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C.S.

Forwarding to the Government of India, Home Department, copy of a letter from the Chairman of the Madras Harbour Trust Board on the subject of the prohibition of the departure of — from the Madras port.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From W. AUSTIN, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated Madras, 6th February 1897, No. 4767.

I have the honour to submit for the information of Government copy of a telegram forwarded by the Trustees last evening to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy, in reference to Madras being used as a port for the embarkation of pilgrims to Mecca.

A copy was at once forwarded to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor for His Excellency's information.

2. The Trustees would further submit for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council that the pilgrims themselves would in no way benefit by being permitted to embark at Madras, as they cannot expect to escape quarantine by starting on their sea voyage from this port. It will be perfectly well known that they have come from Bombay and other plague-stricken places by rail to Madras and have merely embarked here, and this will not save them from quarantine nor from the horrors of plague on board a crowded ship.

3. Under these circumstances, the Trustees fail to see the utility of endangering the public health of Madras when the pilgrims themselves will reap no benefit by embarking here, and, moreover, immediately it is known that such a course has been adopted, Madras will be promptly placed in as strict quarantine as Bombay or Karachi.

ENCLOSURE.

Telegram from W. AUSTIN, Esq., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy, Calcutta, dated 5th February 1897.

The Harbour Trustees at their meeting to-day resolve to join with the municipality and other public bodies in strongly but respectfully protesting against Madras being made a pilgrim port. They apprehend that it would seriously interfere with the sea-borne trade.

No. 89-E.

Transferred to the Public Department.

(Signed)

D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Col., R.E.,  
Secy. to Govt., Marine Dept.

MADRAS,  
8th February 1897.

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ORDER—No. 186 M., dated 10th February 1897.

The following letter will be despatched to the Government of India :—

(True Extract.)

*G. S. Forbes*  
Secretary to Government.

To the Marine Department.

„ Sanitary Commissioner.

„ Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

„ President, Municipal Commission, Madras.

LETTER—to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, No. 186-A M., dated Fort St. George, 10th February 1897.

In continuation of my telegram, dated the 8th instant, regarding the prohibition of the departure of pilgrims from the Madras port, I am directed to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, copy of a letter from the Chairman of the Madras Harbour Trust Board on the subject.

G. S. FORBES,  
Secretary to Government.

Ed. A. Raitt.

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