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L & M
Revenue (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 617 P

DATED 26/4/99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Passports

Communicating to the Resident at Hyderabad a copy of the Plague Commissioner's letter considering that the Plague ~~Commissioner~~ officials at Perambore were right in issuing _____ to Mrs Cox and party, in as much as their tickets bore the special plague mark and that it is not known at what inspecting station and by whom the tickets were punched.

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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 857 P

From The Plague Commr

Order

No. 1109

For order
See list

Dated 21-
Received 24-
Registered 24- } April '99

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SUBJECT.

Stating that he agrees with the President
M.C. Maoras, in considering that the
Plague officials at Panambour were
right in issuing passports to Mrs Cox &
in as much as their tickets bore the
Plague mark, that it is not known at what
Inspection Station & by whom the tickets were
issued & that a circular has been issued calling
on the mail offices in charge of inspection
to exercise greater care in the
issuing of tickets.

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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 7228

Encl No. 79 99 10.4.99

Referred to the Plague
Commissioner for remarks.

A. G. Livingston From
For Secretary to Govt.

The Public Dept

Ref memo 4/56 d/12-4-1899

Forwarded to the
President, M. C. Madras, for
favour of report.

Encl No. 958

Dated

Received

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Plague Commissioner

11/4/99

To

The Presd., M. C. with

2 encl: to be returned.

SUBJECT.

Transferring letter from the President at Hy-
drabad reporting for such action as may
appear necessary that Mrs Cox, the wife of Major
Cox, and her family ^{who arrived} from Secunder-
bad were treated by the plague officials at
Punambur as passengers from an infected
area, although ^{they} holding certificates to
the effect that they were free from in-
fectious disease and in no way ex-
posed to the contagion of plague.

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Public (1899.) Department.

CURRENT No. 1010.

L.M. 9228

From The Resident at
Hyderabad.

Order Endorsement No. 958
d/6-4-99

Transferred to the
L & M Dept.

No. 1791.

to be kept

By: Under Secretary

Dated 27. 3. 99

Received }
Registered } 29. 3. 99

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SUBJECT.

Reporting, for such action as may
appear necessary, that Mrs Cox, the
wife of Major Cox, and her family,
who were passengers from Secunderabad
were treated by the Bazaar officials
as passengers from infected area,
although holding certificates of
them being free from infectious disease
and in no way exposed to the contagion
of plague.

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Political Office.

CURRENT NO. 1010

No. 1791 of 1899.



FROM

Sir Trevor Chichele-Powden, K. C. S. I.,

RESIDENT AT HYDERABAD,

TO

The Chief Secretary to the

Government of Madras,

Madras.

Dated Hyderabad Residency, the 27 March 1899.

SIR,

I have the honour to communicate the following facts for the information of the Governor in Council and for the issue of such orders as, after consideration of the circumstances, may appear to His Excellency to be called for.

2. On the 5th March last Major Cox of the Royal Iniskilling Fusiliers obtained from the Medical Officer in charge of plague operations, Secunderabad, a certificate for his family who were proceeding on the 6th March 1899 to Coonoor via Madras. The certificate granted was to the effect that Mrs. Cox and child; the nurse and a native servant were free from infectious disease and had in no way been exposed to the contagion of plague, Secunderabad not being a plague infected area.

3. On reaching Perambur the plague officials at that station treated Mrs. Cox and her family as passengers from an infected area and required her on arrival at Madras to present herself along with her nurse and child daily at the police station for inspection. When leaving for Coonoor Mrs. Cox was

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further required to sign an undertaking to report herself personally at the Coonoor police station for a period of ten days.

4. I have examined the plague rules of the Madras Government and find no precise direction requiring all persons to present themselves at the police station for ten days. On the contrary the rules, like those of other provinces, seem directed against persons arriving from a plague infected area, or who are, for other reasons, likely to introduce the disease; while discretion is also given to exempt from the requirements of the rules, persons who do not come within the above category.

In regard to the case under notice I have the honour to invite the attention of His Excellency the Governor in Council to the fact that Secunderabad and Hyderabad are free from plague and have never yet been infected and that therefore, even without the Principal Medical Officer's certificate, the case of Mrs. Cox was one in which, His Excellency in Council would no doubt hold, a discretion was given to the plague officials to exempt from rigorous restrictions. I report the facts in the interests of the travelling public and for such action as may appear necessary to His Excellency the Governor in Council.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Thos. Chichester-Clark
RESIDENT.

c/o. Fritz Simon Esq.,
Villa Louise,
March 8th.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to ask you if it is necessary for me and my little boy and English nurse to be examined at the Police station. There was some mistake made about our tickets from Secunderabad. We come from a non-infected place and I am sending you Col. Little's certificate. It is very awkward for me having to go every day to the Police Station. I am here only till Friday evening and then go to Coonoor. Will you kindly let me know what to do about this and also if you could send some one to see us every day it would be more convenient. I shall want my certificate back as I have a native servant travelling with me. His ticket was not marked with the plague mark so he is all right and need not be examined here. The certificate will be useful on our way to Coonoor.

