal Reg 17. If they are to act under the latter Regulation, they should, it is submitted, be appointed "local authorities" under the recently added clause (d) – vide

vide G.O. No 1531 P. dy 7-12-98.
(G. Ci Progs No 1038/28-12-98)

Print for
10.1.99

Please fair copy this letter & correct the enclosure ~~note~~

[illegible]

3. See in note
add. para 4 of note

To all Collectors
& Presdt. Magte.
Railway Administration
Dy. I.G.
I.G.
S.G.
Copy to the

office
Look to this
carefully.

Supdt of Telegraphs

.. All General Officers Commanding Dts.

abstract do do
1102, 1526, 1677 & 1852.
abstract of all these
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No 16 5-1-99

Sir, 2

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"local

× Any permanent change in the nature of the duties performed shd be reported to the office ~~[illegible]~~ granting an exemption certificate.

honorary Assistant Plague Officers, & empowered under Addl. Regn. 17(d) as "local authorities" at certain stations for the working of the passport rules among railway servants.

[Note. This had better come in to the letter as para 2.

[4. ~~The Plague Commission~~ I regret to have to record that it has come to ~~his~~ my notice on more than one occasion that a railway medical subordinate in attendance on a case, which must undoubtedly have given reason to believe that the patient was suffering from plague, has concealed the fact of sickness until it has been discovered by the local Plague Officer. ~~The Agents of the Railway Companies are requested~~ to impress upon all officers serving under them the necessity for reporting to the local plague officer at the very earliest opportunity every case of sickness which raises a suspicion

It is requested that
The Agents of the Railway Companies
you
will be so kind as

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of plague, in order that steps may be taken at once to prevent the spread of the disease.]

4 ~~5~~. Under Additional Regulation 30, Collectors may exempt from the necessity of taking out passports any person with regard to whom there are no reasonable grounds for suspicion of infection. Such exemptions must be made personally, not generally, and should be granted sparingly.

5. ~~6~~. Any concession may be withdrawn at any time without assigning a reason.

Assistant Plague Officers, & Empowered under

6/9-12-98

NOTE FOR THE Plague Commr.

Cols. 1102, 1546, 1677 & 1854

2. These papers relate to the question of relaxation of the passport rules in the case of persons who have to travel constantly. It is obvious that the rules cannot be enforced in their entirety in their case and perhaps the Collectors of frontier districts will be able to suggest a system similar to that adopted in Cuddapah — vide Govt. No 735 d/ 15-8-98. As the S.C. is on tour and can personally discuss the question with the Collectors, the papers are submitted for orders.

Supdts [illegible] Guards [illegible]

If they cease work then Ry Supervisors know at once & enquire
MM
19/12/98

D.C. 16/2 5/1/99

Attend only to the bona fide travelling public exempting Ry officials & post & touring staff officers
MM

(3)

From

The acting Collector of Cuddapah.

To

The Plague Commissioner Madras.

P.C.
16 NOV 1898

Dated 2nd } November, 1898
Despatched 3rd }

Ref. No. 3660/Rev of 98.

(Enclosure) one letter 5/4886 27.10.98

Recd 8/11/98

Subject

Requesting to be instructed on the question of the [illegible] as to what he has to say to the question of [illegible] the District Traffic Superintendent, Madras Railway Company Gooty.

~~Prop~~

~~The Collector is referred to the instructions issued in G.O. No 977 P dt 1-9-98 & G.O. No 1136 P. dt 21-9-98 and is informed that no special concession can be made in respect of railway officials. The Govt. has now made very liberal concessions to inoculated persons, and if the railway officials get themselves inoculated, they will be altogether exempted from the passport rules.~~

Lewis 16/11/98

To Dist Traffic Supt Gooty ✓

Sir,

With reference to your letter dt 27 Oct 98 to the Collr Cuddapah which I [illegible] referred to [illegible] I have the honour to request that I may be informed whether you still suffer any inconvenience. I shall have no objection to ordering that all Rail servants leaving Gooty if they have not come from another infected area in the previous ten days shall be free from observation & detention as Gooty is not at present infected with plague.

