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Detention of suspicious persons

Issuing a circular to all Collectors
Regarding the — at all Railway Super-
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stations.

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No. 538, 27th MARCH 1899.

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 " " Salem, dated 8th February 1899, No. 310-P.

PROCEEDINGS—No. 538, dated 27th March 1899.

Officers in charge of railway frontier inspection stations are authorized to detain—

- (a) persons suspected of plague and their families and attendants;
- (b) persons from infected areas who appear to be suspicious by reason of their appearance, the dirty condition of their clothes, 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 their destination or depended upon to give information should plague occur among them.

2. Persons falling under class (a) must be detained as long as the suspicion of plague remains. Those falling under class (b) may, if they prefer it, instead of being detained, be allowed to go back after disinfection to the place they came from, if they give a satisfactory reason, and purchase a return ticket.

3. These instructions do not apply to railway inspection stations which are not frontier inspection stations.

L. E. BUCKLEY,
 Plague Commissioner.

To all Collectors (A, F, G, H).

Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.

- " " Surgeon-General.
 " " President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
 " " Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department.
 " " Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.
 " " General Officers Commanding Districts.

Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

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Personal Assistant,
for Plague Commissioner.

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NOTE FOR THE

Circular

Officers of Collectors as
whether persons detained at
any frontier inspection station should
be allowed to go back before the
expiry of the prescribed period
of detention are submitted.
Railway Dept.21 Officers in charge of inspection
stations are authorized to detain

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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 their destination

or depended upon to give info

should plague occur among them

2. It is recommended that persons

falling under class (a) cannot

be allowed to move be detained

as long as the suspicion of plague

remains. It is further suggested class

(b) it may be a hardship to

Office

Please put up No.

H's orders in which

he ordered that post

should be

observed in detaining

passengers at the post

Kumbhakur.

Sketch

855 10
15-8-98check the persons suspected of plague
at the post of Kumbhakur, 15/8/98
There seems to be no order of
the Government on the subject.Lent
21/2/99

detain those who can give a satisfactory reason for going back. If this concession is not allowed, people will avoid going by passing through a village or road frontier inspection station and seek entrance by an unprotected route.

Long
13/1/99

(If this is for it instead of being detained)

that of him who is a detainee fact may be allowed to go back to the place they came from, if they give a satisfactory reason. I purchase a return ticket.

3. These instructions do not apply to railway inspection stations. 24. are not under inspection station.

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Long
13/1/99

To all Collectors (14-78 H)
Copy to S. L. L. L.
- Surgeon General
- President of the C.
- To the Secy to Govt. of the
- S. H. J. Madras Comm.
- General Officer Commanding

Recd 5/4/99
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C.B. 773 To the Comm. of Kurnool & Salem. R.M. 1-4-Depo 6/4/99

The Collector of Bellary
To The Plague Commission
Madras

Ref on C 25 P
17.1.99
HHS

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Informing that the procedure adopted by the C. M. o. Tungabhadra in allowing the 3 persons to return to Bombay whence they started is reasonable etc.

Ref. on C. 773
Refered to the
officer in charge of
from 19/1/99

To the Comm. of Kurnool, Anantapur, Salem, Chitabur, Kistna.

note If the passenger takes can satisfy that he goes back to the place whence he came & takes a ticket to that station, he may be allowed to go back. It may be that very much work will not allow him to go back for ten days & it would be a hardship to enforce his compulsory detention under the circumstances. If detention is enforced, it is likely to be a very bad precedent. The passenger times before Long had that he would not be allowed to return, he would proceed by road in the first instance. Long 21/1/99.

The Plague Commission agrees with the Collector.

Have no more cases arising?
2 LB

No. This is the first case reported. In 1897, when I was going from Bellary to Mangalore, the local authorities wanted to detain me but allowed me to come back. Long 21/1/99

To the Collector of Bellary
Copy to Comm. of the having the inspection and the under observation.
Copy to all other Comm. except Madras

✓ ✓ ✓
To the Comm. of Kurnool, Anantapur, Salem, Chitabur, Kistna.
Recd 20/1/99
A. & Ref.

Copy of letter Ref on P.C. 25 P from The Collector
12.1.99

of Bellary to the Medical Officer in Charge of
the Railway Inspection Station Tungabhadra



I have the honor to request you to be
good enough to report the circumstances
under which the three persons shown under
"number accounted for (d)" in your return
for the week ending 9.1.99 were allowed
to return to Bombay. It is presumed
that they did not undergo detention for
10 days before discharge, as they are not
shown under (c)

Tungabhadra Commissioned Medical Officer's
letter no 39 to the Collector of Bellary
15.1.99
in reply to the above

With reference to your letter no 25 P
12.1.99
I have the honor to state that the
3 passengers mentioned therein, returned
back to Bombay of their own accord.
They returned as they were not allowed

to go to Madras till they completed 10 days detention in camp after disinfection, which if they had remained would have prevented them to undertake the emergent business for which they left.

