

Alibi Marine (1897) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

*Plague Notification: Pros. L. & Co. Sept 11 recording
letter from the Govt of Bengal forwarding copy of
Notice - No 2 prescribing rules for the inspection
of persons travelling by rail water or road
within the limits of that province, recorded.*

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From

The Local and Municipal Deptt

No. 2802 M.Mis.

Dated 15-12-97

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SUBJECT.

Bubonic Plague.

Recording letter from the Govt. of Bengal forwarding for information copy of revised plague Notification No. 2 prescribing rules for the inspection of persons travelling by rail, water or road within the limits of that province.

(2). An Inspecting Medical Officer may put to any such person any questions he thinks fit in order to ascertain whether there is reason to believe or suspect as aforesaid, and such person shall be bound to answer truly any question so put to him.

(3). All female passengers shall be inspected and examined by female inspectors. The inspection and, if necessary, the medical examination, of female passengers, whether European or Native, travelling in carriages of whatever class which are constructed on the saloon model and afford ample space, shall be conducted in the carriage. If the compartment is overcrowded with passengers or encumbered with much baggage, it will be in the discretion of the female inspector to order some or all of the passengers to vacate the compartment and stand within a *kanat* enclosure on the platform. Females travelling in ordinary intermediate or 3rd class compartments where there is no room for thorough inspection must get out on the platform and undergo inspection within a screen of *kanats*, which shall be invariably used.

IX.—Where, as the result of such inspection or examination or otherwise, the Inspecting Medical Officer considers that there is reason to believe or suspect that any person is or may be infected with bubonic plague, or where any person makes any objection under the proviso to rule VIII, clause (1), of these rules, the Inspecting Medical Officer may direct that such person be removed to and detained in any building, tent or other place, whether near the place of inspection or elsewhere, until the Inspecting Medical Officer or some other Medical Officer empowered in this behalf by a written order of the Local Government certifies in writing that in his opinion there is no longer any reason for believing or suspecting such person to be infected as aforesaid. In determining when such a certificate can safely be given the officer concerned shall be guided by the principles of the Venice Convention.

X.—The Inspecting Medical Officer may, at his discretion, allow travellers liable to detention under rule IX to proceed to their destination, provided that they execute an agreement in form A annexed to this regulation, binding them to submit themselves to medical supervision by the Civil Surgeon of the district or an Assistant Surgeon specially authorised by the Civil Surgeon in each case, or in Calcutta by a commissioned Medical Officer, for a period of ten days from the date of their arrival. The agreement shall be executed in duplicate, and the Inspecting Medical Officer shall at once deliver one copy to the officer in charge of the Railway Police who will arrange in compliance with the agreement. The second copy shall be sent to the Civil Surgeon of the district, or in Calcutta to the commissioned Medical Officer selected for the purpose of supervision.

XI.—Any person who produces a certificate in form B annexed, to the effect that, for the ten days immediately preceding the date of commencing his journey, he has been residing in a non-infected area, will be allowed to proceed to his destination on his thumb mark being verified to the satisfaction of the Inspecting Medical Officer.

XII.—Any person in respect to whom a direction has not been given under rule IX may apply to the Inspecting Medical Officer to be allowed to attend upon any person in respect to whom such a direction has been given, and the Inspecting Medical Officer shall, except for reasons to be recorded by him in writing, grant such application.

XIII.—Any person who has made an application under the last foregoing clause and whose application has been granted shall be detained in such building, tent or other place, whether near the place of inspection or elsewhere as the Inspecting Medical Officer may direct until the Inspecting Medical Officer or some other Medical Officer empowered in this behalf by a written order of the Local Government certifies in writing that in his opinion there is no longer any reason for detaining such person.

XIV.—No person in respect to whom a direction under rule IX or XII of these rules has been given shall leave any building, tent or other place in which an Inspecting Medical Officer has directed him to be detained until such Inspecting Medical Officer certifies in writing that in his opinion there is no longer any reason for believing or suspecting such person to be infected as aforesaid, or that there is no longer any reason for detaining such person, as the case may be.

