

DATED 5th May 1897

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Bill of health

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From W. P. AUSTIN, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 24th April 1897, No. 2664 G.

Adverting to G.O., No. 151, Marine, dated 23rd February 1897, prescribing certain rules under the Epidemic Diseases Act to be observed in the port of Madras, I have the honour to enquire whether rule 2 of the notification is applicable in the case of a coasting vessel sailing from this port for Bombay, touching Colombo *en route*. I am of opinion that it does apply and that a bill of health in the prescribed form should invariably be furnished by the Health officer to all such vessels inasmuch as Colombo is out of India. In a recent case, however, the Health officer simply endorsed on the health certificate obtained at Calcutta that the port of Madras is free from plague, &c. This certificate is not, I think, sufficient and when he was asked to grant a proper bill of health, said that it was not necessary and I may mention that, although the vessel had cargo for Bombay which was the terminal port on that voyage, he was granted a port clearance to Negapatam only, where she was directed to obtain a proper health certificate. The arrangement, though out of order, was made to avoid the vessel's detention, and in the circumstances I request the favour of definite and early orders in the matter.

ORDER—No. 427, Marine, dated 5th May 1897.

Having in view the fact that it is of the utmost importance to the whole world that Colombo should be kept free from infection, His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that all vessels which call at Cingalese ports on their way from Madras to their final port of destination shall undergo examination at Madras, where the inspection is likely to be more thorough than at minor ports of the Presidency. A bill of health will, therefore, be furnished to all such vessels by the Port Health officer at Madras.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.
 „ Presidency Port Officer.
 „ Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
 „ Port Health Officer, Madras.
 „ Surgeon-General.
 „ Public Department.
 „ Local and Municipal Department.
 „ Honourable the Colonial Secretary,
 Colombo, with C.L.

Ed. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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Marine PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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No 427 marine 95th May 1897

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To The Collector of Sea Customs, Madras. *2/10/97*
 „ P.P.O. *✓*
 „ Ch.H.T.Bd. *✓*
 „ Port Health Officer, Madras. *2/10/97*
 „ Surgeon General *✓*
 „ Public Department. *2/10/97*
 „ L & M Department. *(40-1000-2-11-95)*
 The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, with C.L. *sent with memo 343 15-19-97*

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Marine
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Health Certificates

Read the following

From the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, No. 2664 G., dated 24th April

The Hon. Mr. P. S. S. I. E.

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X G.O. 373 Marine, dated 26th April 1897.

Health Certificates should be granted to all vessels sailing from ports which are not infected with plague, provided there is a Port Health Officer on the spot authorised to issue such a certificate. But a vessel which has obtained pratique at any port of the Madras Presidency is not liable to further inspection during the same voyage, excepting under the circumstances stated in G.O. 327 Marine, dated 3rd April 1897.

Ceylon makes so much trouble about plague, & it is in truth so important ^{about} to the whole world that Colombo should be kept free from infection, that I think it will be safest to require vessels which call at Cingalese ports on their way from Madras to their final port of destination to undergo examination at Madras, where the inspection is no doubt more thorough than at ^{any} other minor port.

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P.S.

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- To
- The Presy. Port Officer.
 - ,, Surgeon General with Govt.
 - ,, Collectors, Maritime Districts.
 - ,, Local & Munl. Dept.
 - ,, Public Dept.

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CURRENT No. *634*

Order

From *The Collector*
of Sea Customs,
Madras

No. *2664*

Dated *24 April 1897*

Received *1st May 1897*

Enclosures *nil.*

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for
orders whether rule 2
of the notification under
the Epidemic Diseases
act is applicable in
the case of coasting vessels
sailing from Madras
to Bombay touching
Colombo en route.

On any future communication on the subject this No. should be quoted.

No. 26047.

Dated 24 April 1897.

From

W. P. Austin Esq.

COLLECTOR OF SEA CUSTOMS,

To

The Secretary to Government

Marine Department Madras.

SIR,

Adverting to G.O. No. 151 Marine of 28th February 1897,
prescribing certain rules under the Epidemic Diseases Act to be
observed in the port of Madras, I have the honor to enquire
whether rule 2 of the notification is applicable in the case
of a coasting vessel sailing from this port for Bombay,
touching Calcutta en route. I am of opinion that it does
apply and that a Bill of Health in the prescribed form
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In a recent case, however, the Health Officer simply endorsed
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I have the honor to be,
Sir
your most obedient servant

Wm. L. ...
Collector of Sea Customs.

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28/7/87

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