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SIR,

Enclosures.

Adverting to your circular Refce. C No. 2347 of 98 dated 17th instant, I have the honour to state that cases of the kind referred to have not come to notice in this District. One or two cases were reported, but they were found to be not wilful evasions. To prevent the malpractice, I would suggest that passengers that break ~~of~~ journeys in intermediate stations should be made to live in some specified quarters under strict observation, or in segregation camps where there are such camps close by and then to resume journey. If they are to put up in anyone's house the house owners may be made to stand surety for them.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedt. servant
Bannatyne Macleod
Collector

A.H.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF

Anantapur,

TO

THE

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No.

ENCLOSURES.

SUBJECT.

C No 862

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P. C.
21 JAN. 1899.

THE COLLECTOR AND

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,

North Arcot.

To

The Plague Commissioner

Madras

No. of Enclosures. 1

Letter, dated 18-1- 1899

Dis No. 82/20 of 1899

SUBJECT.

Reporting on the evasion of passport rules and suggesting measures for its prevention.

Plague

CM 86

NORTH ARCOT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Camp Vellore dated 18th January 1899
Dis No. 82/p OF 1899.

FROM

J. K. Batten Esq, 3 P
ag. COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
North Arcot,

Print in full

TO

THE Plague Commissioner
Madras.

SIR,

With reference to your circular Ref on C. No. 2347 of 98, dated 17th December 1898, I have the honour to inform you that I have no statistics ready with me to show ~~to show~~ how many cases of such evasion have occurred in this district. Only one has been brought to my notice so far. All the officers consulted by me in the matter report that such evasions are rarely practised. The Head Assistant Collector adds that the chief anxiety of the majority of the people leaving an infected area through fear of plague is to get to

their

their homes and they are not therefore likely to push their journey or to halt for any long time enroute. The Inspecting Medical officer at Arkonam has specially deputed one Hospital Assistant and two Constables to find out such cases of evasion, but they have not been able to detect even a Single instance. The number of passportholders untraced is only 10.50 percent in this district and I believe therefore that the evasions practised by rebooking in the manner suggested by you must be very few. But evasion by purchasing fresh tickets at stations previous to the places of destination of the passengers seems to be practised to some extent. The District medical and Sanitary officer suggests certain means to put a stop to these and similar evasions which meet with my approval. I therefore forward herewith copy of his letter No 27.P. dated 10th January 1899 for your consideration and orders.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant

for ag. Collector

DESPATCHED
20 JAN. 1899

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27/P

Office of the District Medical and
Sanitary officer. North
Arcot. Vellore. 10th Jany 99.

From.
Lieut-Col. John Lancaster.
M.B.
District Medical and
Sanitary officer.
North Arcot.

Print In full

To
The Collector
North Arcot.

Sir, With reference to your endorsement, Ref on cir No 281/P, dated 21st December 1898, on Plague Commissioner's Circular Ref. on. cir No 2347 of 98, dated 17-12-98, I have the honor to state:—

2. So far as I am aware there are not many cases of evasion of the passport rules by re-booking, but the few cases of evasion seem to be practised in the following manner:

(1) By purchasing fresh tickets (in addition to those already held) at stations preceding the places of destination without handing over to the Railway authorities

authorities the tickets already held.

(2) By purchasing fresh tickets (in addition to those already held) at important stations where the mail trains stop to small stations beyond such important ones where the mail trains do not stop to which smaller stations they proceed by the local trains immediately following the mail trains.

(3) By rebooking before the expiry of the period of 10 days in the manner set forth in the Plague Commissioner's circular under reply.

3. The following measures, I believe, might be effective in preventing the above evasions:-

1st kind of evasion. The Railway authorities should be strictly forbidden to sell tickets after the trains steam up to the platform. The passengers who have taken tickets already should be marched in a group

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on to the platform by the Police orderly and the station staff who should see carefully that all of them actually get into the train and that they do not leave it. Before they are marched on to the platform, the orderly should get from the booking clerk particulars as to the number of tickets sold and the places for which they were taken and ~~and~~ should check this information by examining the tickets of passengers to see that there are as many passengers as the number of tickets sold.

2nd kind of evasion. The sale of tickets to passengers travelling by mail trains to stations at which Mail trains do not stop should be forbidden. At present such passengers when they alight at important stations previous to their places of destination say that they would take out passports at their places of destination, but avoid taking them by purchasing fresh tickets without the notice of the passport issuing officers.

3rd kind of evasion. There is

no

no difficulty with regard to small towns, if only the passport issuing officers and the local authorities are vigilant; But with regard to large towns it is impossible to expect the passport issuing officers to recognize all the persons, as they have to deal with a large number every day. In such places the Tahsildar or the Chairman concerned should send a Sanitary Inspector or other officer to the Railway station at the time of arrival of every train bringing passengers from infected areas. The officer deputed should escort passport holders to the addresses given out by them and there take a declaration from the house owners that they will under pain of prosecution intimate the departure of such passport holders three or four hours (as may be considered necessary) previous to their departure. If the house owners are unwilling to sign such declaration, or if the passport holders are unable to give a definite address, they should be compelled to halt in a Chuttram or a shed specially built for the purpose and

How can this be enforced?

and a guard should be placed over such Chuttram or shed so long as the passengers halt there; and when they leave, the Sanitary Inspector should be present at the Railway station and should see that their fresh tickets are plague punched or marked, and that intimation of the change of residence is given at once to the local authorities concerned.

