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Heading.
Bill of Health.

No. 655
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PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,

Madras, 7 Jan'y 1890.

FROM

THE PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,

MADRAS,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MARINE DEPARTMENT,

FORT ST. GEORGE.

SIR,

My attention has been drawn by the Port Officer at St. Anticoria to a complaint made to him by the Health Officer at that port in respect to the arduous nature of the duties connected with his office.

W Under para 3 of G.O. No 625 (Public) dated 28th June 1888, the Health Officer at an outport is only entitled to a fee when he is called on to inspect vessels in bad weather. At St. Anticoria the weather is seldom if ever, of such a nature as to enable the Port Officer to grant the certificate.

Certificate required by the order above quoted, but in consequence of the Ceylon Government having insisted on the sailing vessels plying between Galle and Colombo being in possession of a Bill of Health, the Health Officer has much more work to do than at other ports and the work is rendered still more arduous in consequence of the distance from the shore of the anchorage set apart for such vessels.

3. The Port Officer suggests that the Health Officer should be allowed either a special allowance or an assistant. Taking into consideration the demands on the time of the Health Officer both afloat and on shore, I submit that an Assistant is required. Should Government not

not concur in this view, I would then suggest that the Health Officer be allowed a monthly allowance of Rs (30) Thirty.

4. I enclose for perusal the letter from the Port Officer on the subject.

I have the honor to be,

Sr,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. A. Theet

Captain, R.N.

President, Port Officer
of Galle, 1890.

This is certainly a case in which extraordinary trouble, if not risk, is involved and which the medical Officer cannot be called on to perform as part of his ordinary duty. The extent of the appearance to be such that he cannot be allowed to do the work with great prejudice to his regular work on shore. [I should say] that he as Health Officer might give the Bill of Health on the results of inspection by a subordinate. That the best way of meeting the case would be to attach a permanent assistant to be paid from Port funds to the port of Galle. This suggestion I should like to see further considered generally.

Yours faithfully,
H. A. Theet

227-1-3-nd. of Feb
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To Secy.

For orders.

Under para 2 of G.O. 625 d/18.6.88 vessels going to Ceylon can claim a bill of health without payment of a fee - the grant of the bill being regarded as a service covered by the Port due; and under para. 3 of the same G.O. the Port Surgeon is entitled to a fee (Rs. 15) only when the inspection of the vessel involves extra ordinary risk or trouble. The consequence is that the Port Surgeon at Tuticorin granted bills of health to 165 vessels in 152 days (11.7.89 to 9.11.89) without it would seem - getting a single fee, owing to the weather being calm.

In the circumstances reported, it is submitted that it would be better to appoint a separate Health Officer at Tuticorin under Section 17, Act 2 of 1889, than to give the Port Surgeon an extra allowance. The latter's full time would then be available for his shore duties. In either case the charges would fall on Port Funds. Might the Ceylon Govt. be asked to contribute? - the case is exceptional.

20.1.90.

I don't think it would be of any use to ask the Ceylon Govt. to contribute.

From
 THE PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
 Madras,
 To
 THE CHIEF SECY. TO GOVERNMENT,
 MARINE DEPARTMENT,
 Fort St. George.

No. 655
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Dated 7th January 1890.
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Subject.

Suggesting that the Health Officer at Tuticorin be allowed either a monthly allowance of Rs. 30 or an allowance of Rs. 30 on an ad hoc basis.

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[19]
 Reference on No. 27 of 1890.
 In replying the above should be quoted.



Marine DEPARTMENT.

Read the following paper from the Presidency Port Officer Madras, dated 7th January 1890 No. 655.
 11th February 1890.
 This appears to be a case in which extra-ordinary trouble if not risk, is involved and which the Medical Officer cannot be called on to undertake as part of his ordinary duty. The extent of it appears to be such that he can hardly be allowed to do the work without great prejudice to his regular work on shore. It is suggested that he as Health Officer might give the bills of health on the results of inspection by a subordinate, and that the best way of meeting the case would be to attach

a Hospital Assistant to be paid from Port funds
to the port of Lutherville. The Surgeon-General
will report his opinion on this suggestion
and on the question generally.
(By order).

