

Marine (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 215 *mar*

DATED 10. *mar* 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Pilgrim Traffic: Recording with reference
to No 288 M of 24. February 1897, Curran papers
on the subject of the Indian port
being opened for —

BACK PAPERS.

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Marine
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The Hon. Mr. Bliss. C. J. Esq.
Pilgrim traffic No 215 Mad of 10.3.97
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

From the Protector of Emigrants
Madras N.E. No 41 of 3rd February 1907.

Endt: in the marine dept " 85 E of 6th Feb: 1907.

From the Presy: Port officer " 1847/42. 9 of 8th Feb: 1907.

Endt: in the marine dept " 90 E of 9th Feb: 1907.

Endt: thereon in the Public dept: " 353 of 11th Feb: 1907.

I counterinitial this: but as the port of India has again been addressed in protest against Madras remaining a pilgrim port, the order should I think come from the Govt.

The port has definitely decided against the protest. If India accedes to the wishes of the port, then the order need not issue.

S. R. 14/87

I detained this because at the time it reached me it was

N. E. the Governor in Council proceeds to consider the recommendations made by the Presidency Port officer as to the action to be taken under the Pilgrim Ships act.

The port of Madras has, under the orders of the Govt. of India, already been declared a port under section 7 of the act for the departure & arrival of pilgrim ships. The Dy: Conservator has also been appointed under section 8, and the Presidency Port officer declared the "intermediate"

intermediate authority" under
Section 16 (3) of the Act.

3. The Dy: Conservator
will attend to the duty speci-
fied in Section 18, and the
medical inspection required
by Section 32 (1) will be made
by the Port and Marine
Surgeon at Madras. It has
already been decided that a
preliminary medical inspec-
tion shall be made at
Guntakul on the Madras
Railway. The pilgrims will
then be railed through to the
northern arm of the harbour,
where a further medical
inspection will be made as
the pilgrims pass from the
train to the ship.

4. The medical inspection
under Section 33 (1) will also
be made by the Marine
Surgeon, and the Dy: Con-
servator will act under
Section 43 (1) and Section 56
(1).

5. The northern arm of the
Harbour will be the place
from which pilgrims shall
be embarked whenever the

not settled whether the
pilgrim ~~was~~ attention of
should be at Cuddalore
Arum - Now, under
India's telegram re: a Saturday
in the L. & M. Sept (trans-
ferred to K. B. K.) pilgrims
are to be stopped altogether for
G.O. 181. M. d. 8 Feb 1917
this name. With ref. to
that telegram, therefore, the
may be recorded, as nothing
has to be done.

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+ Avoid orders in the
Public Department on
the telegrams referred to.
23/2/17

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the state of the weather
permits. At other times
the Emigration shed shall,
subject to the approval of
the Emigration authorities,
be used. The Police will
aid the Dy: Conservator &
the Marine Surgeon in
carrying these arrangements
into effect. No pilgrim will
be permitted to leave the
shed except for the purpose
of embarking, or to leave
the ship after being placed
thereon. The vessel will be
required to sail as soon as
possible after the pilgrims
have been put on board.

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Orders are requested
whether rules are to be
framed and published
under Section 58 (2) (a) & (b)
of the Act. The previous
sanction of the Governor -
General - in - Council will
be

be required, and the rules must be published in the Fort St George Gazette.

11/2/97

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from orders

Recorded with reference to G.O. 288 on 2/24 February 1897

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9/3/97

(The Secy: to Govt: L & M.
Dept: for favour of
Counterintelligence.)

The P.P.O.

- Protector of Emigrants
- Surgeon Genl: with the Govt: of Madras.
- Ch: A. J. B. C.
- Insptr: Genl: of Police
- Local & Municipal Dept
- Judl: Dept:
- P. W. S. Ry: Bch:

Marine Public Works (1897) Department.

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Order
G.O. No. 353 of 11 February 1897.

Retransferred to the Marine

From The Marine Dept

Department in continuation of endorsement No. 327 dated the 8th instant for favour of the requisite action. Reference to the Surgeon General and to the Protector of Emigrants may be made direct.

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Chief Secretary.

No. 90

Dated 9th Feb 1897

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Registered } 11.2.97
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SUBJECT.

Transferring letter from the Port Office reporting in regard to the working of the Pilgrim ships Act at the Port of Madras.