I have also no objection to your servants who go to Raichore being exempted from observation provided that you can assure me that they do not go at any time to the village of Guntakal which is now infected with plague.

Lewis 16/11/98

Despd 19/11/98

Plague

Cuddapah Col.

Reference/Disposal No. 3660 Rev 98

~~DISTRICT MAGISTRATE~~'s OFFICE,

Dated 2nd November 1898.

Camp Madanapally

ENCLOSURES.

FROM

H. O. D. Harding Esquire,

Ag Collector of ~~DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,~~

Cuddapah,

TO

THE Plague Commissioner,

Madras.

SIR,

I have the honour to enclose for perusal and return letter No 5/4896 27.10.98 from the Traffic Superintendent Madras Railway Company and to request your orders as to the answer that should be given him. The difficulty will occur on all railways and one general solution may be conveniently arrived at by you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your most obedt Servant,

H O D Harding

Ag Collector

3.11.98

2.11.98

Plague

Ref 3641 / 98

T. 30 I.

8,000—9-98.

Madras Railway Company.

In your reply give reference to 5/4896

Dist. Traffic ~~Manager's~~ Supdt's Office.

Reply to your No. 3641 / 98 Rev D/22.10.98

~~Central Station, Madras,~~ Gooty 27th Oct 1898.

From the Dist. Traffic Supdt

M. R. C.

Gooty

To the Collector

Cuddapah

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that District officers have to visit all stations between Arkonam and Raichur consequently it is quite impossible to lay down any rule which will meet all cases and unless you can agree to exempt such officers and their travelling servants from plague rules I hope you will at least place on record that they are unable to comply fully with plague regulations.

The visits to stations have to be made without notice consequently time will not admit for you to arrange for the local authority to make an examination required by the regulations. As the Head quarters are in the Anantapur District which is declared an infected area it is presumed you require that other District officers myself and servants should obtain passports whenever we leave Gooty the result being we are in a chronic state of observation although neither the officers nor their servants can be ill for even a few hours without the same being brought officially to notice. I have the honor to request that you will give the matter

further

Submitted for orders with reference to papers & previous disposal Nos: 4418 & 25.9.98 4328 24.9.98

27.10.98 ~~Can the~~ the exemption asked for cannot be granted nor can it be placed on record that they are unable to comply fully with plague regulations.

This is unnecessary under the regulations & should be complied with

27.10.98

II

T. 30 I.

8,000—9-98.

Madras Railway Company.

In your reply 5/4896 give reference

Dist ~~Traffic Manager's Office.~~

Reply to your

28 OCT 98

~~Central Station, Madras,~~ Guty 27-10-1898.

further consideration and desire to add that the Collector of Anantapur has issued the necessary instructions for the exemption of Railway officers their peons and servants for a definite period -

I would further point out that there is staff of Relieving station masters and clerks whose head quarters are at Gooty but they are perhaps one day at Raichur, a few days at Vontimitta, Yerraguntla, Tiruttani, Adoni or any other station between Raichur and Arkonam where their services are required during the temporary absence of Station masters clerks, ticket collector or other person whose duties have to be arranged - these people also are placed in such a position that they have to leave one station at a moment's notice and proceed where more urgently required by the first train and you will therefore see that as suggested by you I am unable to give you notice when it is necessary for the Local Authority to conduct examination at stations as by the time communication were made it is more than probable the person concerned would have gone elsewhere.

It is quite impossible for the Relieving staff to leave the station to undergo an examination any distance away as most of these men are required to attend to Block working without which the safe passage of trains cannot be guaranteed and delay to public Telegrams and Traffic would result. In the case of Relieving staff an exemption on behalf of such person and one servant would be necessary.

I have the honor to request that you will

The exemption asked for regarding the relieving staff cannot be granted. The Plague Commr. has declined such a relaxation of the Rules in regard to the Estt: of the Telegraph Dept. in an exemption and other ... vide his pro: no 91 8-10-98

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III

T. 30 I.　　8,000—9-98.

Madras Railway Company.

