L. & M.
1,000—24-8-98.

Local & Munl. (189) Department.

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G.O., No. 724 $\frac{5}{}$ P

DATED 15.5.99

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving the suggestion of the Surgeon-General that medical officers on plague duty should be provided with a notebook of conspicuous colour and superscription which ~~they must~~ will ~~carry with them as~~ a distinguishing mark of their office

BACK PAPERS.

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Government (1899) of Madras.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

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G.O., No. 724 P., 15th May 1899.

MAY.

Medical Officers on Plague Duty.

Approving the suggestion of the Surgeon-General that — should be provided with a note-book of conspicuous colour and superscription which they must carry with them as a distinguishing mark of their office.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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(True Extract.)

M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To all Collectors (A, B, F, G, H).
,, the Surgeon-General.
,, the Sanitary Commissioner.
,, the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
,, the Superintendent, Government Press.

Exd. C. M. Thumbuswamy.

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Proof for approval

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Government (1899) of Madras.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

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Desp'd. V.P. 25.5.

Exd, C. M. Thumbuswamy.

[L. & M.] 10-12-98.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings :—

Again G.O., No. dated 189 .
Again G.O., No. dated 189 .
Current No. 122 P of 1899, dated 12-1-99, from the Plague Commr.
" " 571 P " 1899, " 4-3-99, " Do.
" " " 189 , " , "

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No. 724 P 15-5-99

ORDER. With reference to Pro. of the P.C. No. 131. d. 10th Oct. 98 ordering all H. Asst on Plague duty at Railway stations to wear a badge, the Govt. considers that ~~The~~ the suggestion made by the Surgeon-General in paragraph 4 of his × third letter read above ~~may~~ sh'd be adopted. (From orders)

F.R. 16/3/99

18.3.99

Books sh'd be obtained from the Govt. Press.

× received with C. no. 541 P.

× G

Note only point para 4. of the letter above to order.

12 v. 99.

To
All Collectors (A, B, F, G, H)
The Surgeon-General with sample cover of note-book to be connected
" Sanitary Commissioner Correspondence
" Pt. M.C. Madras
" Supt. Govt. Press.

Notes

(1) The H.M. says that the Surgeon-General's suggestions may be adopted. It is presumed that it is not necessary to adopt his suggestions in paragraph 5 about which no question was raised by the Surgeon-General in his

first two letters and about which the P. C. does not offer any remarks.

(2) The P. C. has submitted the letters of the Surgeon-General and the Plague Commissioner, ~~of~~ Bombay, in original. These letters should, it is submitted, be retained here as without them the G.O. will not be intelligible. This file may be sent to the P.C.'s office for taking down copies of any letters which they may require for reference.

very well

Returned to L & M from P.C. 3/5/99

Office

Can Govt. Press supply [illegible] with badges and [illegible] with gold letters on the sides. Ask them if they can [illegible] a specimen [illegible] [illegible]

P. C.
21 MAR 1899

Yes. So long as the notebook suggestion is acted upon
20/3/99

To L & M U.O.

To P.C. U.O.

x Flag R+S

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
20 MAR 1899
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

But P.C. should see para 5th

file to P.C. for perusal
18/3/99

With regard to S.G.'s para 5. I don't see how nurses can be compelled to wear the badge if Hospital Assistants are not. Former draw Rs. 100; latter Rs. 25 to 50 or 80. S.G.'s opinion having been accepted it will be as well to withdraw Mr. Hammick's order altogether I think, for the menial servants, I can do nothing without superiors being present.
18/3

NOTE FOR THE Secretary

A

The file together with the draft order put up below regarding the wearing of badges by plague officials was sent to the Plague Commr. U.O. for the last time on 21.3.99 x and has been received back from the P.C.'s office on the 5th instant. Attention is solicited to the Secy's notes and the P.C.'s replies thereto. Orders are solicited as to whether the order, which was passed by the Secy previous to the U.O. reference to the P.C, may now issue as it is, or whether ~~the Plague Commr's order should~~ an addition should be made to ~~the order~~ it withdrawing the P.C.'s order altogether, as proposed by Mr. Buckley.

x x flag A

(*) Second sentence of the telegm in B

10/5/99

Take care that para 4 only is printed
12.v.99.