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G.O. No. 106
of 9.2.97
The above G.O. in the Press
abstract book.

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Ex. act. of L. O. D. 106	
90 E. 9-2-97	9-2-97 ✓
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Native Passengers	
X of 1887.	
85 E. 6-2-97	✓
68 E. 2-2-97	✓
67 E. 1-2-97	✓
80 71 0 1/2 25-1-97	✓
80 63 1/2 21-1-97	✓
Go. W. 18/2/97	
Ly. h. Deptt.	8-2-97. ✓

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From

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,

Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MARINE DEPARTMENT,

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SIR,

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With reference to Marine Department
Memorandum No. ³307, dated 6 February
1897, I have the honor to acquaint you,
for the information of Government,
as follows in respect to the sections of
the Pilgrim Ships Act 1895, viz: -

- Section 8 -

The Deputy Conservator of the Port
should be appointed the officer referred
to therein. His recommendation has
already been made - see this office
letter No. 1847/24, & dated 28th January 1897.

- section 18 -

The Deputy Conservator if appointed
under section 8 should see to this
and

and make the necessary arrangements for examining the food brought by pilgrims.

- Section 32, (1) -

This inspection if at Madras port should be made by the Port and Marine Surgeon. The best place would be in the Emigration shed, provided the Protector of Emigrants has no objection. If practicable however, it would be advisable in my opinion for pilgrims from the Bombay Presidency to be examined at Raichur by the medical officer there and railed straight through on to the Northern Arm of the Harbour, the vessel being placed off the Arm, and sent straight on board from there. They could be also examined again, if necessary, as they walk from the train to the ship, and their provisions seen to at the same time.

- Section 33, (1) -

The Marine Surgeon should make the inspection.

section

- Section 43, (ii) -

The deputy Conservator if appointed under section 8 is the Officer to attend to this clause.

- Section 56, (i) -

This would fall on the Officer appointed under section 8.

- Section 58 (ii) -

The Northern Arm of the Harbour - should be used whenever practicable, the vessel being placed in position off the arm and arrangements made by the deputy Conservator ^{and the Police} for walking the pilgrims straight on board. Should the state of the weather at any time render this course impracticable the pilgrims should be brought by train to the Emigration shed and after being examined there sent off from the beach, arrangements being made by the Police to keep the pilgrims from leaving the shed until they are permitted to

to embark. The vessel should sail
as soon as possible after the pilgrims
have embarked. The Police should
see that no pilgrims leave the vessel
after he has embarked.

2. The papers referred for report
are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your obedt. servant,

H. A. Theet
Commander, R.N.M.,
Presy. Port Officer

Urgent

No. 902

Government of Madras.
Marine
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Endorsement.
MEMORANDUM.

Dated Madras, 9th February 1897.

Letter from the Presidency Port
officer Madras, N^o 1847/42 G.,
dated 8th February 1897.

Transferred to the Public
Department with reference to
the Memorandum in that
Department N^o 307 dated 6th
February 1897.

C. W. B. Burrows.
Under Secretary.

Yours

The Public Department
with papers in original.

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1897
Public Dept
No. 4
To
C No 532

[P. W. 41
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Marine (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 159

Order - 855 of 6-2-97

Forwarded

(Sd) Dm^c W Campbell, ^{From} Secy to Govt. The Public Dept.
Marine Dept.

Memo No. 307

Dated 6-2-97.

Received 6-2-97.

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SUBJECT.

Referring to the ^{for reply report} Pending
Port office letter from
the Protector of Immigrants
No. 41 of 3-2-97 in
regard to the working of
the Pilgrimage Act
at the Port of Madras.

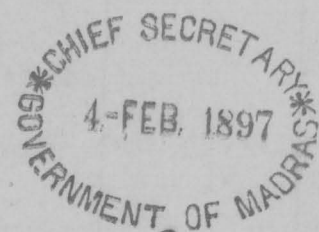
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From



The Protector of Emigrants
Madras

No. 41

Dated 3rd February '97

Received 4-2-97

Registered 4-2-97

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SUBJECT.

Suggesting that a reference
may be made to the ^{Presidential}
Post office in regard to
the working of the Pilgrim
Ships Act at this Post.

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CURRENT No. 457

No. 41

OFFICE OF THE PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,
Madras, 3rd February 1897.

From W. Austin Esq.

PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,
Madras,

To The Honble Mr. J. F. Price C.S.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George,

SIR,

With reference to endorsement No. 230
original enclosed returned. dated 27th January '97, I have the honor to
Suggest that a reference may be made to
the Presidency Port Officer in regard to the
working of the Pilgrim Ships Act at this
port, as, in my opinion, he is in a far better
position to offer useful suggestions, dealing
as he does with the Native Passenger
Ships Act to which the Act in question
is akin.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed^t servant

W. Austin
Protector of Emigrants

C. A. W.

The accompanying L.C. of Madras.
files are submitted with
reference to G.O. no 288,
288 A, M 1824-2-97 Commu-
nicated to the P.W.D (Railway)
branch.

~~From the~~
As the Marine dept is
not included in the list
of communications
marked at the foot of
the G.O. orders are solicited
as to whether the papers
should stand over any
longer.

MUNICIPAL.

., 24th February 1897.

BY.

Hedjaz.

Government of India suspending all — for

1897
Public Dept
Encl. No 3
to
O. No 532

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., No. 215A M., dated 13th February 1897.

READ—also the following papers:—

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, Calcutta, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Local and Municipal Department, dated 17th February 1897.

No. 521, Sanitary. Government of India have issued notification prohibiting departure on pilgrimage of pilgrims who are resident in the Bombay Presidency or Sind or who have gone there for purpose of embarkation; all persons who have entered Bombay Presidency for purpose of pilgrimage will be taken to camp at Nassick, which for ten days, or, if plague takes place there, till ten days after last case occurs; those belonging to Madras will then be taken, in charge of official of Bombay Government, to some place in Madras to be arranged by the Madras Government and taken charge of by an official to be appointed by the Madras Government, and should then be conveyed to their homes. Government is defraying cost of tickets for their journey. Government of India will be obliged if Government of Madras will at once enter into communication with Government of Bombay to arrange place at which such pilgrims shall be taken over by official of Madras Government and will make the necessary subsidiary arrangements to carry this decision out. Government of Bombay have been requested to make arrangements for stopping intending pilgrims from entering Bombay Presidency at Bhusawal, Ahmedabad, Hodgi and Londa effectual, and Government of India will be obliged if Madras Government will take all measures possible to make it known to intending pilgrims that they will be turned back if they attempt to enter Bombay Presidency. It is desirable that all efforts that are possible should be made through magistrates of districts, the religious heads of the Muhammadans, pilgrim brokers, and in any other way the Local Government thinks best, to dissuade intending pilgrims from going on haj this year; but though by these means the number of pilgrims may be materially reduced, it appears likely that considerable number may still wish to go on pilgrimage from places other than Bombay Presidency and Sind. The Government of India have decided that all who persist in desire to go on pilgrimage shall be collected prior to departure at camp of observation at distance from port and situated in province to which they belong, or in case of residents of Native States in province nearest to their State, and placed under observation for at least seven days and until intimation is received from Commissioner of Police at port that steamer is ready to receive them; they will then be taken by special train and railed to place of departure of steamer and be at once placed on board. It is proposed that no tickets shall be sold at Madras or Calcutta and that they shall be purchasable only at camp of observation where pilgrims will be collected. Government of India will be obliged if Government of Madras will now, with as little delay as possible, work out the arrangements necessary to carry this decision out, and keep them and the Government of the ports of departure informed of measures taken to carry it out. It is in particular desirable the place selected for observation should be intimated with least possible delay. In order to make arrangements complete, it will be necessary to communicate with Political authorities of Native States.

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, Calcutta, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Local and Municipal Department, dated 18th February 1897.

No. 540, Sanitary. My telegram, No. 521, dated 17th, regarding pilgrimage. Government of India request that persons collected at camp of observation prior to departure on pilgrimage may themselves, their clothes, and effects be disinfected before leaving camp.

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, Calcutta, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Local and Municipal Department, dated 19th February 1897.

No. 567, Sanitary. My telegram, number 521, dated 17th, regarding pilgrimage. Government of India request that orders may be issued under Epidemic Diseases Act prohibiting sale of tickets to pilgrims at Madras and arranging that they shall only be procurable at observation camps.

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, Calcutta, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Local and Municipal Department, dated 20th February 1897.