In your reply 5/48 96　Dist ~~Traffic Manager's~~ Traffic ~~Manager's~~ Office.　Reply to your

give reference to　28 OCT 98　~~Central Station, Madras,~~ Erty 27 ~~—~~ 1898.

not only give a question of exempting District officers and their travelling servants and peons consideration but also extend the same privilege to the emergent or relieving staff referred to, as per clauses 30 & 32 page 38 of the Plague regulations and G.O. No. 1136 of the 21st. of September.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
R.Grinnall.
Dist Ofc Supdt

Regu: 30
authorizes the Collector
to exempt from the necessity
of taking out passports or
passes any person in whom
there are no reasonable
grounds for suspicion of
infection. The original G.O.
No 380 under which the Collector
14-4-98.
were given this power is here put up
for perusal. Please see 3 # marked.

Regn 32 quoted by the Traffic Supt.
No passes can be given in this Dt.
as regulation 2 of ~~under which~~ lays down
that passes can be given only to persons
leaving an infected areas within the
Dt: . Cuddapah Dt is not an infected
area & no passes can be given here at present
G.O. No 1136 of 21-9-98 quoted is not traceable.

29.10.98　VG 29/10.98

To Secy to Plague
Commr for [illegible]

J.

1/1112 of 1898

C. B. 1546

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1898)

CURRENT No. 1546

2 abstract

From The District Traffic Superintendent Madras Railway Co. Gooty.

Order

No. S/4896.

Dated 21-11-1898

Received 22-11-1898

Registered 23-11-1898

Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Stating that it will be a great convenience if it can be arranged for Railway servants leaving Gooty to be free from observation and detention &c

If the Apothecary examines them on the plat form as he is bound to do, this is all the precaution really required.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) J. M. Turing
Ag Head Asstt Collector
29/9/98

(True Copy)

Nafeellulla
26/11/98
for Collector

No 1
26/11

Head Asstt Collector's office,
Dated 11-11-98

From
J. M. Turing Esqr.
Ag Head Asstt Clr of
Nandyal.

To
The Collector of Kurnool

Sir,

1. Mr D. Chagel
2. Dada Saib
3. Doraswami
4. Shaik Hassein
5. Appaji
6. Emam Sahib
7. Ramanna
8. AnantaRao
9. Narsiah
10. Durgiah
11. Ramdoss
12. Mr W H Sheriff
13. Mr W. B. Longh
14. Mr D. Tylur
15. Mr T. Webster
16. T. Varadarajulu
17. Mahammad

In Continuation of this office Rem: $\frac{1053c}{28.9.98}$, I have the honor to state that the marginally noted persons may be exempted by name from taking out passports in this district under Additional Regulation 30 on the ground that they are constantly on the move being servants of the Railway and to request the favor of an early reply to the letter above quoted, as the issue of passports to these people gives the staff much unnecessary trouble and swells the Nandyal fortnightly return to an unwieldy size.

2. I request that exemption form be cyclostyled, filled up and dis

18. Vajebi
19. Mabubi
20. Raghaviah Naidu
21. Mr. A. Castlater
22. Mr. P. Audrigas
23. Mr. J. F. Oliver
24. Shaik Ali Sahib
25. Mr. Rudramurti Moothar
26. Mr. J. Mangum
27. Mr. B D'Caytra
28. T. Michel
29. D Simpson Esqr
30. Mr. Palmer
31. Mr. Stimson

despatched to these individuals through the Traffic manager, information being at the same time given to the tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars, and passport issuing officers on ~~the~~ line. It would be as well to add a condition that the exemption is void if the exempted person makes a stay anywhere of more than 24 hours.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
signed, Y. Venkataramanjulu
15/11/98
Ag. H. A. Collector

(True Copy)

Nafeullah
for Collector 26/11/98

29/11

Copy

R. C. No. 2122 of 98 / Genl

Kurnool Collector's Office,
Kurnool, Dated 24-11-1898

Enclosures 2.

From
Mahamed Razakan Esqr
Collector of
Kurnool.

To
The Plague Commissioner
Madras

Sir,

In forwarding herewith copies of my Head Assistant Collector's letters Nos 1053/28.9.98 & 1063/11.11.98 I have the honor to solicit the favour of your instructions in reference to them.