XV.—The Inspecting Medical Officer may order the destruction or disinfection of any article which is or has been in the possession of any person in respect to whom a direction under rule IX or XII has been given, or which is or has been in the possession of any person whom the inspecting Medical Officer considers, to have been in dangerous proximity to such person:

Provided that compensation may, in the discretion of the officer empowered by the next following clause to award the same, be paid for the destruction or injury of any article under this clause.

XVI.—Applications for the payment of compensation under the last preceding rule may be made to the District Magistrate, who shall upon receipt of any such application determine by order in writing the amount of such compensation, if any, and such order shall be final.

XVII.—The Local Government may by notification prohibit the public or any class of persons from travelling to or from any local area specified in such notice either absolutely, or otherwise than by way of a place or places specified in such notification; and when any such notification has issued, no person shall travel to or from any local area in contravention of such notification.

XVIII.—It shall be lawful for an Inspecting Medical Officer to enter upon and occupy any waste or arable land required for the purpose of hospitals or temporary accommodation on payment to the owner, lessee or occupier of such reasonable sum as compensation for damage done and by way of rent as the Collector of the district may assess on that account.

XIX.—All officers of the District and Railway Police are required to assist the inspecting officer in enforcing these regulations.

XX.—The powers conferred on the Inspecting Medical Officer by these rules shall be exercised subject to the control of the Magistrate of the District, the Commissioner of the Division and of the Local Government.

XXI.—The cost of all measures taken under these rules and under the regulations published with Plague Notification No. 2 of the 10th February 1897 shall be borne by the District Boards and municipalities of the areas protected in such proportion as the Lieutenant-Governor may determine.

H. H. RISLEY,

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

FORM A.

Agreement to submit to Medical Supervision.

I (name) of village _____, thana _____, district _____, do hereby declare that I will at once proceed to (address in full), and I agree to submit myself to medical supervision by _____ for a period of ten days from to-day.

Date _____

Signed _____

In the presence of _____

Inspecting Medical Officer.

Mark of executant's left thumb. _____

FORM B.

CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE.

No. 1 (Counterfoil.)

No. 1.

Name

Father's name

Village

Thana

District

Date.

Signature
of
traveller.

Initials of
Certifying
Officer.

Thumb mark of traveller.

I CERTIFY that (name), father's name
(name), resident of
thana, district, who is
(personally known to me, or
has been identified to my satisfaction) has been residing
for the last ten days at
, thana
in this district, which is a locality not infected by the bubonic
plague. I further certify that (name) signed his name and
made his thumb mark on this certificate in my presence.

Signature of traveller.

Date.

Signed.

Magistrate of the District.

Subdivisional Officer.

Civil Surgeon.

District Superintendent of Police.

Mark of traveller's left thumb.

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

MEDICAL.

No. 5217Medl.

CALCUTTA, THE 4TH DECEMBER 1897.

FROM B. FOLEY, Esq.,

Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal,

TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

SIR,

UNDER instructions contained in the letter from the Govern-
ment of India, in the Home Department, No. ^{6-Sany.}₆₀₄, dated the 20th February
1897, I am directed to forward, for the information of His Excellency the
Governor, a copy of revised Plague Notification No. 2, dated the 30th November
1897, with enclosures, which has been issued by this Government, prescribing
rules for the inspection of persons travelling by rail, water or road within the
limits of this province.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

B. FOLEY,

Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

Local and Municipal Department

Order, No. 2802 M. No. 1, Dated 15th December 1897.

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(True Extract)

H. T. Mendenhall
Ag. Secretary to Govt.

T. N. R.—Reg. No. 6080C—98—7-12-97.

Copy to the Public Works Dept (Ry. Branch).
" " " Marine Dept.
" " " Surgeon-General.
" " " Sanitary Commissioner.