4 The assistant surgeon remarks as follows:–

" Railway station masters may be requested not to sell tickets when the train is in the station, as those who attempt to evade inspection by journeying elsewhere are likely to get tickets as if in a hurry."

I have etc.

(Sd) John Lancaster.
M.B.
Lieut. I.M.S.
Dt. Medical & Sany. Officer
North Arcot.

(True copy)

for Ag. Collector.

VR. Cal.

Cir no 993

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SOUTH ARCOT.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Cuddalore

Disposal No. 83 of 99
Regd

DATED 21st January 1899.

FROM

L. M. Wynch Esquire I.C.S
Acting COLLECTOR OF SOUTH ARCOT.

TO

THE Plague Commissioner,
Madras.

ENCLOSURES :—

SIR,

I have the honour to reply to your Circular Ref on C. No 2347 of '98 dated 17th December 1898.

2. Up to the 18th instant intimations had been received by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer of 1108 arrivals from "infected" areas. Failure to trace the individuals concerned resulted in only 42 Cases or 4 per cent of the total. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer reports only one case of a traveller who left his station without giving intimation of his departure prior to the Expiration of 10 days of "observation". The man Could not be traced though Enquiries were made by the Sub-Magistrate. Attempts to evade observation can scarcely therefore be said to be Common in this District and no special steps have been taken to guard against it.

SOUTH ARCOT.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Cuddalore

No. 3
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3. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer makes the following suggestion. That each passenger on alighting should be required to furnish personal or other security to the Station Master or other plague official that he will observe the conditions of the passport. This he says can be easily effected as the relatives or friends of the passenger who will probably be in waiting on the platforms to meet him can stand security. In their absence the passenger should be required to give names and addresses of such persons from whom security might be taken and should be detained at the station till this is done. In default of sureties the passengers should be compelled to rebook.

4. This suggestion seems to me impracticable as the personal security of the traveller himself would obviously be of no use and as travellers' friends do not, as a rule, I believe meet them at the stations. When the traveller is proceeding to a village distant from the station, certainly no one goes to meet him. The only practical safeguard against evasions of Plague Regulations Rules lies I think in the vigilance of the village officers and the people themselves. During the recent festival at Tiruvannamalai the principal residents in each street were canvassed by the Sub-Collector Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate and they willingly assented to the proposition to constitute themselves a sort of vigilance committee for their respective streets and by this means instances were discovered of persons coming from prohibited areas who had evaded the observation parties on the roads. Apart from this there is nothing that I can see to prevent a passenger tearing up his passport after he leaves the station and coming back to rebook by the next train. This can be easily done in this District where every day one of the trains from the North runs late in the evening. The stations are as a rule so dimly lighted that recognition would be almost impossible.

5. Arrivals might perhaps be shadowed by special peons and constables but this would inevitably give rise to petty annoyance and extortion and attempts at evasion would become still more numerous.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

for Ag. Collector.

C No 993 11.

1899.

From
The Collector of
South Arcot.

To
The Plague Commissioner
Madras

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Dated 21st } January 1899.
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23 JAN 1899

Subject.

Submitting report regarding the evasion of rules by passengers coming from infected parts.

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

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From The Collector of Bellary

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Dated 27th January 99.
Received 30-1-1899
Registered 30-1-1899
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SUBJECT.

Reporting that the practice referred to in P. Comr's report No 2347 of 98 / 17.12.98 is of rare occurrence in consequence of the prosecutions resorted to in this Dt. of passport holders changing their residences within 10 days without giving intimation to the local authorities concerned.

BACK PAPERS.

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No.	Date.

Plague

C.N. 1206

BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.
Dated 27. 1. 1899.

No. 182 P

FROM R. H. Campbell Esquire
ag COLLECTOR OF
BELLARY.

To

THE Plague Commissioner
Madras

SIR,

In reply to your Ref on C No 2347 of 98 dated 17.12.98, I have the honour to forward herewith copies of the letters received from the Chairmen of the Municipalities on the subject and to state that, in consequence of the prosecutions resorted to in this district of passport holders changing their residences within the 10 days without giving intimations to the Local authorities concerned the practice therein referred to is probably of rare occurrence.

2 In accordance with clause 4 of the instructions issued by Mr Elwin and published in the Bellary district Gazette Extraordinary

dated 25. 11. 98, every change of residence has to be noted on the passport C and also in the other intimations therein referred to. Whenever a member of the plague Observation staff finds a passport holder changing his residence without such endorsement, he will produce the latter before a plague authority for such action as is deemed necessary. Mr Elwin has been invariably ordering the prosecution of all such passengers and this procedure has had a good effect.

I have the honour &c.

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Collector

Dt 27.1.99

Copy of letter C.R. 930 P / 24.1.99 from the Chairman Municipal Council Bellary to the Collector of Bellary

With reference to the Plague Commissioner's Circular dated 17th December 1898, received with your endorsement Ref on C 2884 P / 19.12.98 I have the honour to state that I consulted Lieut: Col: Pemberton on the subject and he seems to think that such passengers should be detained for 10 days, and this the Government do not approve.