2. Additional Regulation No: 3 authorizes the Collector to exempt from the necessity of taking out passports, or passes, any person in regard to whom there are no reasonable grounds for suspicion of infection. But the Railway Servants in question [illegible] to go to Guntakal frequently and make

make halts there and they may perhaps go to Hubli also occasionally and their absolute exemption may therefore be attended with some risk.

I agree at the same time with Mr Turing in his opinion that the enforcement of the passport rules in the case of these men entails much unnecessary troubles and confusion on account of the varying destinations which the servants have to travel to almost daily. It therefore seems to me desirable to grant them the concession referred to in additional Regulation 30 subject to the condition of their presenting themselves immediately on arrival at the halting station before the passport issuing officer concerned for examination.

It would be well if the agent of the Southern Maharatta Railway

Railway can arrange to see that the servants who have to make halts in infected areas & travel through and stay in parts which are uninfected are in all possible cases men who have been inoculated.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

26/11/98
For Collector

26/11/98

C. No. 1877

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

FROM

The COLLECTOR OF
KURNOOL.

TO

THE Plague Commissioner,
Madras

P. C.
28 NOV 1898

Dated 26 November 1898
Despatched
Received

R. C. No. 2622/Genl of 98.

ENCLOSURES. 2.

SUBJECT.

Requesting instructions for the exemption from Plague rules of the individuals referred to therein

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C. No. 1854

Salem Collector's Office,

REFERENCE ON No

Letter, ~~ORDER~~, DATED 2d December 1898 No ~~[illegible]~~ 660

Plague

Plague

FROM

Robert B. Clegg Esq.,
COLLECTOR,
~~Division~~, Salem.

P. C.

TO

THE Plague Commissioner
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to point out that I find great irregularity on the part of the Servants of the Madras Railway Company who travel by train up and down the line from Bangalore and the Mysore Province to Jolarpet, Salem, Katpadi &c in the matter of presenting themselves for observation daily as per passports issued to them at Jolarpet.

2. The practice is for the Medical Officer at Jolarpet to give such men passports once every ten days on their alighting at Jolarpet from the Bangalore line. When at Jolarpet they present their passports to the Medical Officer (local authority) or to the Railway

Apothecary who has been authorized to do this work for the convenience of the Railway Servants, but on the days they are absent from Jolarpet either at Bangalore or proceeding elsewhere on the line to Kalpady or Salem, they neglect to present themselves before any local authority until their return to Jolarpet.

3. Intimations of change of residence are not given by such railway servants nor communicated by the medical Officer Jolarpet as this course is hardly practicable they being always on the move.

4. However I see no reason why they should not present themselves wherever they are to a local authority or to one of their own Railway Apothecaries, get their passports initialed once a day, and return it at the expiry of the ten days period to the passport issuing officer and local authority at Jolarpet.

5. I request therefore that you will direct the Agent of the Railway to warn his subordinates that if they do not carefully act up to this they will be prosecuted.

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

T. V. Gopalaswami
for Ag. Collector

C No 1854

From

The Ag Collector

Salem

[illegible]

To

The Plague Commissioner

Fort St George

Madras

P. C.
3 DEC 1898

Dated 2. 12. 98

Recd 2. 12. 98

660 [illegible]

No ~~659~~

Plague

Subject

Pointing out ~~that~~ great irregularity on the part of the Railway Servants in the matter of presenting themselves for observation daily and requesting him to direct the Agent & manager to warn his subordinates that they will be prosecuted if they act contrary to the Plague Regulations

Note

There is a paper now with the Commr. regarding the exemption of certain Ry servants from ~~[illegible]~~ taking out passports &c. May this be kept back till it is disposed of

awaiting disposal on C. No 1526 of 98

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H.L.
12.1.99

Read again No.
189 Dated

Current No. — 1102
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1677
+ 1854
} — P. Press

Please send proof soon

N.B. Note to be ~~sent~~ printed below the Letter.

H.L.
5.1.99

The 4 para put in brackets to be the note to come as para 2 of the letter.

H.L.
5.1.99

Enclosures to C. No.

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