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Local and Municipal Department

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Read the following paper:—

G.O. No. 692 P. dated 9th May 1899.

Order No. 764 P. Mis dated 22nd May 1899

With reference to G.O. No. 692 P. dated 9th May 1899, the attention of all Collectors is drawn to the order of the Government of India contained in the letter printed in G.O. No. 816 M. dated 6th April 1897, in which it is stated that "it is not necessary to disinfect.. "…. the clothes and personal effects of persons who are not themselves suffering from infection or show suspicious symptoms "unless such clothes and personal effects are dirty or in such a "condition as to raise a suspicion that they may be contaminated." The order is of course to be read subject to this limitation.

(True Extract)

R. S. Mascarenhas
29/5/99

for Acting Secretary to Government

To

All Collectors.
the Sanitary Commissioner.
the Surgeon-General.
the Marine Department
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SUBJECT.

Suggesting to Govt. with remarks the desirability of altering, in consultation with the Sanity. Commr. if necessary, the policy of Govt. laid down in G.O. No. 8559 of 19-8-98 in the matter of detention at frontier inspection stations of passengers suspected to be suffering from plague or suspected of arriving from plague infected areas.

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From The Sanitary Commissioner for Madras

No. 24 P / 7

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SUBJECT.

Note on the suggestion of the Plague Commissioner re the detention at frontier inspection Stations of passengers suspected to be suffering from plague or suspected of arriving from plague infected areas.

Manager, SC's Office & PA to P.C.
written to for papers 26.4.99.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings :—

Again G.O., No. dated 189 .

Heading only ? Again G.O., No. 855 P dated 19 - 8 - 1898.

Current No. 740 P of 1899, dated 7. 4. 99, from the Plague Commr.

" " 772 P " 1899 " 15. 4. 99 , " the Sanitary Commr.

" " " 189 , " , "

Draft ORDER. No. 692 P of 9. 5. 99

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To all Colrs. (A, B, F, G, H)
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etc.

Marine Dept.
Political Dept.
President M C Madras.
Resident in Mysore with covering letter

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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SUBJECT.

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FOR ORDERS.

Whether the suggestions made by Mr. Buckley may be carried out. I submit there is no objection to them. The point which sh^d be insisted on is that detention for disinfection sh^d be as rigorous as before, while detention of persons in good health, from affected parts should only be for disinfection & not for observation, unless they are clearly persons who will probably stay away & not go to the destination they mention. — This is important that orders sh^d issue soon on the point as, if fewer people than hitherto are to be detained, the rebuilding of the Tungabudra Camp need not be on such a large scale as before — The sheds there are in grave disrepair

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None. It is high time they were carried out.

AL 8.5.99.

~~Order~~

~~His Excellency the Govt in Council~~

Plague Commissioner's Office,
Madras 7th April 1899.

Ref. On. C. No.3991.

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Assistt Secy to Go. Local Muni Edl & Leg Dept
8 APR 1899

Note for L. & M. Department.

Endt No. 83P of 11-4-99

Forwarded to the Sanitary Commissioner for favor of very early remarks.

M Hammick
11: iv: 99. Ag Sec L & M Dept

Under Additional Regulation 5 the following persons may be stopped at the frontier:-

(a) those suspected of plague,

(b) those suspected of arriving from an infected locality.

The latter may be stopped for disinfection or may be detained if they appear suspicious by reason of their appearance, the dirty condition of their clothes, or the fact that they are travelling in gangs, or belong to classes which are likely to disseminate the disease, or cannot be traced on arrival at destination or depended upon to give information should plague occur among them after arrival at their destination, or for any other reason.

In G. O. No.855P/19-8-98 L & M, Collectors were ordered to work the detention rule strictly, making detention the rule rather than the exception. The result has been as follows:-(figures are not absolutely correct, but reliable enough for general deductions)-

484 persons have been detained under (a) as being suspected of plague, of these 46 or about 10 per cent have developed plague. So far good.

Nearly 21,000 persons have been detained under (b). 9,000 have been detained for disinfection only, and about

12,000 for other reasons; of the latter only 12 or 1 per mille have developed plague. Is it worth while continuing the annoyance and inconvenience that detention must cause? Can we not rely upon frontier inspection supported by the passport system? Our present policy has largely reduced the number of travellers (the railways are howling), and if detention was the exception and not the rule numbers would be almost certain to rise again; and it is possible that then the percentage of people passed healthy at the frontier and developing plague subsequently might increase, for practically none dare travel by rail now unless they consider themselves in very good health; but the risk seems a slight one- and no greater than those we accept by the inoculation concessions. People from infected parts would be stopped freely as heretofore for disinfection of person and clothing etc. The latter is really far more likely to carry infection than the individual. If the 12,000 had been detained for 1 day for disinfection, instead of 10 we should have spent less by $\frac{12,000 \times 2 \times 9\cancel{\text{Rs}}}{16}$ or Rs.13,500 on food alone; we should require less accommodation and a reduced staff at camps. Certain classes, e.g., bairagis, would continue to be detained, if considered unlikely to conform to passport rules. 5
At the same time I would not withdraw from frontier inspection officers the wide discretion they have to stop any one they consider necessary. We pass rail-borne goods freely, admitting that disinfection is impracticable, though our

sanitary advisers tell us that there is danger in the course we take.

My proposal comes to this , that:-

(1)detention for disinfection should be freely enforced as now,

(2)detention for observation(when there are no direct symptoms of plague) should be the exception and not the rule save in the case of persons who can give no satisfactory information at their destination, or who cannot be relied upon to conform to the passport rules.

