

Local & Munl. (189) Department.
Plague.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1701P

DATED 27-11-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Disinfection of Skins

Directing the Collector of the Nilgiris,
with remarks, to withdraw his order regarding

BACK PAPERS.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 3612 P

SUBJECT

Disinfection of Shins

ORDER.

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The Government sees no ground for exceptional treatment in the Nilgiris. The Collector's order requiring disinfection of Shins should be withdrawn.

(From Orders)

27/11/99

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To The Collr of the Nilgiris (P. & S. Secy)
Sanitary Commissioner
with copy of the Collr's letter.

Despd
29-11-99

L. & M.
1,000-10-5-00.

PLAGUE.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O., No.

, dated

189 .

Current No.

of 189 , dated

from the

Current No.

36129

of 1899, dated

16-11-98

from the

Coll of the
Militia

SUBJECT.

Disinfection of skins imported into
the Militia from Mysore.

FOR ORDERS.

When the question of the
importation of wet skins from infected
areas was referred to the Sanitary
Comm., he said that he did not
see any special danger in them
but said added - "The utmost, I
think, that need be demanded is
that wet skins received from
infected areas be drenched with
perchloride of mercury solution at
frontier Railway Station before
being allowed to pass". The Govt.
concurred with the Sanitary Comm.

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2. It was however found that
this disinfection at frontier Station
could not be carried out without
great expense, trouble and delay
Consequently

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PLAGUE.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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Current No.

of 189 , dated

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Current No.

3612 P

of 1899, dated

16-11-98

from the Coll of the
Miljins

SUBJECT.

Disinfection of skins imported into
the Miljins from Mysore.

FOR ORDERS.

When the question of the
importation of wet skins from infected
areas was referred to the Sanitary
Comm., he said that he did not
see any special danger in them
but said added - "The utmost, I
think, that need be demanded is
that wet skins received from
infected areas be drenched with
perchloride of mercury solution at
frontier Railway Stations before
being allowed to pass". The Govt.
concurred with the Sanitary Comm.

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(No. 1190 P. d/27-9-98)

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this disinfection at frontier Stations
could not be carried out without
great expense, trouble and delay
Consequently

Consequently the Sanitary Comr
with the sanction of Govt ordered
the discontinuance of the disinfection
of wet skins - vide his Progs
No 1012 dt 27-12-98.

May 11.

3. The Coll. of the Nilgiris
now requests ~~the Govt~~ Govt to approve
of his action in having ordered the
disinfection at the road frontier
station of skins imported from
"Villages in the Mysore & the which are
"not... as yet infected but which
"are imminently threatened &
"may become infected at any time."
He represents that the trade is
Comparatively small & that
his order affects only one or two
merchants.

4. Attention is invited to the
note at Fly R and Spans 3
of the Sanitary Comr's letter printed
on page 40 of G.O. No 1569 P dt
31-10-99. The trade in skins in these
districts must be large but no
evil consequences have resulted
from not disinfecting them & there
seems no ground for exceptional
treatment in the Nilgiris.

HM.
This view may be taken.

Yes.
22/11/99
24.11.99
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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 3612-P



Order

From The Collector of the Nilgiris

My on Current No. 42 P 99

Dated 16 November 99

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SUBJECT.

Disinfection of skins
Requesting orders under
the circumstances
represented, for the
continuance of the
freight from the Mysore
province.

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Office of Sanitary Commissioner
Camp Cuddappah. 7 April 98
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From Lieut-col. W. G. King M.B.-C.M.-D.P.H.
Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras

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The Collector of Nilgiris

Sir,

With reference to your letter
no 942 dated 4 April 1888, I have
the honour to state that there is no
reason to regard skins as specially
liable to infection per se. The
question of whether or not they may
be the media for conveying infective
matter must depend upon the
treatment undergone between the
date of complete drying in the
sun in an infected area, &
delivery in an uninfected area.
& after complete sun drying - it
being remembered that an exposure
for

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of four hours to the direct rays
of the sun is held to be sufficient
to kill the plague microbe - they
are stored in dark and damp
godowns where excretions of infected
human beings or rats have been
deposited, it is possible infective
matter may attach itself. This
chance of infection is however
identical with most articles of
commerce that undergo storage.
Hence whilst it might be ne-
cessary for a foreign country
to insist of upon disinfection
or prohibition of dry skins being
received from an infected area
it would not be reasonable to
make any rule applicable to
dry skins as such, within a
country, that is infected. Prohibition
of importation should therefore
not be entertained; but this
need not deter the local

authorities acting upon in-
-telligence that may be obtained
by them as to the village of storage
of such skins, insisting upon
a process of disinfection being
undergone before admission
in the area under their charge

I have &c.

(Signed) W. C. King
Lieut Col. & Ins
Sanitary Commr
for Madras

(True copy)

For collector

17-11-9.

W.C.K.

Plague

Cur: 3612.P

NILGIRI COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

OOTACAMUND, 16 November 1899.

REF. ON

Cur No. $\frac{42}{99}$ P

FROM

C. J. Weir Esq. I.C.S.

COLLECTOR OF

The Nilgiris,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Local and Municipal DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

SIR,

ENCLOSURES.

I have the honour to report that some importation of skins into this District is going on from the border villages in the Mysore province. These skins are collected from villages in the Mysore District which are not so far as my enquiries go, as yet infected but which are imminently threatened and may become infected at any time. These skins are brought to Gudalur on the first instance and some are sent on from thence to Mettuppalayam via Ootacamund. The danger arising from this traffic was discussed some time ago and a reference was made to the Sanitary Commission.

Commissioner on the subject and
a copy of his reply is enclosed. The
Sanitary Commissioner is evidently
of opinion that disinfection of those
skins would have a protective
effect, as they are collected from
the huts of chucklers and other
low castes. I consider that if
brought from an infected area they
are likely to be a considerable
source of danger. I therefore directed
the disinfection of those skins at
our frontier plague camp. I find,
however, that the Plague Commissioner
in his Proceedings No 1012 dated
27 Dec 99, with sanction of Govern-
ment, has directed the disconti-
nuance of the disinfection of skins.
But as the circumstances of this district
are somewhat peculiar, I ask
Government to approve of the orders
I have given on the subject. I may
add that the trade is comparatively
a small one in this district and

only one or two merchants will
be affected.

I have the honour to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

for collector

18-11-99

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FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF

the Nilgiris

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Local & Municipal DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

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STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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