Yours sincerely,

/Sd/ Marie Cox.

(True copy)

J. L. Comman
Health Officer.

18/4/99

H. No. 151
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

Municipal Office,

Madras, 19 April 1899.

From

The Hon'ble Lieut. Col. Sir George Moore, Kt. C.I.E

President, Municipal Commission,

To

The Plague Commissioner,

MADRAS.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 4156 dated 12th April 1899 on Current No. 722 P (herewith returned) I have the honour to state that passports were issued to Mrs. Cox, child and nurse because their Tickets were punched.

The Perambore plague officials were perfectly right in their action.

On the evening of the 8th March I received a letter from Mrs. Cox (copy herewith) and to save her any inconvenience I left my reply at her residence the first thing next morning and informed the Health Officer (copy attached) - It will be seen that Mrs. Pickin - the Passport Inspectress - was at once instructed to visit Mrs. Cox.

It is unnecessary for me to say any more - the Resident's remarks can be disposed of by you - I would only say a little discretion may be a dangerous thing.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

George Moore Lt.-Col.

President, Munl. Commn.

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There seems to have been some mistake about this.

I have told Mrs. Cox the Inspectress will meet her

at her residence.

If she need not have a passport better tell her

so. I don't know what the instructions along the line

are. Perambore was right.

(Intld) G.M.J.M.
9-3-99.

Mrs. Pickin.

(Intld) J.W.C.

9-3-99.

Reg. No. 760

9-3-99.

Mrs. Pickin.

(Intld) V.B.

9-3-99.

(True copy)

J. H. S.
Lt. J.H.S.,

Health Officer.

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Plague Commission's Office
Madras, 14th April 1894

Circular.

The Plague Commission regrets to find that the punching of tickets at Railway Inspection Stations is most carelessly performed, tickets of passengers from uninfected areas being constantly punched. He must insist upon this work being done by a responsible officer, for the annoyance caused by wrong punching and the consequent liability to take out a passport is very great.

J. S. M. S. S. S.
15/4/94

for Plague Commission

all
15/4/94

The Medical Officers of Railway Inspection Stations.

Copy to the Collectors of Bellary, Anantapur, Kistna, N. Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, Kurnool, S. Arcot & Chingleput.
Copy to the President, Municipal Commission Madras.

H. S.
15/4/94

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Plague Commissioner's Office,
FORT ST. GEORGE,

Dated 21st April 1899

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From

L. E. BUCKLEY, Esq., I.C.S.,

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER,

The Secretary to Government,
Local & Municipal Department.

*By P.C.'s letter
communicated to
at Hyderabad with
in letter 179th d. 27 March 99.
a minute which occurred
the P.C.'s circular
present a similar case in
26.4.99*

With reference to your endorsement No. 79 P,
dated 10th April 1899, the enclosures to which are herewith
returned, I have the honour to forward letter H. No. 151/B.P
dated 19-4-99 from the President, Municipal Council, Madras. I
agree with him in considering that the plague officials were
right in issuing passports to the individuals, inasmuch as
their tickets bore the special plague mark. The tickets -
having been once punched, the Perambore officials would have
neglected their instructions if they had not insisted upon
the travellers taking out passports, even though they were
travelling from an uninfected area. It very frequently -
happens, though I do not for a moment insinuate that this was
the case in the present instance, that in order to evade the
passport rules, persons book from an infected area to a non-
infected one and rebook from the latter and proceed to their
destination by the same train or by the next train, and in
such cases, the second tickets are punched, in order that
passports may be issued to them at the places where they finally
alight. The rules require that every holder of a
punched ticket should take out a passport. In the present
case the blame lies on the officer who wrongly punched the
tickets and not on the officer who issued the passports,
whose sole guide is the special punch mark on the tickets.
It is not known at what inspecting station and by whom the
tickets were punched. Numerous instances of irregular

*The President
Hyderabad
with P.C.
for Co. P.
C. P. P.
Sh. P. P.
President.*

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punching have come to my notice and have been dealt with individually. In consequence of continued carelessness - in this matter a circular has been recently issued - calling on the Medical Officers in charge of inspecting-stations to exercise greater care in this work. (vide - copy enclosed).

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. S. Mascarenhas
22/4/99
for Plague Commissioner.

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22.4.99
R.C.

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READ AGAIN G.O., No. 189

DATED

CURRENT No.

ENCLOSURES TO C. No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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