2 At present, the observation staff attend each train that leaves the station and find out at the platform or in the train, such persons continuing their journey and enquire of them as to their new place of destination and send intimation of their departure to their destination. Yet some of them may escape.

3 If the observation staff are authorized to detain such of the passport holders that failed to give previous intimation

of their intention of departure, from continuing their journey and to hand them over to the Police for being prosecuted, the practice can be greatly discouraged. The tickets of these passengers should also be punch-marked at this station. In these circumstances the observation staff (Medical) should be asked to note in the passports of holders who give such previous intimation that fact, so as to guide the staff at the Railway Station in taking steps only regarding those whose passports were not so endorsed. This rule should be rigidly enforced to be able to prevent the practice

Collector

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27.1.99

No. of 1891

Copy of letter R.O. No 5/6.1.99 from the Chairman Municipal Council Adoni to the Collector of Bellary

With reference to your foot-note No 2884 P/19.12.98 on Plague Commissioner's circular No 2347 dated 17.12.98, I have the honour to state that the evasions of the kind referred to in the circular are rare and as a check on such evasions, the Circle Inspector take notes of names of all to whom passports have been issued and watch them. Besides the passport issuing officer at the Railway Station watches such persons to see that they do not rebook without giving intimation.

2 No other steps are necessary at present

Collector

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27.1.99

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Ce No. 470

Plague Department.

Dispe No. 21-D/Eng of 99

South Canara Collector's Office,

~~Camp,~~ Mangalore

6th January 1899

From

A. F. Pinhey Esq.,

ag Collector of South Canara

Ag Mangalore

To

The Plague Commissioner,

Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular Reference on C. No. 2347, dated 17th Dec. 1898 I have the honor to state that as this District has got no railway no instance of railway passengers from infected parts evading the marking of their tickets in the prescribed manner could be discovered in this District.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obdt. Servant

For ag Collector

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C.P. 410

Plague Department. South Canara COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Dis. No. 21-D / Eng of 88

~~Camp~~ Mangalore

6th January 1899

FROM

A. F. Pinhey Esq.,

ag Collector of South Canara

Ag hand

TO

THE Plague Commissioner,

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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obdt. Servant

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For Ag Collector

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C. No 4010 7

Plague DEPARTMENT

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF
South Canara

TO

THE Plague
Commissioner
Madras

P. C.
12 JAN 1899

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Dated 6th
Despatched
Received } January 1899.

Dis: No. 21 — D / Encl of 99.

ENCLOSURES.

SUBJECT.

Reporting in reply to Ref: No 2347 of 17.12.98 that no instances of Railway passengers evading the marking of their ticket could be discovered as there are no railways in the Dt.

C. No 767 9

FROM

THE Ag. COLLECTOR OF
Chingleput Dist.

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TO

THE Plague Commissioner
Madras.

PE

Dated 17.
Despatched
Received } January 1899.

Dis No. 144 D of 1899

ENCLOSURES.

SUBJECT.

Informing him that evasions of the nature referred to are not commonly attempted.

Plague Urgent

C No 767

Chingleput District
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Dis No. D. 144 of 1899.

Saidapet, 17th January 1899.

FROM
D. W. G. Cowie Esquire,
Ag COLLECTOR OF
Chingleput District.

TO
THE Plague Commissioner,
Madras.

P. C.
19 JAN. 1899

SIR,

In reply to your circular Ref: in C. No 284) dated 17th December 1898, I have the honor to state that I have no information that satisfies me that such evasions as are referred to by you are commonly attempted and no special steps have been taken to prevent the practice.

2. I can suggest ~~that~~ no means of putting an end to the practice or of reducing it to a minimum that would not either harass the people or interfere with the liberty of the subject.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obedient Servant
D W G Cowie
Ag Collector.

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17/1/99

Plague Cir No. 2697 3

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Coimbatore COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

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FROM

THE Acting COLLECTOR OF

Coimbatore

TO

THE Plague Commissioner

Government office

Fort Saint George

Dated 23rd
Despatched 28 December 1898.
Received

Dis No. 4140/Rev OF 1898.

31/12/98

ENCLOSURES. Nil

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SUBJECT.

Plague

Informing him that evasions of — regulations are not commonly attempted in this district.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Camp,

No. of 189. 189.

FROM

Esq.,

COLLECTOR OF

TO

THE

SIR,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Collector.

C No 11125

Cir No 460 6

REVENUE (189) DEPARTMENT.

FROM

THE Acting COLLECTOR OF

Cuddapah

TO

THE Plague Commissioner,

Madras.

12 hours

PE

Dated 8th

Despatched } January 1899.

Received DESPATCHED

10 JAN. 1899

~~REFERENCE~~ / DISPOSAL No. 1/95 P. Rev of 99.

P. C. 12 JAN. 1899

ENCLOSURES

SUBJECT.

Informing that no evasions of the sort referred to have been reported and there could be found no possible remedy.

C. No. 1145
C. No. 460

Plague

~~Reference~~ No. 1/~~25~~ P. ~~Dis~~ of 99.
Disposal

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Cuddapah Collector's Office,
Dated 8th January 1899.

