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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

Plague.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1757 P.

DATED 1-12-1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

from the Madras Govt

Pilgrimage to the Hedjaz

Recording papers relating to the prohibition of the ___ during the next pilgrimage season.

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Pilgrimage to the Hedjaz.

Recording Proceedings, Public Works Department (Railway Branch), communicating to Railway Administrations, for necessary action, copy of a notification from the Government of India containing revised orders in connection with the — during the next season.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following paper :—

G.O., No. 1243, Public, dated 4th November 1899.

Abstract.—Issuing a circular regarding the prohibition of the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz during the next season.

Read—also the following paper :—

G.O., No. 1281 Ry., dated 7th November 1899.

Read—the following papers :—

G.O., Nos. 1429-30 Ry., dated 20th November 1898.

Telegram from the Government of India, Public Works Department, No. 1064-R.T., dated 3rd November 1899.

My telegram numbered and dated as follows: 1284-R.T., 15th November last. Please see Government of India Home Department Notification No. 2936, dated 20th October 1899, published in Part I, *Gazette of India* of 21st idem, containing revised orders in connection with pilgrimage to Hedjaz during coming season and direct Railway Administration to post up in English and vernacular at stations and advise passengers.

Enclosure.

Notification of the Government of India, in the Home Department, No. 2936, dated 20th October 1899.

In the notification of the Government of India, in the Home Department, No. 4341, dated the 10th November 1898, it was ordered, under the powers conferred by section 2, sub-section (1), of the Epidemic Diseases Act (III of 1897), that the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz during the season of 1899 might be permitted, except in the case of persons residing in the Bombay Presidency (excluding the whole of Sind except Karachi), the Presidency of Madras, the Mysore and Hyderabad States and Coorg, subject to certain precautions and restrictions which were imposed in view of the strong opinions of all European Governments, including Turkey, regarding the danger of plague being communicated to Europe, and in view of the danger of plague being spread by intending pilgrims from infected to non-infected portions of India.

Plague is unfortunately still widely prevalent in the Bombay Presidency, and is specially severe in the southern districts and States. Karachi remains an infected port, and plague prevails also at Hyderabad in Sind. The disease is widespread and severe in both the Mysore and Hyderabad States. It is endemic in the Salem district of the Madras Presidency, and imported cases have recently occurred in other districts. Calcutta became re-infected in the latter part of July last, and a recrudescence has lately been reported from the district of Saran in Behar. The Nagpur city and district in the Central Provinces are infected, and plague has re-appeared in the Hoshiarpur district of the Punjab.

The alarm experienced by European Governments, including Turkey, regarding the danger of plague being imported to Europe is in no measure abated, and during the past season Indian pilgrims were again subject to much vexatious restriction and consequent hardship. The Government of India do not think it necessary to prohibit the pilgrimage from the uninfected portions of India during the coming season, but they consider it essential that careful precautions should be observed similar to those which were enforced during the past season.

The Governor-General in Council is pleased to cancel the order contained in the notification of the Government of India, in the Home Department, No. 4341, dated the 10th November 1898.

The Governor-General in Council is further pleased to direct that, until further orders, no person resident permanently or temporarily in the Presidency of Bombay, including Sind, the Presidency of Madras the Mysore and Hyderabad States, Coorg, Calcutta and the Saran district of Behar, the Nagpur division of the Central Provinces and the Hoshiarpur district of the Punjab, shall be permitted to embark from any port in India with the object of making a pilgrimage to Mecca.

The Governor-General in Council is further pleased to direct as follows :—

(1) That no person shall be permitted to embark with the object of making a pilgrimage to Mecca, except at the port of Chittagong in the Lower Provinces of Bengal, and unless and until such person has been kept under observation in a place appointed for the purpose until such time as the medical officer in charge shall be satisfied that all risk of such person conveying the infection of plague has been completely abated, and unless such person is conveyed from the place of observation to the place of embarkation under the charge of an officer appointed for the purpose.

(2) That no passage tickets for the Hedjaz shall be sold except at the places appointed for the detention of intending pilgrims under observation.

The Government of India think it necessary to repeat the warning given last year that, although they have decided that the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz may be permitted subject to the safeguards enumerated above, they are nevertheless convinced that intending pilgrims will be well advised in deferring their purpose until another season, in view specially of the stringent quarantine rules imposed by the Turkish Government and the inconvenience and harassment to which it is likely they will be subjected on arriving in Arabia.

Order—No. 1281 Ry., dated 7th November 1899.

Communicated to the Agents, Madras, South Indian, Southern Mahratta, and His Highness the Nizam's Railways, and the Manager, East Coast Railway, for information and necessary action, with copy of the notification, which will be translated into the vernaculars noted in the margin. Application for copies in English and in the vernaculars should be made to the Superintendent, Government Press, Madras, except in the case of the Uriya translation, copies of which will be supplied on application to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Public Works Department.

Tamil.	Malayalam.
Telugu.	Canarese.
Hindustani.	Uriya.

2. The Vernacular Translators to Government will furnish translations of the notification to the Superintendent, Government Press, as early as possible, in view to the copies required by the Railway Administrations being supplied to them.

3. The Government of Bengal will be addressed with regard to the translation of the notification into Uriya.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) FRANCIS J. E. SPRING,
Secretary.

To the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway.
" " " Nizam's Railway.
" " South Indian Railway.
" " Southern Mahratta Railway.
" Manager, East Coast Railway.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
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" Canarese " "
" Superintendent, Government Press.

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Transferred to the Public Department.

21*st November* 1899. (Signed) H. TREMENHEERE,
Secretary to Government.

ORDER—No. 1321, Public, dated 27th November 1899.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

for *Chief Secretary.*

To the Local and Municipal Department.

