

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

(1899)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 400

Dated 10-2-99

Despatched 11-2-99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Recading with remarks, North Arcot
Collector's proceedings issuing instructions
for the grant of several passes to those
who attend the weekly market on
Sinner side of the Mysore frontier.

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FROM

THE COLLECTOR AND

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,

North Arcot.

To.

The Mysore Commission
Madras.

No. of Enclosures.

Letter, dated 31-12-1898.

P. O. No. 730 of 1898.

SUBJECT.

Forwarding a copy
of the Proceedings of
the Collector, issuing
instructions for the
grant of feneral
passes to those
who attend the weekly
markets on either side
of the Mysore frontier.

For Mysore

This copy will be
forwarded to the
Mysore Commission
for their consideration.

Despatched 11/2/99
Passport holders returning to Mysore to be
checked at the Station

With the result of
the object of recent notification
of Railways Stations and
Mysore Commission Regd 17
is to ensure that persons
traveling from an infected
area to a healthy area,
even within the same
district, shall take out
a passport. As regards
passports in frontier villages, the
Mysore Commission is for passport

See under

Grass No. 100 of 10-2-99
Papers put up

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Plague
His no 730 of 98.
Proceedings of the Ag collector of North Arcot dated
31-12-98.

Read the following papers: -

Letter no 153 dated 26-11-98 from the civil -
apothecary of Palmaner to the Special Plague officers requesting
that general passes may be issued to persons from
Mysore province who attend the weekly market at
Palmaner and return to their villages the same
evening and that they may be thus exempted
from observation and the Special Plague officers
endorsement thereon stating that the authorities
in Mysore should be requested to issue such
general passes.

Letter no 76 dated 2-12-98 from the officer
in charge of the Road Frontier Inspection station
at Melkuppam stating that people from malla-
bagal, Vangul, and Chintamani in Mysore
province frequently pass by his station to attend
the weekly markets held in the villages of
Palmaner, Sahib and Pungur on condition that it
is difficult to bring these people under observation
as they leave the villages as soon as the market
is over and as the duplicate passports do not
generally reach, the local authorities before the
market is over and recommending that either
general passes may be issued to them or they
may be exempted from the habit of taking
out passports as there have been no plague cases
yet in the villages from which they come.

Letter no 97, dated 6-12-98 from the Special
Plague officer recommending that a single pass-
port may be issued to petty traders and others
residing in this district who frequently go to
villages in Mysore province for the purpose of
attending weekly markets held there instead
of a passport for every ten days as laid down in
G.O. no 1080 P. dated 15-9-98 and that the officers
in charge of the Road Frontier Inspection stations
at Kilagiri and Melkuppam be authorized to issue

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under Regulation 31 (page 35 of the Plague Regulations) to exempt from the habit of taking out passports persons to whom that Regulation is applicable. Letter No 122, dated 14-12-98 from the Special Plague officer requesting that people from Kuppam who proceed by rail to attend the weekly markets held at Bowringpet, Gudipalle, Kamasanthram, and Jalarpet may be exempted from the habit of taking out passports on their return.

Letter No 123, dated 14th December 1898 from the Special Plague officer recommending the issue of general Passes to persons residing in and around Gudipalle, Bisamattam, and Mulapur to proceed to Kuppam frequently for the purpose of attending the weekly markets held there. ^{But the right to issue passes is not in the hands of the Special Plague officer. It is in the hands of the District Officer.} From the papers read above, it is observed that the difference between passports and passes (Regulation 29 page 35 of the Madras Plague Regulations and Rules) has not been clearly understood. Passports are issued to persons coming into this district from an infected area and passes to persons leaving an infected area within the district. As there is no infected area within this district, no passes can be issued to persons of the class referred to in the first three of the papers read above. It is not also desirable to depend solely upon the passes that may be issued in the Mysore province. Passports should therefore be issued to every person coming into this district from villages in the Mysore provinces, but in the case of petty traders and others who cross the frontier very frequently to attend the weekly markets held on either side of the frontier, it is not necessary that passports should be issued every time they come into this district. It is enough if passports are issued to them once in each period of ten days. Thus if a person

coming from a village in Mysore province is given a passport on the 1st of the month he need not be given another passport if he returns to his village and reappears at the frontier station on any day and producing the passport already given to him. If he appears on or after the 11th or if he appears before the 11th without the passport already given to him, he should be given another passport.

2. The Medical officers at the Frontier Inspection stations need not concern themselves as to whether plague cases have occurred or not in the villages from which the travellers come. The whole of the Mysore province has been declared an infected area and it is necessary therefore to issue passports to every one coming from that province.

3. Next as regards the difficulty of observing the class of people referred to above, the medical officers are informed that they should arrange to send the duplicate passports to the local authorities concerned with due speed so that they may reach the places of destination along with or in advance of the passport holders. If the places of destination are near the frontier, the duplicate passport should be sent through the P. O. or the Police Constable and if they are far away from the frontier, the system of sending the duplicate passport through the headmen of the successive villages should be adopted. The Tahsildars of Palmaner and the Deputy Tahsildars of Kungundi and Dunganur will also issue strict orders to the local authorities of the places where such weekly markets are held directing them always to be present at such weekly markets and to take the necessary steps for observing such itinerant passport holders. Finally when such passport holders return to their villages the Medical officers at the Frontier station

should see whether they have obtained the signatures of the local authorities in token of their having been kept under observation and if no such signatures have been obtained they should bring the omission to the notice of the Tahsildar or the Deputy Tahsildar concerned in view to their taking due steps for prosecuting the passport holders and for taking notice of the conduct of the local authorities responsible for the omission.

4 Next as regards the traders and others of the class referred to above who travel frequently by rail on the Bangalore-Jabalpet line, the Collector wishes it to be understood that the Railway stations of Pacher, Mulanur, Kuppam, Jodupalle and Bisanattur have been declared to be infected simply to prevent passengers from Bangalore from booking or rebooking at any of these stations. It may be presumed therefore that passengers travelling from any one of the above stations to any other station nearer to Bangalore on the same line need not be treated as coming from an infected area. Only those who come from stations within the Mysore province and those who travel from any of the above stations to stations further from Bangalore should be treated as coming from infected areas. To those who come from places within the Mysore province passports should be given invariably once in each period of ten days as laid down in para 1 above. To those who come from infected Railway stations within this district, the Deputy Tahsildar of Kargundi is authorised under Regulation 29 (page 38 of the Madras Plague Regulations and Rules) to grant general passes in form III as printed in page 44 of the Madras Plague Regulations and Rules.

5 Before issuing such passes, the Deputy Tahsildar should make out a list of persons who really require such passes for the sole purpose of attending weekly markets after careful inquiries

and should include in such list only persons who are in great need of passes.

North Arcot collection
officer. Chittoor
dated 31-12-98
Rr.

Admission at Durgam
for Mr. Collector.

To

Mr Scott Elliot, Staff Corps officer on
plague duty.

Instruct Medical and sanitary officers,
Subcollector, Head Quarter Deputy
Collector, the Tahsildar of Palmaner,
the Deputy Tahsildars of 'Kargundi'
and 'Bijapur' the Medical officers
in charge of Road Franks Inspection
stations -

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To The Plague Commissioner.

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