From
H. C. D. Harding Esquire
Acting Collector of Cuddapah.

To
The Plague Commissioner,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular Reference on Current No. 2347 of 1898, dated 17-12-98, I have the honour to inform you that no evasions of the sort referred to have been reported to me though some similar cases have occurred when persons with passports have left their place of destination for some other place before the 10 days have expired. I do not see how this can

Can possibly be prevented.

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

For Ag. Collector

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No 1145

Dis 94/Eng D/99

From
H. D. Taylor Esquire I.C.S.
Acting Collector of Ganjam

I.P.C.
27 JAN. 1899

13 P

Print in full

To
The Plague Commissioner,
Madras.

Dated camp Gullery 21st January 1899.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular, Rc No 2347 of 98 dated 17th December 1898, I have the honour to state that a few evasions of the nature referred to in the Circular have occurred in the District. Instructions have been issued to the local authorities to immediately report such evasions to the Police with a view to tracing the offenders and prosecuting them.

2. The rules at present in force provide the principal safeguards; and I am unable to suggest any additional measures which are not more or less vexatious and likely to cause trouble and annoyance out of all

proportions,

proportion to the benefit derived thereby.

3. Special detective officers might be posted at important Railway Stations to scrutinize arrivals from infected parts and to see that such holders of passports do not rebook without intimation of change of their residence. I doubt however whether any person sufficiently sharp to recognize a comparative stranger in a crowd at a booking office would be obtainable for the purpose ~~and~~ while persons desirous of evading the regulations could easily proceed by road to the next station where he would not be recognized.

4. The rule with regard to Railway Inspection Stations that the carriages should be locked before the arrival of the train at the station and that no passenger should be permitted to leave his carriage until the arrangements are complete for examination (Vide page 115 of the Madras Plague Regulations) may, I would suggest, be extended in a modified form to stations where Medical or other special officers are posted for the inspection

inspection of passengers as at Berhampore. The carriages might be locked on the far side only, away from the platform, so that there would be no possibility of persons leaving the station by other than the prescribed exit where their tickets are duly examined.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obdt. servt.

D. Srinivasa[illegible]
[illegible] Magistrate
Ganjam

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Ganjam Collector's Office.

ENGLISH BRANCH.

PLAGUE.

From

H. D. Taylor, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Acting Collector of
GANJAM.

To

The Plague Commissioner
Madras

Dated Camp ~~Chatrapur.~~ 21st
Despatched 23rd
Received 27th
January 1899.

Dis **No.** 94 D **of 18**99
Eng.

Enc. nil

Subject.

Submitting report called for regarding the evasion of plague Regulations by passengers coming from infected parts.

C No 4615

(D) Dis No. 493 / 4 / Rev of 99

GODAVARI DISTRICT COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Cocanada 1 - 2 - 1899.

4 FEB: 1899

FROM
V. A. Brodie Esq.
COLLECTOR,
Godavari District,

TO
THE Plague Commissioner
Madras.

SIR,

With reference to your circular Ref on C No. 2347 of 98 dated 17th December 1898, I have the honour to state that there have been some cases in this District in which passengers arriving from plague infected parts have evaded the plague Regulations.

2. The Chairman of the Municipal Council Cocanada reports that 18 such cases have been brought to his notice and he has taken the necessary steps to have the delinquents duly prosecuted. He does not however give the details of these cases nor does he report the steps he has taken to prevent the recurrence of such evasion. He ought to have promptly reported to me all these cases under regulations 17 X & XII of the Original Mufassal Regulations and his attention will now be drawn to the omission

3. There have been five cases of evasion of the Plague Regulations in the Rajahmundry Municipality. Two passengers from Lahore to whom passports were issued on 6-11-98 left Rajahmundry for Kovvur without

intimating the change of their residence within the prescribed period of 10 days. Two other passengers arriving from Embells similarly changed their residence from Rajahmundry to Waltair. Two more passengers to whom passports were issued by the Civil Apothecary at Bezwada arrived at Rajahmundry on 22-12-98 and left the place for Pittapur after remaining at the former station for a period of 2 days and without giving any intimation of their departure. The Hospital Assistant on Plague duty at Rajahmundry reported the first case to the Tahsildar of Yernagudem, the second case to the Sanitary Inspector at Waltair and the third to the Deputy Tahsildar of Pittapur. It is not known whether the offenders have been ultimately traced and duly punished. The Chairman of the Municipal Council Rajahmundry should have himself taken prompt steps under Original Mufassal Plague Regulation No 17 IX to trace the offenders and reported the cases to the undersigned then and there. I find that there is some laxity in the Rajahmundry Municipality in the matter of observation of passengers arriving from plague infected parts and the Chairman does not appear to have realized his responsibility in the matter. He appears to have left everything in the hands of the Hospital Assistant on plague duty and does not appear to have made any arrangements to closely supervise the work of the issue of passports & of the observation of passengers halting at Rajahmundry. He has recently reported to me two more cases in which certain passengers from plague infected parts who arrived at Rajahmundry left the station within the period of 10 days without

intimating the change of their res[illegible] local authority. I have called on the Chairman [illegible] more careful enquiries into the whereabouts o[illegible]gers and to report the result to me. He [illegible] requested to make more satisfactory arra[illegible] prevent any recurrence of such cases

