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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Recording letter from the Resident in Mysore forwarding copy of Notification prescribing certain Regulations under the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897, for the Civil & Military Station, Bangalore.

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In exercise of the powers conferred upon him under Section 2 Sub-section (3) of the Epidemic Diseases Act III of 1897, the Resident in Mysore is pleased to make the Regulations hereinafter set forth, applicable to the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, and to cancel so much of the Regulations, previously promulgated under the Epidemic Diseases Act, as are inconsistent with the Regulations now made.

REGULATIONS UNDER THE EPIDEMIC DISEASES ACT, 1897 FOR THE CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE.

PART I.

GENERAL ORGANIZATION.

1. The general control of the arrangements for the prevention and suppression of plague in the Civil and Military Station, is in the hands of the Resident in Mysore, who may delegate such of the powers conferred by these Regulations as he may think fit to the President Municipal Commission, or to any other Officer. The Resident may appoint an officer to supervise the accounts, and other clerical work, connected with plague expenditure.
2. The Residency Surgeon is responsible, for the supervision of the work of the District Medical Officers, of the Inspecting Medical Officers, and of the hospital and detention camp staff, and also for the working of the Health Department of the Municipal Commission, subject to the orders of the Resident.
3. The duties of the District Medical Officers are to visit cases of sickness and death, to examine arrivals, to supervise the work of the Superintendents and Supervisors in their districts, to superintend the removal of sick or suspected persons to the places provided for them, and the disinfection of their houses: also should no special Plague Officer be appointed for the purpose, to bring to the notice of the Health Officer of the Municipal Commission any defects in the sanitation, or in the registration of vital statistics in their districts, and generally to carry out such duties as may be prescribed for them by the Residency Surgeon.
4. The District Superintendent of Police will supervise the police arrangements connected with the observation and examination of travellers, the guarding of camps and the watching of cemeteries, and is held responsible that his Police co-operate actively in the carrying out of all measures for the prevention and suppression of Plague.
5. A Chief Plague Officer, and Special Plague Officers, may be appointed by the Resident for the carrying out of arrangements for the disinfection and evacuation of infected places, for the organization and management of the labour employed on plague operations, and for such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Resident.
6. It is the duty of Superintendents to report all cases of sickness and death that come to their knowledge to the District Medical Officers, to ascertain the residence of persons arriving in the town, or who desire to leave the town on passes, and to supervise the work of the Supervisors in the keeping of correct registers of the inmates of each household, and of the movements, of the population.

PART II.

MEASURES AGAINST THE IMPORTATION OF PLAGUE.

(a). Arrivals by rail.

7. Medical, or other officers, appointed as Inspecting officers by the Resident, shall have power to examine all persons arriving by rail at the Bangalore City and Cantonment Railway Stations, and all such persons shall proceed to the spot indicated by the Inspecting officer for his medical inspection, and shall not depart from there without the sanction of the Inspecting Officer.

8. The examination of females shall be effected by a female medical subordinate, and every precaution shall be taken to respect the privacy of females who do not appear in public.

9. In the case of persons arriving at the Bangalore City and Cantonment Railway Stations, who intend to reside within the limits of the Civil and Military Station, the Medical or other officer, appointed by the Resident in this behalf, may demand of the person so arriving, his name, usual abode, and particulars of the places in which he has resided or which he has visited during the previous fifteen days, and also the address to which he is about to proceed, and any other particulars which the Medical or other officer may think fit to ask in view of satisfying himself as to the likelihood of the said persons spreading the infection of plague. A person so interrogated shall be bound to answer truly, to the best of his knowledge and belief, all such questions and enquiries.

10. The Medical or other officer, appointed by the Resident under Regulation 7, may serve such person with a notice requiring him to report himself at the office of the District Medical Officer within whose district he is about to reside, (or at the office of the Special Plague Officer, Mayo Hall,) within 24 hours, and to attend as subsequently directed by the District Medical Officer or Special Plague Officer. If any such person cannot, in the opinion of such Medical or other officer appointed under Regulation 7, be relied on to report himself as directed, he may be sent by the Medical or other officer to the office of the Medical Officer within whose district he is about to reside, under escort of a police constable, and may be required to remain under such escort until his intended place of residence shall have been satisfactorily ascertained.

Provided that no person holding a certificate of inoculation, dated within six months previously, shall be required, unless he is unable to clearly indicate his intended place of residence, to report himself at the office of the District Medical Officer, or at the office of the Special Plague Officer, Mayo Hall, but notice of his arrival shall be sent by the Medical or other officer at the Railway Station to the Medical Officer of the District in which he is about to reside, and he may be required to be present in his residence on such day, and at such time, as the District Medical Officer may appoint.