I have altered the order
Issue as altered.
12.v.99.

For nurses it does not matter a bit whether they have badges or not
12.v.99

1,000—28-3-99.

NOTE FOR THE P.C.

In favour of approving the docket, ~~copying~~ Press instruct.^n^, and addresses.

Seen

The G.O. does not prescribe any particular colour.

Corresp. with Supt. Govt Press on the point not in office

M.L.

15/5/99

What became of the cover sent by the Supt Govt Press

15/5/99

Cover submitted

M.L.

15/5/99

The S.G. can arrange this if the sample cover & connected correspondence is sent to him

16/5/99

Despr.

Please see P.C's addition against S.G in the addresses of G.O.

The cover and the papers below have to be dispatched with the S.G.

Slip C 27.1.99.
R 31.1.99

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1229

~~H. 4.~~

From The Plague Commissioner

Order No ~~1289 Pub of 24-1-99~~

The Government accepts the views of the Surgeon-General.

(From orders)

Refon C. Nos 428 & 2025

V.R.
24/1/99

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
25 JAN. 1899
MADRAS

H
24/1/99

To Pub. for C.

Dated 12-
Received 17-
Registered 18-
} Jan'y 1899

Enclosures 3

Spare copies.

To

The Plague Commissioner
with 2 Enclos returned.

SUBJECT.

Submitting for the orders of Govt letters from the Surgeon-General P.C's requesting that the order requiring Hospital Assistants on plague duty at Railway stations to wear badges marked "Plague officers" should in the interests of the department and Profession be withdrawn at an early date.

L. M.

For orders who is to prevail. The S.G. is speaking without his book when he says the H.As will object. I do not see why these badges should be "stigmata"

26.1.9

26.1.99

It will be a decided advantage if all plague officers wear or possess some distinctive indication of their officers. It secures them proper respect & prevents false personation. The S. G. may be asked how best this can be secured. Enquire what is done in this respect in Bombay.

M.A. 28.1.99.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

No. 416, d/ 9-2-99.
To L. & M. Dept (H.O.)

Cy
6.2.99

Ho
7/2/99

8/2/99.

To P. C. u. o. for enquiries & report
H.
10 2 99

P. C.
11 FEB. 1899

Replies from the Surgeon General, Madras and the Plague Comr: Bombay are enclosed.
L & M.C. No. 5419

Desp
B/4/3

Desp
4/3/99

Nothing is worn in Bombay to indicate office (see Flag F)
S. G. again protests (see Flag G)
~~He~~ says it will be impossible to enforce such a thing in the case of Commissioned officers. The original order of Mr. Hammick did not cover

H. M.

H. T.
6 3 99

The S.G.'s suggestions may be adopted. The notebook proposed by him will answer the purpose desired.

M.A. 7.3.99

Urgent

No. 537.
Encl.
From

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Madras, 7th December 1898.

SURGEON-~~MAJOR~~-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I.,
SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Madras,

To
THE Plague Commissioner
Madras

SIR,

With reference to your Proceedings No. 131 dated 10th October 1898, I regret that I cannot agree with you that all Hospital assistants on plague duty at Railway stations should wear a badge marked "Plague Officer" in red letters.

2. Subordinates of the Medical Department are educated medical men and above the rank of non commissioned officers in the Army. As such they will naturally protest against their being called upon to wear badges.

3. I need hardly point out that such an order should not have been sent out to Hospital assistants without previous consultation with me, and trust that you will be good enough to take early steps

steps for its withdrawal.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. Sibthorpe

Surgeon- General

Surgeon-General

Cly with the Govt. of Madras.

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C.P. 2025

Medical (1898) DEPARTMENT.

From

SURGN.-~~MAJOR~~-GENL. C. SIBTHORPE, C.B. F.R C.P.I.,
SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Madras,

To

[illegible] G.O. No. 131
[illegible] 8/12/98

No. 537

ENCLOSURES.

Dated 7th December 1898.
Received 8/12/98

No.

Subject.

Stating that early steps may be taken for the withdrawal of the order that Hospital assistants should wear badges marked "Plague officer".

18/9-12-98

For orders.