4 The Tahsildar of Tanuku Taluk has also reported two cases of evasion of the Plague Regulations. In one case, a passenger who alighted at the Nidadavole Railway station failed to appear before the local Authority for observation. On enquiry it was found that he had proceeded to his native village in Amalapur Taluk where, however, he remained under observation for the prescribed period before the local authority there. No steps were taken to prosecute the man as it was the first case reported to me and as I was convinced that the man had not intentionally eva. observation at Nidadavole. In the second case, it was found that no passport was issued to the passenger by the station master at Nidadavole. The failure of the station master to issue a passport has been duly brought to the notice of the Traffic Superintendent East Coast Railway.

5. ~~The~~ No other cases of evasion have been brought to my notice. I have issued stringent orders to the Chairmen of Municipalities in regard to placing under proper surveillance arrivals from infected areas. I have accordingly also ruled that all passengers arriving from the infected parts should daily present themselves for observation at the Municipal Hospital for the prescribed period & that the movements of these passengers should be closely watched by a special establishment, — say two peons for each Municipality if the existing staff of Municipal servants cannot cope with this additional work. The Chairman or the Municipal Secretary or any other responsible Municipal Servant should also make it a point to closely supervise the work done

REVENUE (1899) DEPARTMENT.

FROM

The COLLECTOR,
Godavari District.

TO

THE Plague Commission
Madras.

D Dis No 453/Rev of 99

Dated 4
Despatched 4 } - 2 - 1899.
Received

SUBJECT.

W.R.
4.2.99

Reporting on the evasion of plague rules in the Godavery District

by this special establishment obtaining from them daily reports of arrivals and departures of passengers under observation and of the passports & intimations issued by the passport-issuing officers. Such an arrangement will I think obviate, to a great extent, the occurrence of cases of evasion of the plague Regulations. No special steps need be taken in the case of other towns and villages where there is very little likelihood of the Regulations being evaded with impunity.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
(Sd) V.A. Brodie.
Collector

P. Sitaramayya
4.2.99
For Collector

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 15/45

16 pages

Progs.
Letter
Ref.

From
The Collector,
Kistna

Dis No. 101/Plague of 1899

Dated 4th February 1899
Received
Registered 6-2-99
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P. C.
6 - FEB. 1899

SUBJECT.

Reporting the means to be adopted to prevent persons from plague infected parts from evading the rules.

BACK PAPERS.

No	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

C.N. 1545

Kistna Collector's Office
Camp Bezwada
4. 2. 99

From,
R. Morris Esqr.
Collector Kistna

To
The Plague Commissioner
Madras.

Sir, With reference to your proceedings dated the 17th December 1898 No 2347. I have the honor to state that there have been only 2 cases in which passengers from infected parts failed to present themselves for observation after taking a passport. Both the cases occurred in the Bezwada Municipality. In one case a Muhammedan who gave his address as at the Jama Masjid failed to appear before the medical officer after four days and attempts to discover him proved useless. In the other case a woman who failed to appear for observation after one day was traced out and fined Rs 5 by the Stationary Sub Magistrate Bezwada.

2 No special steps are taken in the Bezwada Municipality to prevent attempts at such evasions. In the Guntur Municipality, the Maistry in whose ward a passenger coming from plague infected parts takes his lodgings, is informed of the fact of issue of passport and is made to watch the movements of the passenger in his daily rounds.

3. The only suggestion I can make to meet the difficulty you mention is that the officers to whom passport holders have to report themselves, should be required to ask the latter whether they intend to leave the ~~town~~ town shortly and when, and whither they are going, and should be guided accordingly.

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

H. C. Simmons
for Collector.

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 1178

17 heads

Progs.
Letter
Ref.

From The collector of Kurnool

Send me the file as soon as the replies are complete. I do not want a precis from you. [illegible] 28/1/99 So also other files

D.O. No. 104/B 999.

Dated 24 January 99

Received

Registered 29 – 1 – 1899

Enclosures Nil

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SUBJECT.

Stating that no cases of evasion of the plague rules referred to in his Circular No. 2347 of 17.12.98 are reported to have occurred in this District.

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Cuo: 1178

Dis No. 104/P of 99

Kurnool COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Dated 24 January 1899.

FROM
Mahommad Razakhan Esq.,
COLLECTOR OF Kurnool.

TO
THE ~~SECRETARY TO THE~~ Plague COMMISSIONER ~~OF~~
Madras.

Sir,

Adverting to your Circular No. 2347 dated 17.12.98, I have the honour to state that no cases of evasion of the kind therein referred are reported to have occurred in this District. There were a few cases in which through ignorance or disregard of the plague rules passengers failed to appear for full 10 days before the local authority, but the individuals concerned were prosecuted and punished.

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

26/1/99
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Roc No $\frac{1541}{B\&G}$ of 98

Madura Collector's office
21st February 1899.