11. If on examination the Inspecting Officer finds or suspects that any person is suffering from plague, he shall cause him to be removed to the hospital provided for this purpose, together with any relative or companion of the person so suffering who may desire to accompany him.

12. The Inspecting Officer is empowered to send for observation in the place provided for the purpose, persons coming from an infected area, whom he regards as suspicious on account of their appearance or the dirty condition of their clothes and effects, or because they are not likely to give their correct address of destination, or to report the occurrence of plague among them, or because they belong to classes likely to disseminate the disease.

Such persons shall be detained for such period as the Medical Officer in charge of the detention camp thinks fit, or until they are able to point out their place of residence to the Medical Officer of the district in which they intend to reside. Provided that no person shall be detained for a longer period than ten days, unless at the end of that time the Medical Officer in charge of the camp suspects him to be suffering from Plague.

13. The Medical Officer in charge of the camp may allow any person detained therein to leave the camp during the day time, with or without escort, and after, if he thinks fit, taking security for his return, for the purpose of pointing out his residence to the Medical Officer of his district, or for any other necessary purpose.

14. All persons arriving from an infected area at the City or Cantonment Stations, whether proceeding to the limits of Bangalore City or of the Civil and Military Station shall, subject to the subjoined proviso, be liable to be detained by the Medical or other officer appointed under this Regulation, at such place as may be appointed for the purpose, for such time as may be required to disinfect them with their clothes and luggage, should the Medical or other officer consider these to be likely to convey infection. Provided that the following shall not be liable to undergo disinfection:

(a) British or Mysore Government or Railway officials, travelling on duty who can satisfactorily establish their identity.

(b) Persons holding through tickets who are not likely to remain in Bangalore for more than 6 hours, and who do not remove their luggage from the Station.

15. Persons alighting at the Cantonment Station, who intend to reside within the limits of Bangalore City, may be directed by the Medical or other officer appointed under Regulation 7 to report themselves to the ward-officer of the ward in which they intend to reside, and may, if the Mysore Government so require, be sent to the ward-officer under the escort of the Mysore State Police.

16. Nothing in these Regulations shall require females who do not appear in public to be interrogated by any person other than a female at the Railway Station, or to attend at any office, but they may be examined in their houses by females deputed by the District Medical Officer for the purpose.

17. The import of used apparel and bedding, (except when carried as the personal baggage of travellers), rags, and waste paper, from any infected area into the Civil and Military Station is prohibited.

(b) Arrivals by road.

18. All persons arriving in the Civil and Military Station by road shall report themselves to the Medical Officer of the district in which they intend to reside within twenty-four hours of their arrival. The District Medical Officer may, at his discretion, give a written notice to such persons requiring them to attend at his office for such number of days not exceeding ten as he thinks fit. A person holding an inoculation certificate, dated within six months previously, will be obliged to report himself to the Medical Officer within twenty four hours of his arrival, but will not be liable to again attend at the District Medical Office.

19. The District Medical Officer may direct any person, who has come or is believed to have come from an infected area, to undergo disinfection with his belongings, or may, if he considers the presence of such person as likely to disseminate the infection of plague in his district, send him to the detention camp for observation.

20. The District Medical Officer may direct any person whom he suspects of having arrived in the Civil and Military Station, whether by rail or road, without having reported himself, to attend at his office for such number of days not exceeding ten as he thinks fit.

21. Every householder, or head of a family, shall be bound to report to the Supervisor of his block the arrival of any person from outside the Civil and Military Station in his house or family, whose arrival he does not know to have been otherwise reported to the District Medical Officer.

(c). General measures for the prevention of plague, and the treatment of early cases before plague becomes epidemic.

22. For so long as the Resident may declare this Regulation to be in force, each householder, or head of a family, shall be bound to give immediate infor-

61. In any part of the Civil and Military Station in which cases of plague have occurred, all grain godowns or places where grain is stored may be entered and examined at all times by the District Medical Officer, or by an officer authorised in this behalf by the Resident.

62. When a grain godown is found to be improperly ventilated, or to be in such an insanitary condition from damp, or otherwise, as to be unwholesome for the storage of grain, the owner of the grain may be required to remove the grain to a properly constructed godown. All godowns in which dead rats have been found shall be declared unwholesome and unfit for use until thoroughly disinfected. The grain found in such places may be turned over and aired, or destroyed as unfit for food, and any bags or sacks in which infected grain is found stored may be disinfected or destroyed.