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Fort St. George, 20 February 1890.

From

ERAL WITH THE
VERNMENT OF MADRAS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,

THE *Chief Secretary to Government*
Marine Department

In returning the papers referred to
 me for opinion, with your Reference on Nov. 27
 dated the 1st instant, I have the honor to
 state for the information of Government that
 I do not see any way of getting over the
 difficulty of the Apothecary except by giving the
 Apothecary an assistant.
 2. If the Apothecary has to inspect vessels
 so often, as he is said to do, he must neglect
 his station duties and this ^{can} only be prevented
 by his having an assistant who will do
 most of the inspection work and give him
 time to look after his own legitimate duties.

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

With reference to Hui's note dated 22nd inst: it is submitted that if the Port Surgeon is to sign the Bill of Health on the results of the hospital assistants' inspection being reported to him the vessels will probably be considerably delayed. It is believed that the inspection by the Health Officer is about the best thing done before the vessel sails and that the Bill of Health is actually signed on the vessel, which is as soon as the Health Officer has left it. Owing to the distance from the shore (3 or 4 miles) of the anchorage at Tuticorin some time would necessarily lapse between the hospital assistants' inspection and the arrival of the Bill of Health on board especially if the hospital assistants inspected more than one vessel. Port Surgeon were at a distant part of the town, and it is probable the Port of Poylon would complain of the delay. For orders whether a refce. shall issue in accordance with Hui's note or whether the above point may first be brought to Hui's notice. J.B.

Marine 890.) DEPARTMENT.

From G. Bidie Esq. M. B., C. I. E.
 Port Surgeon-General with the
 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
 Fort St. George.

C. No. 27 & 164

Order. 5th March/90. No. 88.

In the circumstances reported H.E. the G. in C. is pleased to direct the Surgeon General to attach a hospital assistant to be paid from Port Funds to the Port of Tuticorin. The hospital assistant's duties will be to assist in any O'Leary in his capacities as Medical Officer, Port Surgeon and Health Officer.
 (From orders)

No. 148

Dated 20th February 1890.
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Encl. C. No. 27 with order
 No.



States that the only way of getting over the difficulty at Tuticorin is giving the apothecary an assistant.

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opium, note this when
sending it for order

JG

There are a goodly
number of vessels

Marine C. No. 27 & 164.

Rev.

Submitted with
reference to the Health note
dated the 22nd January 90.

It is submitted that
the Port Surgeon is to
sign the Bills of Health
on shore after the results
of the assistant's inspection.
It has been reported to
me the vessels concerned
will probably be
considerably delayed.
It is believed that the
inspection by the Health
Officer is about the last
thing done before the
vessel sails, in fact that
the Bill of Health is signed
on board and the vessel
weighs anchor as soon
as the Health Officer is
on the side. Owing to
the distance (3 or 4 miles)
from the shore of the
anchorage at Anticosti
during the N.E. mon-
soon - it is about a
mile off at other times -

some

some time would
necessarily elapse
between the inspection
of the vessel and the
arrival of the Bill of
Health on board -
Especially if - as is not
unusual - more than
one vessel is ready for
inspection at the same
time and the Port Sur-
geon happens to be
at a distant part of
the town engaged on
his shore duties. It

seems probable that
the Govt. inspection would
complain of the delay.

In these circumstances
it is suggested for con-
sideration whether
the assistant to be
sent to Taticovic may
not be a appointed health
officer of the port under
Section 17, Act X of 1889, in
lieu of the Port Surgeon

JG
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No, I think not. The Hospital
Assistant is not necessary to go
on board. He may be looking after
the shore duties while the apothecary
goes. The difficulties here noted
may possibly arise but they
need not be anticipated. All
that needs to be done is to direct
a hospital assistant to be
sent to help the apothecary

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 Apothecary O'Leary in his
 capacities as Medical Officer,
 Port Surgeon & Health Officer.