The order regarding these badges was issued at the suggestion of the Collr. of N. Arcot vide flags D & E

9/12/98

13 S.G.—250-12-12-95.

Ref. on C.P. 2025 of 98

Dft
19/12

Despd 21-12-98.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 537 d. 7.12.98 I have the honour to express my regret that the order was issued without consulting you.

2. I have recently had an opportunity of examining ~~the~~ the Railway [illegible] Inspection Stations at Tungabhadra & Hospet, & no complaint was made to me by the Hospital Assistants ~~[illegible]~~ in the matter; indeed, Mr. [illegible] made the remark to me that they seemed proud of their badges as token of authority. One nurse did object on the ground that the badges were not "pretty", but she withdrew her objection as soon as it was explained to her that the object of the order that badges shd be worn

C. N. 2025

was to protect plague officers
from possible obstruction or
insult, which might be
subsequently attempted & be
justified by the plea that
~~that~~ there was nothing to show
that the ~~officer~~ person obstructed or
a duly authorised
insulted was an officer ~~au-~~
~~thorised to~~ do the order
is also a check to imposture.

3. I am of opinion that
Mr. Hamick's order was a
wise one, & trust that ~~a~~
a reconsideration of the matter,
especially with reference to the
~~grounds~~ reasons mentioned
in the preceding paragraph,
[illegible] your way to
~~agreeing with that~~ withdrawing
your objection [illegible]

10. [illegible]

S. G.

C.N. 2025

C.N. 428

From

SURGN.-GENL. C. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I.,
SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Madras,

P. C.
11 JAN 1899

No. 7.

~~For orders~~

Lung
12/1/99

Ref. in C.No 428

Dated 10th } January 1899.
Received }

Submitted for the orders of Govt.
12/1 1.99.

Subject.

Forwarding remarks regarding the order requiring Hospital assts on plague duty to wear badges.

To Medical & Genl. [illegible] with enclosures [illegible]

Despd. 16/1/99

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C.N. 428

No. 7

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Madras, 10th January 1899.

From

SUR C. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I.,
SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Madras,

To
THE Plague Commissioner
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2025 dated the 16th December 1898, and to express my regret that I cannot in fairness to the Medical Department withdraw my objection to the order requiring Hospital assistants on plague duty to wear badges. Such a procedure to say the least of it is very humiliating and no medical man of any status should be compelled to wear such stigmata. The fact of no complaint having been made to you by the Hospital assistants at Tungabhadra and Hospet during your recent inspections is I think a mere incident due to a high sense of discipline on the part of the medical subordinates rather than to their willingness. Apart from any consideration of the personal feelings of

C N 2025

C No 4

of the Hospital Assistants I object to the order in the interests of the Department and profession. and trust that you will see your way to withdraw it at an early date.

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

C. Sibthorpe
Surgeon General.
Surgeon-General
with the Govt. of Madras.

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C No 1228 H.T.

(2)
131
10-10-98

H.M.
Submitted that the S.G.'s views must be accepted.
H.T.
17.1.99

Approved.
H.T. (for H.M.)
23.1.99

C No 1228

Ref. on C. Nos.428 & 2025, dated 12th January 1899.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

Plague Commissioner.
13/1

Plague Commr's office,
Madras, 13th Jany. 1899

To

The Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal,
Department, with 2 enclosures in original to be
returned, and a copy of 131 dated 10-10-98.

Excd.
H.S.
13-1-99

C.S/

Public Dept—

Memo.

With reference to his letter to the Plague Commissioner No 537 dated 7th Decr 1898 & No 7 dated 10th January 1899, the Surgeon General is informed that the Govt. considers that it will be a decided advantage if all plague officers wear or possess some distinctive indication of their offices, as it will secure them proper respect & prevent false personation. The Surgeon Genl is requested to report how best this can be secured.

The practice in Bombay in this respect should also be ascertained & reported

Send the papers back to the Public Dept. to deal with the subject in the usual course

This should [illegible] in L.O. [illegible]

To the Surgeon Genl

4/2/99

Salter

Letter

~~To the ~~Ch.~~ Secy. to the Govt.~~
~~of Bombay~~
~~General (Plague) Dept—~~

~~Sir,~~

~~I am directed to request that with the permission of the Govt. of Bombay, this Govt. may be informed whether officers employed on plague duty in the Bombay Presidency are required to wear or possess any distinctive indication of their offices, & if so in what form —~~

Ch
3-2-99

C No. 2171 · 99

PLAGUE.