63. The Resident, or any officer authorised by him, may order the disinfection, or, at his discretion, the destruction of any collection of rags in rag pickers houses, or rag stores, or of second hand gunny bags if believed to have been imported from an infected area. A record shall be kept of action taken under this or the preceding Regulation.

64. The Resident, or any officer authorised by him, may, in his discretion, pay compensation to any person who has sustained loss or damage by reason of anything done under these Regulations, provided, however, that no person shall be entitled to claim any compensation whatsoever. Payment of compensation shall, so far as is possible, be paid immediately the damage or loss is caused.

65. Whenever the Resident issues a Notification to this effect, no person shall leave the Bangalore City Railway Station by rail, or the Civil and Military Station Bangalore by rail or by road, unless he has provided himself with a pass in the form prescribed in the Notification, and, if he leave either the City or Cantonment Railway Stations by rail, with either a disinfection pass or with a certificate of exemption from disinfection, in the forms prescribed by the Notification, in addition to the pass. The booking clerks at the City Railway Station shall issue no ticket unless, with the fare, is tendered the pass and also one or other of the certificates just mentioned. Provided that this Regulation shall not operate in the case of Mysore or British Government or Railway Officials, travelling on duty, who can satisfactorily establish their identity, or of persons holding through tickets who have not been in Bangalore for more than six hours.

66. The certificate of disinfection referred to in the preceding Regulation shall be given to persons undergoing disinfection at the time and place specified in the Notification. After disinfection each person will receive a certificate stating that he has been disinfected, signed by the officer in charge of disinfecting arrangements appointed by the Resident, and will be required to remain in the disinfection camp until shortly before the departure of the train.

67. The passes, and certificates of exemption from disinfection, referred to in Regulation 65, may be granted by the District Medical Officers to persons residing in their districts, or by any officer authorised by the Resident.

68. The officers referred to in the preceding Regulation may refuse passes, or certificates of exemption from disinfection, to any person known or suspected to be suffering from plague, or one of whose relations has recently been attacked, or in whose house a case of plague has recently occurred, or who has recently resided in an infected quarter of the Station, or who is likely by his dirty appearance or otherwise to spread the disease. General passes may be granted to persons who have occasion to make daily or frequent journeys outside the Civil and Military Station, but such passes shall relate to journeys by road only. For each journey by rail a separate pass is required.

69. An officer empowered to grant passes and certificates of exemption may dispense with the personal attendance of applicants in the case of women and children, on whose behalf application may be made by a male member of their family.

70. Passes and certificates shall be valid only for 48 hours commencing from the time at which they were granted. Such time shall be recorded thereon, and it shall be the duty of the booking clerks to ascertain, before issuing any ticket, that the pass or certificate presented to them is still valid.

71. A copy of every pass shall be sent by post on the day of issue to the Magistrate, Municipal President, or local authority, of the place to which the holder of such pass is proceeding.

72. After the date of the Notification prescribed by Regulation 65 the luggage of persons desirous of leaving Bangalore by rail shall be dealt with as follows:—

(a) in the case of persons who are not in possession of certificates of exemption from disinfection, it shall be disinfected as provided in the rules prescribed in the Notification. No such person shall take into the Railway Station, any luggage or bundle which has not been disinfected.

(b) in the case of persons who have obtained certificates of exemption from disinfection, or who are British or Mysore Government or Railway officials travelling on duty, or who hold through tickets and have not been in Bangalore for more than 6 hours, it shall be taken on to the platform by station registered coolies and a declaration shall be handed by the passenger to the luggage clerk to the effect that neither the luggage to be weighed, nor that in the possession of the passenger, contains any portion of the luggage of a person who has not obtained a certificate of exemption from disinfection, and whose luggage is consequently liable under the preceding clause and the attached rules to disinfection. Without such a declaration the luggage clerk shall not book the luggage.

73. All persons shall be bound to answer truly all such questions as may properly be asked of them, for the purpose of carrying out any of these Regulations, either regarding themselves, or regarding the members of the household or family to which they belong.

74. Any person disobeying, or contravening, or refusing to submit himself to any of these Regulations, shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code, and shall be liable on conviction to be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to 6 months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.

"By Order,"

K. D. ERSKINE, CAPTAIN,

First Assistant Resident.

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THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

26 MAY 1899

The Secretary to the Government of Madras.
Local and Municipal Department, Madras.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward for information, a copy of "Regulations under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, for the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

L. L. Morris
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