From
J. G. D. Partridge Esquire
Collector of
Madura

To
The Plague Commissioner
Madras

Sir,

With reference to your circular No Roc 2347 of 1898 dated 17th December 1898, I have the honour to state as follows:—

1. Very few cases of the evasion of passport rules have occurred and passengers are not likely to break their journey here and go elsewhere by rail within 10 days; but instances have occurred in which they have gone by road.

2. If persons give a wrong name or address it would be quite impossible with the present plague preventive staff to trace them. Even if they give the right name and address but do not inform the Plague Inspector of their destination it would be difficult on making local

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Dis No. 2/RC: 99

Malabar Collector's office
Calicut 12th January 1899

From,

G. W. Dance Esqr.
Collector of Malabar

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To,

The Plague Commissioner
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular Roc No. 2347 dated 17th ultimo I have the honor to state that no instance of any evasion of the rules of the kind alluded to in your Circular has been brought to my notice.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obdt. servant.
Respectfully
For Collector.

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Ma/3.1.99

C. No. 195

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From

The Collector of
Malabar

To

The Plague Commissioner
Madras

Dated 1. 1. 99.
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Subject

Stating that there was no instance of evasion of the rules of the kind referred to in the Plague Commr's Cir. No 2347 of 17: Dec 98

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Dis No. 4140/Rev of 1898.

COIMBATORE COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
~~Camp,~~ 23rd December 1898.

FROM
G. H. Mounsey Esq.,
Acting COLLECTOR OF COIMBATORE,

TO
THE Plague Commissioner,
Government office, Fort Saint George.

SIR,

With reference to your circular Reference on Cir. No. 2347 of 98 dated 17th current, I have the honour to reply that I cannot say that evasions of the kind alluded to therein are "commonly" attempted in this District.

2. Two instances occurred at Erode in one of which th persons who arrived from an infected locality — a Muhammadan female without appearing for observati or intimating the change of her residence, left for Mettupalayam and as soon as this was known, intimation was given by the Chairman to the dep Tahsildar of the place. In the other a Muhammad passenger after a few days' observation left his pa with the hospital compounder one morning say that he would return presently but did not tur having started for Trichinopoly as was subsequen found out. His prosecution was sanctioned the rea

of which has not been intimated to this office. A few cases occurred in Coimbatore also in which the arrived persons did not appear for observation and could not be traced at their addresses nor were the endeavours made by the Police to find them out successful. The Police were of opinion that wrong names and addresses must have been given.

3. I would suggest the following means for meeting the difficulty. In municipal towns which are Railway stations the municipal employés and at other stations on the line of a Railway which are Police stations, one of the constables attached to the station House must call daily once preferably in the evening at the residences of the persons arrived and satisfy themselves that they continue to remain in the places for 10 days and if by questioning them, the municipal employes or the Police constables should find that the persons intend to leave the places, they must get themselves informed of the time at, and the place for, which they start so that arrangements may be made at the Railway stations to have their tickets marked. The owner or occupier of every house or the keeper of every hotel, chuttram or other place of public resort in which such persons reside, must also be required by a written notice issued by proper uthority, e.g. the Local Magistrate or the Police and duly rved on him on the date of the arrival of the persons as soon thereafter as possible to give intimation any change of residence of such persons on the eve thereof. This ight prevent the practice as it will, I think, render owner be liable to criminal action under section 188. lian Penal code.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
your most obedient servant

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 1221

19 Feb

Progs.
Letter
Ref. C No. 2347 of 98

From The Collector of Nellore.

Ref No. 88

Dated 26th January 1899.
Received 29 - 1 - 1899
Registered 30 - 1 - 1899
Enclosures
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SUBJECT.

Stating that there have been no cases of evasions of Plague Regulations in this District.

of which has not been intimated to this office. A few cases ...

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NELLORE COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
DATED 26th January 1899.

Ref No. 88/Eng

From C. M. Mullaly Esquire
Collector of Nellore.

To the Plague Commissioner
Madras

Sir,

With reference to your Circular Reference on C No. 2347 of 1898 dated 17th December 1898 I have the honour to state that there have been no cases of evasions of Plague Regulations in this District.

I regret the delay in sending this reply which is due to non-receipt of reports from some of the Divisional officers.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Collector

[Eng ; 18-9-98.]

27-1-99

From the Collector of
Nellore.

To

Dated

No.

Subject.

Cir 2684

Please quote the following number
in full when replying

NILGIRI COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

OOTACAMUND, 25th Decr 1898.

Plague

REF. ON B.G No. 1218 - 28

20 Decr

FROM

A Butterworth Esquire I.C.S
of COLLECTOR OF
the Nilgiris,

TO

The Plague Commissioner
Madras

SIR,

ENCLOSURES.

In reply to your Circular Ref on Current No. 2347 dated 17th Instant I have the honour to state that no such evasions as are referred to have come to my notice as there are no Railway stations open in this district at which passengers by rail could break their journeys.

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

for Collector.

Copied by
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Plague DEPARTMENT.

C.No. 2684

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF

NILGIRIS.

TO

THE Plague Commissioner

Madras

Dated 25 } Dec 1898
Despatched
Received

B.G. No. 1218-98

ENCLOSURES.

SUBJECT.

Stating that no plague Passengers from infected parts break their journey as there are no railway stations

30/12/98

C.No. 1446

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 1446.