No. 614, Sanitary. Secretary of State telegraphs that, in consequence of strong opinions regarding possible communication of plague to Europe of all European Governments, whom nothing short of prohibition will satisfy, Her Majesty's Government have decided that pilgrimage should be altogether suspended for the present season. Notification under Epidemic Diseases Act will issue at once. It is essential that reasons for decision of Her Majesty's Government shall be made widely known by Government officers and that every endeavour shall be made by the agency of Muhammadans of position and trust to explain them to those who had intended to proceed on pilgrimage and to Muhammadans generally. It will also be necessary to stop all intending pilgrims near their homes and on frontier of British India and to induce them to return to their homes so that they may not gather in large bodies. Governor-General in Council need not impress upon Government of Madras the importance of endeavouring to make this decision as little unpalatable as possible to Muhammadans and relies upon Government of Madras to use all means in their power to do so.

Notification of the Government of India, in the Home Department, dated Calcutta, 20th February 1897.

The question of the suspension of the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz having been under the consideration of the Government of India and Her Majesty's Government, Her Majesty's Government have now come to the conclusion that, in consequence of the strong opinions of all European Governments, including Turkey, regarding the danger of plague being communicated to Europe, it is impossible to meet their demands by any measure short of the suspension of the pilgrimage for the time being. The Governor-General in Council is therefore pleased, under section 2, sub-section 1, of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, to order that the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz shall be altogether suspended for the current season.

ORDER—No. 288 M., dated 24th February 1897.

The final notification of the Government of India of the 20th February suspending all pilgrimage to the Hedjaz for the current season renders it now unnecessary to consider the arrangements required for the quarantine of pilgrims coming from unaffected tracts and for their embarkation at the port of Madras. It remains to carry out the orders of the Government of India as to the conveyance to their homes

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of the pilgrims belonging to Madras who are now in the Bombay Presidency and have been turned back from their intended journey. The pilgrims are to go into camp at Nassick for ten days' quarantine on the 21st February, so that they will not arrive at the Madras frontier till the 3rd March—at the earliest.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council appoints the Guntakal Junction railway station to be the place where these pilgrims will be taken over, and the officer to do so will be the Sub-Magistrate who has been deputed there on special duty. The Sub-Magistrate will at Government cost purchase railway tickets for the party, and, unless in any case action under regulation 14 of the Mufassal regulations notified in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 15th February is necessary, despatch them without avoidable delay to their homes in charge of police constables. Before their departure the medical officers at Guntakal will inspect the pilgrims and cause all their clothing, bedding, &c., to be carefully disinfected. The Inspector-General of Police will make the necessary police arrangements in connection with the conveyance of the pilgrims to their villages. The police constable in charge of a party or an individual will report the arrival of the party or individual to the Commissioner of Police if the destination is the Madras City, and in the case of other destinations to the Municipal Chairman or village headman. The Commissioner of Police, or the Chairman or headman, as the case may be, will countersign the order with which the constable will be furnished and the constable will then transmit it to the medical officer in charge of the camp at Guntakal, who will report to Government the return thereof.

3. The Bombay Government has been asked by wire to inform this Government of the number of Madras pilgrims and their destinations, and the information, as soon as it is received, will be communicated to the Inspector-General of Police, the Medical Officer in charge at Guntakal, and other officers concerned.

(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Anantapur.
 „ the Inspector-General of Police.
 „ the Surgeon-General.
 „ the Sanitary Commissioner.
 „ the Public Department.
 „ the Judicial Department.
 „ the Revenue Department.
 „ the Public Works (Railway) Department.
 „ the Financial Department.

ENDORSEMENT—No. 288A M., dated 24th February 1897.

Copy to the Government of India, Home Department.

G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.MARINE
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

List of papers detained in circulation.

Current Number.	Date.	Subject.	When circulated.	To whom.
179	11/2/97	Endorsement in the Public Dept retransferring with remarks letter from the Presidency Port officer reporting in regard to the working of the Pilgrim ships and at the Port of Madras.	12 th Feb'y 1897	The Hon'ble Mr. H. W. Bliss C. J. E.

I am keeping this pending the settlement of the isolation station
 Decided. I am not yet satisfied
 it will be - perhaps (with up to
 let in tonight M. M. it may not
 be made. 18/2/97

Madras

17th Feb'y 1897.

L.S.

See over

19/2/97

J. A. Pansikku

Secretary to Govd.

Am. 17/2/97.