Ref on c 25 P
17.1.99

Forwarded to the Plague Commissioner.

The Medical Officer's procedure seems to me to be objectionable. If passengers are considered suspicious, they should be detained under observation for 10 days. To release them within that period because they profess to wish to return to the place whence they started gives them an opportunity of entering the Presidency by some other route and may lead to serious consequences.

V. S. Palasame
For Collector

18/1/99

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE. (1899)

CURRENT No.

1464

2/1/99

From

The Collector of
Coimbatore

Dis No. 413 of 99

Dated: 3rd February 1899.

Received
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Enclosures: nil
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SUBJECT.

Offering his opinion on the statement of the Bellary Collector that passengers considered suspicious should be detained under observation for 10 days.

COIMBATORE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

18 February 1899.

Dis No. 415 of 1899.

FROM

C. H. Mounsey, Esquire;
Acting Collector and District Magistrate of
COIMBATORE,

TO

The Plague Commissioner,
Government Office,
Tenk Saint Georges.

SIR,

In reply to your Refce on Cur. No 773,
dated the 25th January 1899, I have the honour
to say that I do not agree with the Collector of
Bellary that, by releasing within 10 days passengers
detained on suspicion, an opportunity is given
them of entering the Presidency, and spreading
infection, - for if they wish to enter without
undergoing detention, they will not go straight
to a Railway Inspection Station where all
know they are liable to be detained. A
man likely to be detained - who wishes to
avoid detention - will originally try to enter
the Presidency in some way whereby he may
escape inspection. If a medical officer's
suspicion

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Suspicion is aroused as to any passenger
he certainly would not be allowed to
return to where he came from.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. H. Morris
Acting Collector and
District Magistrate.

No. _____ of 189

Cho 1539

OFFICE
OF THE

COLLECTOR & MAGISTRATE,
MASULIPATAM,
KISTNA DISTRICT.

31st January 1899

FROM,

E. MORRIS Esq.,

COLLECTOR, KISTNA DISTRICT.

TO,

THE Plague Commissioner,

M A D R A S.

SIR,

In reply to your Reference of the 25th current on,
C. No. 773, I have the honour to state that I agree with the
Collector of Bellary in thinking that passengers considered
suspicious should not be allowed to return to the place whence
they started within the period of ten days, unless the cause
for suspicion has abated. If it is necessary to detain a
person as long as 3 days at all, it must be because the state
of his health renders it suspicious that he may ^{have} plague. To
send such a person back to Bombay is to run ^{the} risk of the pass-
enger conveying infection to his fellow passengers or others
in the places through which he passes.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Buigha
for Collector

31-1-99

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FROM,

THE COLLECTOR,

KISTNA DISTRICT.

TO,

THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER

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Dis. No. 86. of 1899
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Subject.

Reporting that he agrees with
Collector of Bellary that
persons suspected of plague
& detained in the plague
camp should not be allowed
to return to their places
of abode within the period
of ten days unless plague
has abated

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

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Frogs.
Letter
Ref.



From

The Collector
Bellary

Dated

Dis. No. 162 of 99

6 Feb 99

Received

Registered

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SUBJECT.

Submitting
Stating that passengers
detained at Railway Inspection
stations may be allowed
to go back to their own
place before the expiry
of the 10 days obser-
vation

C No 1539

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C No 1722

Collector's Office,

Dated 6th February 1899.

No. 167 of 1899

FROM

Meahammad Razakhan Esq.,

Collector,

Thunool.

TO

THE

Plague Commissioner
Madrass.

SIR

Adverting to your Proceedings R.C. No

773 Dated 25.1.1899 I have the honor to

State that it does not appear to me of any

serious objection if passengers detained

at Railway Inspection Stations are allowed

to go back before the expiration of 10 days

provided their clothes and person are thoroly

- ly disinfected and their tickets punched

before their departure. But a similar

procedure

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proceedure in the case of passengers arriving
at Road Frontier Inspection Stations may, in
my opinion, lead to serious consequences as
they can easily avoid the Inspection Station
and enter the uninfected area by a minor
pass at which there is no inspection. I may,
however, add that no case of the kind mentioned
by the collector of Bellary has ever been
brought to my notice in this District.

I have the honor to be
your most obedient servant
to the Collector
7-2-99
The Collector
of Bellary

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of Bellary

FROM

THE COLLECTOR,

TO

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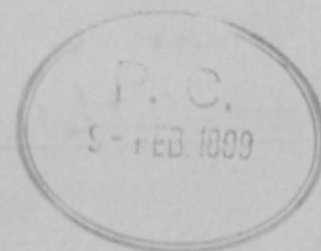
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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE. (1899)

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From The Ag Collector
Salem

No. 310
P

Dated 8th February 1899

Received 9th 99

Registered 9th 99

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SUBJECT.