Progs.
Letter
Ref.

From The Ag Collector
Salem

No. 260/P

Dated 2nd February 1899

P.C.
3-FEB.1899

Received

Registered 3-2-99

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Submitting report regarding the evasion of rules by passengers coming from infected parts.

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C No. 1446

No. 260/P

SALEM COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

2nd February 1899.

2-2-99

FROM

Robert B. Clegg ESQ.,

ag COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,

Salem.

21/P

TO

THE ~~SECRETARY TO THE~~ Plague COMMISSIONER ~~OF~~ Fort St. George

Madras.

Print in full

SIR,

With reference to your circular No. 2347 dated 17th December 1898 I have the honour to state that evasions of the kind are not common in the district except at Vaniembady. The Chairman Municipal Council Vaniembady states that a no. of persons arriving from infected areas leave either on the same day or the next day without intimation and that it is not possible to trace them owing to the addresses given in the C passports being false or inaccurate. My orders are that if a person fails to appear for observation within 24 hours after receipt of duplicate passport ~~intimation~~ the local authority should enquire and find him out and that in every case in the absence of satisfactory explanation persons committing a breach of the passport rules should be prosecuted. The effect of these prosecutions and the enforcement of the provisions of Regulation I of the original [illegible] Regulations, I expect, will go a long way to check these evasions. We have also to rely upon the good sense of the people themselves who are not ignorant of the advantage of keeping out arrivals from infected areas.

These evasions may be further met in any one of the following ways.

(1) By requiring every person arriving from an infected area to produce a pass signed by ~~the~~ an Official of the place he comes from, showing his correct residence and address so that he may be successfully traced and punished in case of evasion.

2) Detaining every traveller at the Station at which he alights unless he is known to the passport-issuing officer or produces one or two sureties for his appearance when required.

3) To escort the traveller from the Railway Station to his house as suggested by Mr. Hammick in para 7 of his diary printed in G.O. No. 1220 P dated 3rd October 1898.

It is obvious, however, that the above proposals are impracticable and cannot be adopted. I cannot think of any better system than the one now in vogue.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
R.A. Collins
For Ag. Collector

Copied by [illegible]

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(189)

P. C.
25 JAN. 1899

CURRENT No. 6042

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Letter
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From The Ag Collector of Tanjore

D Dis No. 286/Rev of 1899

Dated 21st January 1899

DESPATCHED 24 JAN. 1899

Received 25-1-99

Registered 25-1-1899

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SUBJECT.

Reporting how evasions of plague rules are practised, and what precautions have been taken to check them.

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D Dis No. $\frac{286}{Rev}$ of 1899

Tanjore Collector's Office
January 1899

C B 1042

From J Guille Esquire
Ag Collector of
Tanjore

To The Plague Commissioner,
Madras.

Sir,

In reply to your Circular Ref on Cir No. 2347 of 1898, I have the honor to say that out of a total of 1650 persons who should have arrived in the district 160 have not been traced. It is impossible to say in what particular manner the regulations were evaded in these cases.

2. Twenty five persons who had received passports changed their residence without giving previous intimation. (a)

(a) In 8 of these Cases - the travellers were reported to have gone to Bangalore.

(b) 11. - they Could not be traced beyond Tiruvadi a village 7 miles from Tanjore off the railway.

(c) 3. - they were traced to Mannargudi

(d) 1. - they were reported to have gone to Tuticorin

(e) 2 - the travellers belong to this district.

2. From the above, it will be seen ~~that the~~ that the trick of evading observation by rebooking is very little practised in this district.

In Case (a) there was obviously no such trick.

In Case (b) it seems unlikely: and in Cases (c) (d) and (e) the trick may or may not have been practised.

3. No special precautions have been taken, and indeed it is difficult to see what special precautions are possible Except to take immediate action when a person under observation fails to appear. We must trust to the deterrent Effect of punishment

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
[illegible]
For Acting Collector
23.1.99

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 507

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From
E. Scott Esquire
Collector of Tinnevelly

Order

Dis. D. No. 35 - Sl.

Dated 7th January 99.

Received

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Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

(Reply to Ref C No 2847
17-12-98)

Infn. for office

(Letter from the Collr
stitched with Procgs.
308. A.)

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For acting Collector

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 6445

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From The Collector of
Trichinopoly

Order

No. 221

Dated 23-1-1899

Received 25-1-1899

Registered 25-1-1899

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SUBJECT.

Regarding the evasion of plague regulations and rules

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TRICHINOPOLY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

CAMP,

D. Dis. No. 221/Rev of 99

Dated 23d January 1899.

DESPATCHED 24 JAN. 1899

FROM R. H. Shipley Esqr.
~~The~~ COLLECTOR OF
Trichinopoly,

P. C. 25 JAN 1899

TO The Plague Commissioner
Madras

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SIR,

With reference to your Circular R.C 2347/1898, dated 17th December 1898, I have the honour to inform you that such cases of evasion have occurred in this District, but they do not seem to bear a large proportion to the number of cases under observation. I do not see how it can be stopped without a system of espionage which by its very unpopularity — if not expense — would in all probability defeat its own object.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. servt.

Thandava Rau
For Collector

#9 C N 827

~~Board of Revenue.~~

Plague (1897) Department.