Exd. W. D'Mon.

~~LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.~~

Public Department.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following paper:—

From the Collector of Malabar, Ref. on C.No.1856/Mag., dated 13th September 1899:-

I have the honour to enquire whether the pilgrimage to Mecca is likely to be totally prohibited again this year. I would respectfully submit that it would be impolitic to continue the prohibition in respect of the residents of Malabar, so long as the District remains uninfected by the plague.

2. Several Mopla Tangals have been applying to me for information on the subject. I would suggest that a pilgrim camp should be established at Beypore, as was done two years ago. After the prescribed period of detention the pilgrims could be sent by pattamar to Bombay.

Telegram to the Government of India, Home Department, No.580, dated 19th September 1899:-

~~580~~ Muhammadans in Malabar enquire whether pilgrimage to Mecca will be prohibited this year. This Government will be glad to learn whether such prohibition is likely.

Telegram from the Government of India, Home Department, No.2722 Sanitary, dated 20th September 1899:-

~~Number 2722 sanitary~~ Your telegram 580, dated 19th. Government India will communicate particulars regarding pilgrimage as soon as matter has been decided.

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ORDER:-No.1091, dated 26th September 1899.

Communicated to the District Magistrate, Malabar, with reference to his letter No.1856 dated 13th September 1899.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G.Stokes.

Chief Secretary.

The District Magistrate, Malabar.

Government (1899) of Madras.

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G.O., No. 1243, 4th November 1899.

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Issuing a circular regarding the prohibition of the — during the next season.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers :—

G.O., No. 195-A, Public, dated 2nd March 1897.

Abstract.—Despatching to Collectors and District Magistrates, &c., a circular regarding the cessation of the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz owing to the plague.

G.O., No. 1549, Public, dated 22nd December 1898.

Abstract.—Despatching to Collectors, &c., a circular regarding the prohibition of the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz during the next season.

G.O., No. 1091, Public, dated 26th September 1899.

Abstract.—Communicating to the District Magistrate, Malabar, telegram from the Government of India stating that the particulars regarding pilgrimage to Mecca will be communicated as soon as the matter has been decided.

Read—also the following paper :—

From A. H. L. FRASER, Esq., C.S.I., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Sanitary—Plague), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Local and Municipal Department, dated Simla, 20th October 1899, No. 2951.

In continuation of the telegram from this office, No. 2722, dated the 20th September 1899, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of Madras, a copy of a Notification No. 2936, dated the 20th instant, issued by the Government of India under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, with regard to the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz during the next season.

2. The Government of India have thought it necessary to prohibit the pilgrimage from the whole of the Madras Presidency notwithstanding that at the present time the plague is endemic only in the Salem district. It has shown some tendency to increase and imported cases have recently been reported from three other districts. Judging therefore from the experience of last year it is likely that several districts will be infected by the time the pilgrimage begins. An even more important consideration is the highly infected condition of the south of the Bombay Presidency and the Mysore and Hyderabad States which renders it necessary to regard the whole of Southern India as an infected area from which the pilgrimage ought not, in deference to the feelings and wishes of Foreign Governments, to be permitted.

3. I am to request that all possible means may be taken to make it immediately and widely known that the pilgrimage has been prohibited in the case of all residents of the Madras Presidency and that the reasons for this prohibition may be carefully explained. The Government of India are sure that the Government of Madras will use all means in their power to make the decision as little unpalatable as possible to the Muhammadan community.

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(Signed) A. H. L. FRASER,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Endt. No. 232 P.

Transferred to the Public Department.

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

31*st October* 1899.

No. 1243, PUBLIC, 4TH NOVEMBER 1899.

ORDER—No. 1243, Public, dated 4th November 1899.

The following circular will be issued :—

CIRCULAR.

In accordance with instructions from the Government of India, heads of districts will, through the officers subordinate to them, make known, as widely as possible, amongst the Muhammadan population of their charges, that the notification published at page 1546 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, Part I, dated 31st October 1899, has been rendered necessary solely owing to the risk which continues to exist of the conveyance of the plague to Turkey and other countries by pilgrims from India and that it has been ordered in consequence of the very strong representations made by those countries and will be removed as soon as it safely can.

Heads of districts should use their best endeavours to induce the leading members of the Muhammadan community to assist them by explaining the reasons for the notification to their poorer co-religionists and dissuading those contemplating the pilgrimage from attempting to undertake it until the prohibition is withdrawn.

District Magistrates will issue the strictest orders that, should any person be found setting the notification at defiance by starting for the Haj, immediate measures should be taken to stop them as near as possible to their homes and induce them to return.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. Stokes.
for *Chief Secretary.*

To all Collectors.
„ all District Magistrates.

ENDORSEMENT—

Copy forwarded to the Deputy Adjutant-General, with the suggestion that, under the orders of the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, copies of the circular, which can be obtained on application to the Superintendent, Government Press, direct, may be supplied to leading Muhammadan officers in view to their affording the assistance indicated therein.

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

ENDORSEMENT—

Copy forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police, with the request that copies of the circular, which can be obtained on application to the Superintendent, Government Press, direct, may be supplied to the principal Muhammadan officials of the Police department in view to their affording the assistance indicated therein.

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

ENDORSEMENT—

Copy forwarded to the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, with the request that he will obtain copies of the circular direct from the Superintendent, Government Press, communicate them to the Prince of Arcot, the Anjuman-i-Mufid-Ahlia Islam, the Muhammadan Central Association, and the Anjuman-i-Himayat-i-Islam, and invite their co-operation in the direction indicated in the circular.

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. C. M. Thumbusawmy.

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