

Marine (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 960 *Mar*

DATED 20 Nov 1897

25/11/97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Medical Inspection, Observing that there is no power vested in the Govt to extend the period of — (in view of withholding a clean bill of health) beyond the ten days prescribed by the Venice Convention and that if events subsequently occur which prove that this period is insufficient, the question may be revived.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated Fort St. George, 18th November 1897, No. 2351-S.

I have the honour to advise that G.O., No. 327, Marine, dated 3rd April 1897, be modified. Having regard to the fact that the incubation stage of plague extends up to eight days, and possibly ten days, it is not advisable that a ship which has arrived in the Madras Presidency from an infected port should be excused complete inspection, because it has already been proved free of plague after its arrival within the limits of any single port. Indeed, when it is remembered that practical experience has shown that plague can be imported to London from Bombay—infection having probably been acquired *en route* from some articles capable of retaining the contagion—it becomes obvious the practice allowed by the Government Order is unsafe. I therefore advise that Government direct that all ships known to have communicated with an infected port be liable to inspections at all ports in the Madras Presidency for a period of one month from date of departure.

ORDER—No. 960, Marine, dated 25th November 1897.

His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that there is no power vested in the Government to extend the period of inspection (in view to withholding a clean bill of health) beyond the ten days prescribed by the Venice Convention. If events subsequently occur which prove that this period is insufficient, the question may be revived.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Sanitary Commissioner, through the Public Department.
 „ Presidency Port Officer.
 „ Local and Municipal Department.

Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

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From

The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.

No. 2351
5Dated 18th November 1897.

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SUBJECT.

His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that there is no power vested in the Government to extend the period of inspection (in view to withholding a clean bill of health) beyond the ten days prescribed by the Venice Convention. If events subsequently occur which prove that this period is insufficient, the question may be revived.

Requesting that in the circumstances stated that Government direct that all ships known to have communicated with an infected port be liable to inspections at all ports in the Madras Presidency, for a period of one month from date of departure.

The Sanitary Commissioner through the Public Dept 7
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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
S.O.	823	Marine	21-9-97
"	745-6	"	23-8-97
"	601	"	6-7-97
"	327	"	3-4-97

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

What the Sanitary
Commissioner requires is that
provision shall not be
recognised unless a
month has elapsed from
date of travelling on an
infected path.

But has she not under
Rule 1 to fly the
yellow flag anywhere
that looks like a
P.T.O.

of 1897.

SUBJECT.

DEERS.

The recommendation of the Sanitary Commissioner practically amounts to withholding a clean bill of health from vessels from infected ports for a period of one month. This would be going beyond the period considered sufficient under the provisions of the Venice Sanitary Convention, Chap. I, Section VIII-vide G.O. 601 Marine dated 6th July 1897, pages 22 and 23. The rule complained of is now embodied in para 17 of G.O. No. 745 Marine dated 23rd August 1897, and the act that 10 days is the maximum period of detention for a "healthy" vessel is emphasised in para 12(a), (page 6) of the Government of India letter printed with G.O. No. 601 Marine dated 6th July 1897.

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No. 2351
SOFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
Fort St. George, 18th Novr. 1897.

From

SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,

SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE

Secretary to Government
Marine Department

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Your most obedt Servt

W. S. M. S.

Surpr. Lieut Col.

Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.