CAMP

Dated 189 .

No.

From L. G. Buckley ~~M. HAMMICK~~, Esq., I.C.S.,
PLAGUE COMMISSIONER,
Madras,

To
THE Surgeon General

Aff

SIR,

Dt 18/2/99

With reference to your letter No 7, d/ 10-1-99, I am directed by Govt to state that in its opinion it will be a decided advantage if all plague officers wear or possess some distinctive indication of their offices, ~~and~~ as it will ensure them proper respect & prevent false personation, and to enquire how best ~~this can~~ be secured.

He considers this may

Despd 18/2/99

Sd/ 11/2/99

K/2 B

To

The Plague Commr., Bombay

I have the honour to ~~enquire~~ request that you will kindly inform

inform me whether officers on plague duty in the Bombay Presidency are required to wear or possess any distinctive indication of their offices or whether any other means have been adopted to ensure them proper respect and prevent false personation.

Long
11/2/99

Desp'd 18-2-99

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

L. S. Buckley

CURRENT No. 2650

Progs.
Letter
Ref.

From Surgeon General
C. Sibthorpe C.B., F.R.C.S.
Surgeon-General
with the Govt. of Madras

No. 188.

Dated 23rd February 99

Received P.C. 24 FEB. 1899

Registered

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Protesting strongly against the wearing of badges by Medical Officers &c and suggesting that a special Coloured Note Book with the words "Govt of Madras Plague officials note book" being supplied to carry along with them for ready referen

[G. / 15]

500—9-7-98

NOTE FOR THE UNLER SECRETARY.

This paper belongs to the L & M. Dept, & it was sent to Public with a draft order for C. i.

The H.M.'s orders have been obtained in Public, but apparently the paper should now be returned to L & M. U.O., & the inquiries suggested by the H.M. should be made in that Dept.

If however, it is thought that Public should take action, drafts will be submitted –

Cy

31-1-99

I think we must have Draft after the inquiries ... other

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No. 188.

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Madras, 23rd February 1899.

From

SURGEON-~~MAJOR~~-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I.,
SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Plague Commissioner
Madras.

SIR,

Adverting to your Rep on C. No. 2171 of the 16th Instant, I have the honor to observe that I do not see how Government can order Commissioned Medical officers to wear any particular badges not provided for by India Army Regulations.

2. I would strongly protest, as I have already done, against any Medical officer or subordinate being required to wear such special badges. Such a course is most repugnant to professional feeling and has been objected to from time immemorial.

Even

Even the autocratic Russian Government has not been able to enforce such a regulation.

3. I have nothing to do with the question as far as it affects the officers and subordinates of the Revenue Department but as regards those of the Medical service I cannot protest too strongly against such a proposal.

4. If in the opinion of Government it is necessary that some special distinctive mark should be borne by Medical men, it will, I think, answer the purpose if each of them is provided with a note book (which he even now carries with him) of a special conspicuous colour with the words "Government of Madras Plague officials' note Book" printed on the back which he should always carry with him along with a true copy of the order appointing him to the particular duty attached to the Note Book.

Print

5. The badges for nurses, constables and menial servants might be of the same colour with the words
Government of Madras. Plague official
Municipal
Local Board
marked on them as the case may be.

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

C. Sibthorpe.
Surgeon General.
Surgeon-General
with the Govt. of Madras.

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c No. 541 P of 97

(189) DEPARTMENT.

From

SURGN.-MAJOR-GENL. C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I.,
SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

No.

Dated
Received } 189 .

Subject.

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 2744.

Order

From The Plague Commissioner
Bombay

No. 440/P.C.

Dated 2 . 3 — 99

Received 4 . 3 — 99

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SUBJECT.

Stating that the officers on plague duty in the Bombay Presidency are not required to wear or possess any distinctive indication of their offic

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P. C.
4 - MAR. 1899

No. 440/P.C. of 1899.