General Register No. 26 Jan 99

Resolution.

From The Collector Vizagapatam

No. 121

Dated 10 January 1899

Received

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Enclosures

P. C. 20 JAN [illegible]

SUBJECT.

Reporting that no such cases of evasion as are referred to in his no 2347 dated 17th December 1898 have occurred in this district

C. No. 827

~~R. O.~~ / Dis. No. 121

Vizagapatam Collector's Office,
Dated 11 January 1899

FROM

W. C. Horne Esqr.
Collector,
Vizagapatam District,

To

The Plague Commissioner
~~Secretary to Government~~
~~Department~~,
Madras.

Sir,

In reply to your circular Reference on C. no 2347 of 1898 dated 17th December 1898, I have the honour to report that no such cases of evasions as are referred to therein have yet occurred in this district.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

For Collector

From

The Collector

Vizagapatam

The Plague Commissioner

Madras

Reporting that no such cases of evasion as are referred to in his no. 2347 dated 17th December 1898 have occurred in this district

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 210

27 [illegible]

From The President M. C.
Madras

Order

H. No. 1187

Dated 5-1-1899
Received 6-1-1899
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SUBJECT.

Forwarding correspondence stating that 2 percentage of arrivals from plague infected areas are not traceable.

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Special
Plague Duty
4 January
Special
on Plague Duty

Health Officer
Municipal Commission
Madras

With reference to Circular No 2347 dated 17th December 1898 from the Plague Commissioner, I beg to report that it is only in very rare cases that passengers leave this place for other stations without giving intimation to the inspecting officers, as they are properly and clearly instructed on the matter both by the Perambore platform staff when they issue passports and by the passport examiners in the city on the 1st and succeeding days of observation when the passengers come to their office.

2. Even in such cases, the Inspecting Officers have been giving timely notice to the Divisional Sanitary Inspectors and to the Station house officers of the respective divisions in Madras to trace out the

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Plague Report

No. 1001.

Cus 210

OFFICE OF THE Special SANITARY INSPECTOR,
on Plague Duty ~~DIVISION~~,

Madras, 4 January 1899.

From
Special THE SANITARY INSPECTOR,
on Plague Duty ~~Division~~.

To
The Health Officer
Municipal Commission
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~~Sanitary Inspector.~~
~~Division.~~

passengers and inform the same to the inspecting Officers for information.

3. Further the inspecting officers have been watching the movements of the passengers in their residence every now and then with a view to evade such things.

4. As regards the latter part of the circular, I beg to suggest that the owners of the houses, and the managers of respective hotels, Chattrams &c. should be held responsible for giving correct information as to the change of address.

I beg to remain
Sir
Your most obedient servant
V. Bushyam Naidu
Special Sanitary Dep. on Plague
Duty. In M.C.
4-1-99

P. C.

The President
Sir.
There are about 2% of arrivals that we cannot trace at all.
4.1.99

No 1187 / 5.1.99

Forwarded to Madras Commissioner
5.1.99
[illegible]
President

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~~Desp today~~

- ~~South Arcot~~ ✓
- ~~Bellary~~ ✓
- Ganjam ✓
- ~~Godavari~~ ✓
- ~~Kistna~~ ✓
- Kurnool ✓
- Madura ✓
- Nellore ✓
- ~~Salem~~ ✓
- ~~Tanjore~~ ✓
- ~~Trichinopoly~~ ✓

~~NOTE FOR THE~~

Reminder No 2

To
The Collr
Sir,
I have the honor to request ~~you~~ the favour of an early reply to my ~~[illegible]~~ Ref on C No 2347 of 17 Dec 1898 regarding the evasion of rules by passengers coming from infected parts

24/1/99
For P.C.

~~use printed form~~

Note
First Reminder sent on 11-1-99.

28/1.

S.D.

3d Reminder - Telegram
(despatch after seeing todays telegram)

Please expedite reply my reference 2347 December Seventeenth.

2/2/99 for P.C.

Despd
2/2/99

To be verified just before despatch

Despd 24/1/99

To, The Collrs of Godavari, Kistna, Madura & Salem

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Df today

Ref on C No 2347 of 1898

I have the honour to request you to

~~The Collector~~ of

× ...... ~~is requested~~

to expedite ~~his~~ your reply

to the Ref on C No 2347 of

17th Dec 1898, regarding the

evasion of rules by passengers

coming from infected

parts.

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~~Vizagapatam~~

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Desp'd 11/1/99.

Hd Cl. Will be verified just before despatch

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P.E

NOTE FOR THE S. C.

Reply is still due from the Collr of Madura. Reminders were sent by post on 11 & 24th Jan & by telegram on 2d Feb.

2. The passport rules like any other rules, perfect or imperfect, are apt to be evaded but it has not been proved that railway passengers have by evading these rules been the means of spreading infection. Nothing seems necessary, beyond prompt prosecution ~~and~~ for default, and endeavours to enlist the co-operation of the people themselves. Vide Salem reply

Lucy
7/2/89

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To all Collrs (A. F. & H.)
S.C. ✓
S.G. ✓
President Mcl Madras.

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—— A.

ES TO C. No. 862

Proceedings – A-

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