There may be objections to the proposals which I do not see, or perhaps I underestimate the danger that such a policy would involve. Perhaps Sanitary Commissioner may be consulted.

7/4/99

For Plague Commissioner.

H.S.
7.4.99

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No. 24 P / J

NOTE by the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, dated 15th Apri

REFERENCE :- L and M Department Endorsement NO: 83 P dated 11-4-1899.

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The Order requiring that " detention should be the rule rather than the exception " referred to by the Plague Commissioner was passed during my absence on leave: otherwise I certainly should have advised against it. It is, in my opinion, directly opposed to the policy pervading the Additional Regulations. I found it in force in November in the Bellary District,x and suggested its abolition in my Notes on the Hospet Camp. If the suggestions of the Plague Commissioner are carried out, they represent a desirable return to the arrangements really intended by the Additional Regulations, namely, a complete system of observation as opposed to land quarantine.

x para 15, on page flagged Z in P.C's Progs 638/6399 put up. Bellary Collr's reply to the above paragraph is flagged Y

2. I, therefore, fully agree with the Plague Commissioner, but in regard to his proposal number 2, in his penultimate para., I would make it distinctly understood that the Regulations should be strictly interpreted, and that no discretion should be allowed as to "detention," unless the person (a) presented symptoms of plague, (b) suspected plague

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W G King

Lieut-Colonel, I.M.S.

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

Madras
15th April 1899.

The Inspection notes on [illegible] Hospital Camp referred to in the Sanitary Commissioner's letter No 226 P dated 15th April 1899 [illegible] Sent to the Plague Commissioner on the 16th December 1898. There [illegible] Sent no official requisition [illegible] for the Personal assistant to Plague Commissioner the papers [illegible] office copy has been [illegible].

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Note for the Plague Assistant

Orders have been passed on the paper herein referred in D P G.O. No 692 P dy 9.5.99 herewith submitted –

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Let me have a copy of this G.O. at once (ordering)
[illegible] 12/5/99

Submitted
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NOTE FOR the Plague Head clerk L & M Dept:

The Inspection notes on Hospet Camp referred to in the Sanitary Commissioner's letter No 24 P dated 15th April 1899 was sent to the Plague Commissioner on the 16th December 1898. Please send an official requisition to the Personal assistant to Plague Commissioner for the paper. Our office copy has been mislaid.

Balachandran
Ministerial Asst
to Plague Commr

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NOTE FOR THE Hd Clerk
L & M Dept Plague Branch

With reference to your note for the Personal Asst to the Plague Commr regarding certain papers in connection with Ref on C No 3991 d/7-4-99 I am directed by the Personal Asst to inform you that if any papers are wanted an offl requisition shd be sent.

Hd Clerk
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NOTE FOR THE Manager,
Sanitary Commissioner's
Office.

In his No. 2?P/J dated 15.4.99, which is a reply to L & M Dept. Endt. No. 83 P d/ 11.4.99, the Sanitary Commissioner refers (para 1) to his notes on the Hospet Camp wherein he says he recommended the "abolition" of the order requiring ~~that~~ "detention "should be the rule "rather than the "exception" The order referred to is G.O. No 855 P. of 98. We have not been able to trace the "Notes on the Hospet Camp" They are required very urgently. Will you

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Order—No. 855 P., dated 19th August 1898.

The attention of the medical officers in charge of the plague inspection stations at Hospet and Tungabhadra should be drawn to the necessity of greater strictness than has hitherto been observed in the exercise of their powers to detain railway passengers coming from places believed by them to be infected with plague. Under Mufassal Regulation 14 (page 13 of the Madras Plague Regulations and Rules) the inspecting medical officer can detain all such passengers as are unable to satisfy him that they are proceeding to any fixed place of residence. Additional Regulation 5 (page 31) gives him power to detain "suspicious" persons, in which class *all persons from infected areas* may be said to fall *unless they can be depended on to reside in a fixed place and to present themselves daily for medical examination for ten days after arrival.* The powers conferred by Mufassal Regulation 29 (page 21) should also be availed of, and all suspicious baggage, clothing, &c., should be thoroughly disinfected by steam. No doubt additional accommodation will be required at Hospet and Tungabhadra; the Collector is requested to provide it as required.

2. To enable the medical officer in charge of the new inspection station at Jalarpet to exercise the powers of detention mentioned above, the Salem district will be declared to be "Under Observation" with reference to Additional Mufassal Regulation 1 (page 30 of the pamphlet). The Collector of that district is requested to organize Frontier Inspection Stations on the roads leading from Mysore into Hosur and Krishnagiri taluks and to prepare a scheme for dividing the frontier of these two taluks to a depth of 20 miles into Observation Circles. Similar action may be necessary in regard to Kangundi and Palmanér taluk in the North Arcot district, and the Collector of that district is requested to submit a scheme for the sanction of Government.

3. In case the plague continues in Mysore, a Railway Inspection Station on a small scale will be required on the Anantapur-Mysore frontier. The Collector of Anantapur is requested to select a site and submit his proposals with a plan through the Sanitary Commissioner.

(True Extract.)

H. TREMENHEERE,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Bellary (A, F, G, H).
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,, the ,, of North Arcot (A, F, H).
,, the ,, of Anantapur (A, F, H).
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,, the Political Department.
,, the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
,, all other Collectors (A, F, G, H).

Exd. C. M. Thumbuswamy.

APPENDIX.

NOTIFICATION.

With reference to No. 1 of the Additional Mufassal Regulations under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, published at pages 55–63 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 1st March 1898, His Excellency the Governor of Fort St. George in Council hereby declares the district of Salem to be "Under Observation."

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