Plague Commissioner's Of

Bombay, 2nd March 1899.

From

The PLAGUE COMMISSIONER, BOMBAY PRESIDENCY,

To

The Plague Commissioner,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No 2171 dated the 16th February 1899, enquiring whether officers on plague duty in this Presidency are required to wear or possess any distinctive indication of ~~their~~ their offices, or whether any means have been adopted to ensure them respect, and prevent false personation, and to state that the reply to the inquiry in question is in the negative.

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

A Wingate

Plague Commissioner

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Proceedings of the Plague Commissioner,

MADRAS—1898.

Recd. } 1898. *Enclosures*

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Proceedings, No. 131, 10th October 1898.

OCTOBER.

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Passport Rules.

Ordering the entry of ticket numbers and name of railway station of destination in all intimation forms and the wearing of a badge marked "Plague Officer" in red letters by all subordinate plague officials at railway stations.

No. 131, 10th October 1898.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

Proceedings—No. 131, dated 10th October 1898.

The following telegram will be despatched to the Collectors of Kistna, Bellary, Anantapur, Salem, North Arcot and Coimbatore:—

"Please order frontier railway station inspection officers to add ticket numbers and name of railway station of destination to all intimation forms. Also all hospital assistants and subordinate plague officials at railway stations should wear a badge marked "Plague Officer" in red letters. Please arrange for this."

M. HAMMICK,
Plague Commissioner.

To the Collector of Kistna (A).
" " of Bellary (A).
" " of Anantapur (A).
" " of Salem (A).
" " of North Arcot (A).
" " of Coimbatore (A).
Copy to all other Collectors (A).
" the Sanitary Commissioner.
" the Surgeon-General.
" the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.

Exd. C. Parthasarathy.

First copy sent to Press.

Returned for signature.

Despatched in print.

Number of copies required. { Order complete. / Letter only. / Order complete with Letter.

Read again G.O., No. , dated
189 .

Subject No. S. G's letter to P. C No 537, d 7-12-98 (Q)
S. G's .. .. No 7 d 10-1-99 (Q)
C. No 2450 para. 4 only in full

Enclosures to C. No.

Orders of Government.

Letter of Government.

Statement with ditto.

Papers not filed up, being meant for despatch in original.

N.B.—
A = Print in full.
B = Not to be printed.
P = Print abstract only.
Q = Print heading only.

1,000—20-3-99.

NOTE FOR THE Plague clerk, Ooty

These papers relating to the P. C's order about Hospital Assistants wearing badges should be disposed of

No. 131, 10TH OCTOBER 1898.

First copy sent to Press.

Returned for signature.

Despatched in print.

Order complete.

Letter only.

Order complete with Letter.

1,000—7-2-99.

NOTE FOR THE S. C.

The object of a special mark is twofold – (1) to enable people to recognize a Plague Official without any difficulty, (2) to prevent unauthorised persons from assuming the duties of a plague official. It is doubtful whether a notebook will serve either of these purposes, unless it is notified under the E. D. Act that a certain kind of notebook has been prescribed for the use of Plague officials & that its use by other persons is illegal & punishable as an offence. Otherwise, there will be nothing to prevent a man using a book similar to that used by Plague Officials or ~~assuming~~ even borrowing the notebook of a plague official. It is one thing to wear a badge as part of the dress & quite a different thing to carry a small notebook in one's hand.

2. As a rule superior Plague officials when on duty will always be accompanied by peons or other menials & if the latter wear badges, they will protect the superior officers also. In a crowd or at a Ry Station a [illegible] or a Collr is generally recognized by means of the livery of the ~~attendant~~ peons attending on him & there does not seem any necessity for devising a special mark of distinction in the case of superior plague officers.

3. If notebooks are to be supplied only to the Ry inspection staff, about 150 books

First copy sent to Press.
Returned for signature.
Despatched in print.

Number of copies required:
Order complete.
Letter only.
Order complete with Letter.

books will be required. But they are to be issued to all [illegible] officials, a much larger supply will be needed.

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A revised list is put up, but as the G.O. has not yet been issued, the file may be returned to [illegible] Dept. On receipt of the G.O., orders regarding the supply of note books may be issued.

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