

Marine (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 787 *nav*

DATED 8 September 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Suspected cases of plague: Letter from the
Bombay Govt suggesting that under the
circumstances mentioned it would seem un-
necessary to adopt the proposal of this Govt
that immediate action should be given to the first
port of call in this Residence of the departure
from Bombay of vessels from which any
— have been removed. *Recorded*

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CURRENT No. 1203

Record

The Governor of Bombay
General Smith

P
No. 1388 *p*

C.S.
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Note

Para 11 of the new quarantine regulations gives the Health officer power to demand, on oath from the Master of the ship, a declaration as to removal of suspected cases. There is thus not so much need now for telegraphic advice from Bombay.

C.S.

Dated 2-9-97

Received 6-6-

Enclosures

Spare copies -

SUBJECT.

Suspected cases of plague

Stating that it is not possible
to give immediate information
of removal of — from the
departing vessel, to the first
port in the madras Presidency
at which she will touch.

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From.

Indicolin

Bombay

Pool Health Officer

Port Health Officer

Steamer Albion sailed Antioch 27th
instant Crew 35 1 passenger. One of crew
removed on suspicion of Plague; this man
has since been returned officially as a
Plague case.

True copy

Sd/ 7 7 Inac Carter. Dr B

disease. In fact so numerous have been the removals

No 862 of 1897

From

Surgeon-Major F. F. MacCallister, M.B.,
Health Officer of the Port of Bombay,

To

The Secretary to Government,
General Department,
Bombay.

Bombay Port Health Office,
Town Customs House,
dated 24th August 1897.

Sir,

I have the honor in accordance with your memo No 1285 P, dated 21st instant, and forwarding letter from the Government of Madras No 715, Madras dated 11th August 1897 (herewith returned), to state that I cannot recommend that the suggestion made in para 4 of that letter be adopted.

2. With a view to the prevention of possible plague cases leaving Bombay by sea it has been the custom here to remove from departing vessels all natives suffering from marked fever unless there is a medical history sufficient to show that the fever is due to causes other than Plague. Accordingly members of prisons have been, and are still being, removed from vessels who cannot be known for some days after ship's departure to be beyond suspicion of the disease. In fact so numerous have been the removals

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removals on suspicion during the past 6 months that, if the procedure suggested in para 4 of the letter from the Government of Madras had been in force, telegraphic notices of removals on suspicion would have been required in connection with almost all sea departures from Bombay to Madras Ports. Needless alarm would probably have been felt at other ports and unnecessary quarantine difficulties perhaps experienced by vessels, in cases where it could not be known here for some time that a removal on suspicion was not a Plague case.

3. The procedure in Bombay is as follows:- Should an actual Plague case be found on board a vessel, the fact is noted on the Bill of Health, and the vessel is disinfectd before departure.

When a case has been removed from a vessel merely on suspicion nothing is done unless the case is reported to be Plague by the authorities of the Hospital to which transferred, in which case a telegram is sent to the authorities of the Indian Port to which vessel has sailed.

The case removed from the Steam Ship "Alboni" was only officially reported as Plague on the 30th July, and a telegram to that effect (copy attached) was on the same date sent to the Port Health Officer, Inticorin.

4. From para 2 of the letter from Madras Government, it would appear as if only

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arrived
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in the 31st

+ I did not reach him
till after the steamer
had arrived on the
31st, and it had been
banned & quarantined
by the
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only one telegram was sent by this office, viz that dated 2nd August, and that only in reply to a telegram from Inticorin, whereas, as already stated, the fact that the case had been declared to be Plague has been already telegraphed to Inticorin on the 30th July

I have seen

sd/ J. J. Mac Carlie, M.B., Surgeon-Major,
Health Officer of the Port

Forwarded through the Sanitary
Commissioner for the Government of Bombay.

Sanitary Department-

No 3868 B of 1897.

Sany Cornt's Office,

Bombay, 28th August 1897.

Submitted to Government-

sd/ J. W. Clarksom, Surg. Lt. Col.

Sany. Commissioner

sd/ J. W. Clarksom
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No. ¹³⁸⁸₁ of 1897.
General Department.
Poona, 2nd September 1897.

From, The Secretary to Government,

To, The Secretary to the Government
of Madras.

Marine (Public Works Department,
Coatacamund.

Sir, I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 715, Marine, dated 11th ultimo, suggesting that immediate notice should be given to the first port of call in the Madras Presidency of the departure from Bombay of vessels from which any suspected cases of plague have been removed.

2. In reply, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of Madras, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Health Officer of the Port of Bombay, No 862, dated 24th August 1897, with enclosure, and to suggest

that

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that under the circumstances mentioned by
that officer it would seem unnecessary
to adopt the proposal made in your letter
quoted above, which might moreover have
the effect of causing needless alarm.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Secretary to Government.

Marine (1897) Department.

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