Statuing that it is unnecessary
to detain persons from infected
areas for ten days unless
they are suffering from plague
or suspected to be suffering
from plague or known to have
been in contact with plague
cases within the preceding 10
days.

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1524

REGISTER No. 310
P

Salem COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
8th February 1897.

FROM

Robert B. Hegg Esq., I.C.S.
Acting COLLECTOR OF Salem

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE Plague
COMMISSIONER of Madras

8-2-97

SIR,

With reference to your Proceedings No. 773
dated 25th January 1897 Calling for my opinion
regarding the advisability or otherwise of
releasing within 10 days suspicious persons
arriving from infected areas to return to
the place whence they started, I have the
honor to enclose copies of reports received
from the District Medical and Sanitary
officer and the medical officers in charge
of the Inspection Station Jalarpet and to
state that I agree with them in consider-
ing that it is unnecessary to detain
persons from infected areas for ten days

unless they are suffering from plague,
or suspected to be suffering from plague
or known to have been in contact with
plague cases within the preceding
ten days or they are considered suspicious.
Such persons should not be discharged
before they are considered free from
infection or before the expiry of ten days
even if they wish to return to the place
whence they started.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

D. J. J. J.
Foray collector

F. M.

No 80

District Medical Office

Salem 3. 2. 1899

From

The District Medical and Sanitary Officer
Salem.

To the Collector of Salem.

Sir, In reply to your endorsement Refon No ²⁷³/₉₆
of 31-1-99, I have the honor to state that I am
not acquainted with the practice in vogue
at Tungabada but in the instance quoted
the passengers were allowed to go in because
they came without detention because they
preferred doing so rather than be detained
under observation for 10 days and I see no
objection to the practice as an inspection
Station in this Presidency need not interfere
with the inhabitants of infected areas
unless they pass the frontier. The objection
raised that passengers so called allowed
to turn back may enter the Presidency
by some other route is of little force as
such other routes that may exist are
always available whether guarded or

unless they are suffering from plague,
or suspected to be suffering from plague
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Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
D. J. J. J.
Foray collector

F/m

No 80

District Medical Office
Salem 3. 2. 1899

Sir,

The District Medical and Sanitary Officer
Salem

To the Collector, Salem

Sir,

In reply to your endorsement No. 273
of 31-1-99, I have the honor to state that I am
not acquainted with the practice in vogue
at Tungabada but in the instance quoted
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they came without detention because they
preferred doing so rather than be detained
under observation for 10 days and I see no
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unless they pass the frontier. The objection
raised that passengers so called allowed
to turn back may enter the Presidency
by some other route is of little force as
such other routes that may exist are
always available whether guarded or

not. I have incidentally heard that all native passengers from the Bombay Presidency to this Presidency are disinfectant and detained at Tangabadra but such stringent measures seem unnecessary and likely to drive passengers away from the ordinary routes of traffic, whilst disinfection and detention is only applied to actual cases of plague, cases of doubtful illness, or passengers singly or in gangs who are particularly dirty in appearance and are accompanied by belongings of a similar character and who also are unable to give a satisfactory destination at the stations between the Mysore Province and this Presidency, all other passengers being allowed to proceed on this understanding that they obtain passports at their destination and have themselves observed for 10 days.

I have etc

(Sd) S. N. Rogers Harrison

St. Col. I. M. S. District Medical and Sanitary Officer

(True copy)

For the Collector

No. 66
Plague

Jalarpet Plague Inspection Station
Dated 4th February 1899.

From

Captain G. M. Allington, I. M. S.

Chief Medical Officer in charge of
Plague Inspection Station
Jalarpet.

To The Collector of Salem.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement Ref No. 276 dated 31st January 1899, asking me to give an expression of my views on the subject referred to therein, I have the honor to state that in my opinion if the people concerned were not suffering from fever or in any ^{other} way suspicious of plague and were merely detained because they were coming from a plague infected area and had been disinfected and also were able to give sufficient proof to the Medical Officer that they would return to Bombay, I can see no objection to the action taken. On the other hand had they

been suffering from fever or other-
 wise suspicious, I would not
 think it advisable to allow people
 to return under any circumstances
 and I think they should be detained
 till they are free from all suspicion
 of plague.

I have etc
 J. H. M. M. M. M.
 Captain. I. M.
 Chief Med Officer

(True copy)
 J. H. M. M. M.
 For a collector

I am
 A plague infected area and has been
 the infected and also some other
 sufficient proof to the Medical Officer
 that they are not to be considered
 as being infected by the plague
 I am
 J. H. M. M. M.

For a collector

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