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[Despatch Abstract.]

Medical Inspection: ^{order of the} Letter to the Govt of Bombay requesting that this Govt may be furnished as soon as practicable with the special rules for the — of vessels adopted at the infected ports of the Bombay Presy: in order that the revised rules to be issued at Madras may be assimilated thereto.

The Govt of Bombay addressed.

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of the Governor General in Council, it is desirable that they should be assimilated, in the case of vessels sailing for ports out of India, as far as possible to those which will, under the terms of the Convention, have to be adopted at the infected ports of the Bombay Presidency."

2. I am accordingly directed to request that you will, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, be so good as to furnish this Government, as soon as practicable, with the special rules adopted at the infected ports of the Bombay Presidency, in order that the revised rules to be issued at Madras may be assimilated thereto.

I have &c.

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The Hon Mr. P. W. D. 12
The Hon Mr. J. C. 12
At the Governor

Marine P. W. DEPARTMENT.

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READ the following:—

Letter from the Government of India, Home Dept. No. 1624 Sanitary, dated the 1st June 1897.

Endorsement thereon in the Local & Municipal Dept. No. 651 dated 9th the June 1897.

Venice Sanitary Convention

FOR ORDERS.

With the letter quoted above, the Government of India forwards a copy of a translation of the Convention framed at the Sanitary Conference recently held at Venice for the purpose of considering measures to prevent the spread of the plague.

2. G.O. 344 Marine dated 8th April 1897 contains the rules at present in force in Madras in regard to ocean traffic outwards, and G.O. 363 Marine dated 22nd April 1897 those in regard to ocean traffic inwards.

3. The rules of the Convention differ in some important respects from those now in force here, and the Government of India requests that local rules shall be assimilated as far as possible to those agreed upon at Venice, but in clause (b) of para 5, the Government of India says that the Madras and Calcutta rules should be assimilated, in the case of outwards vessels "to those which will, under

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despatched to the Govt of Bombay
Marine Dept to furnish the
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under the terms of the Convention, have to be adopted at the infected ports of the Bombay Presidency!"

4. It would thus appear necessary to await the revised Bombay rules before any revision of the Madras rules can be undertaken, and the Government of Bombay might be asked to supply this Government, as soon as possible, with a copy of their revised rules.

5. Meanwhile it seems necessary to consult the Chamber of Commerce in regard to the exportation, from clean ports, of articles included in the Convention ~~as~~ "susceptible" list, and coming from the infected Indian areas. Vide Government of India letter clause (a) of para 9.

6. The following matters in regard to which the local rules differ from the Convention may be noticed:-

(a). It will in future be necessary that all "non-professional attendants and relatives" of infected persons should be prevented from embarking, or if on board, that they should be "landed and isolated on the first opportunity". Vide clause (b) para 5 of letter.

(b). "Healthy" vessels from infected ports must be detained for a maximum period of "ten days from date of departure from the infected port". Vide clause (a) of para 12.

See also my note on p. 37 the Convention

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Chemicals must certainly be provided, but that is an easy matter. I don't think I have attended to stores. Ch. III leaves me to guess that ordinary disinfection, if properly carried out, will be accepted. But there have been cases where it is not done. I should say. The only thing to do is to detain such persons in an isolation camp, except perhaps in large towns where there is a health agency to carry out the surveillance.

I should say the Govt of India or the Govt of Bombay should communicate with foreign Govts as a rule, except in the Straits Settlements.

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(c). A more elaborate system of disinfection will have to be employed, and the requisite apparatus and chemicals provided at all inspection ports. Vide Chapter III of Convention.

(d). Arrangements must be made for keeping under "medical surveillance" certain persons who on landing obtain free pratique. Vide Note to para 2, Section VIII, Chapter II of the Convention.

(e). The rules approved in G.O. 363 Marine dated 22nd April 1897 contain no fixed limit for the detention of infected vessels, although such limit ~~is~~ is prescribed in the case of infected persons. Ten days quarantine of vessels must now be enforced from date of last case of plague on board. Vide clause (a) para 11 of letter.

(f). The authority to inspect after dark given in G.O. 315 Marine dated 31st March 1897 must be rescinded with reference to para 1, section II, Chapter I of the Convention.

(g). Arrangements must be made to carry out the measures for notification to Governments in Europe of plague cases, and ^{plague} areas in India. Vide Chapters I and II of the Convention. This, together with the precautions to be taken inland, seems a matter for the Local and Municipal Dept.

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7. The Convention and letter have
already appeared in the Gazette of
India, and the India notification will
be republished in the Port St. George
Gazette.

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