

Marine (1898) Department.

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G.O., No. 1061 Marine

DATED 27 Dec 1898.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Flagne Precautions in Ceylon

From: Public Dept. Communicated to the
B^d of Revenue to the Inspector of Emigrants letter from
the Ceylon Govt requesting that its decision to temporarily
stop all traffic in passengers goods between
the India the Northern Province of the Island &
the West Coast of the Island North of Colombo, except
at Kandy where grain goods can be imported & exported
may be notified in this Press, Communicated to
the Pres. Officer.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., Mis. No. 1515, Public, dated 14th December 1898.

Read—the following letter from the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated 2nd December 1898:—

I am desired by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that, with a view to secure the northern province of this island, as far as it is possible to do so, from the introduction of plague from infected districts in the Madras Presidency, it has been decided by the Governor in Executive Council to temporarily close the northern route *via* Pámban for immigration and for emigration from 1st January to 1st May 1899.

2. Immigration will continue from Tuticorin, Tondi and Amapatam to Colombo, and negotiations will be made by this Government for a bi-weekly steamer service from Tondi to Colombo during the period the Pámban route is closed.

3. I am to ask you to be so good as to obtain for this Government the permission of His Excellency the Governor of Madras in Council to erect a camp for coolies at Tondi and to station there an agent to superintend it, and also to give the necessary notices at Pámban and in the recruiting districts of the Madras Presidency as to the closing of the northern route.

Order—Mis. No. 1515, Public, dated 14th December 1898.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue and the Protector of Emigrants.

2. The Ceylon Government will be informed that there is no objection to its proposals in paragraph 3.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue).
„ Protector of Emigrants.

Copy to the Local and Municipal Department.
„ „ Marine Department.

READ—also the following papers:—

From the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated 6th December 1898.

In continuation of my letter of the 2nd instant intimating to you that the northern route *via* Pámban will be temporarily closed for immigration and for emigration from 1st January to 1st May 1899, I am desired by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that it has also been decided to stop all traffic in passengers and goods between South India and the northern province of this island and the west coast of the island north of Colombo, except at Kayts where grain and goods can be imported and exported.

2. I am to state further that steps will be taken by this Government to patrol the coast by steamers and to take action in respect of any vessel evading the above regulations under which vessels are liable to be confiscated.

3. It has been further decided to prohibit the passage of all pilgrims to and from India.

4. I am to ask you, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor of Madras in Council, to be so good as to notify these decisions in the Madras Presidency.

Telegram from the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated 10th December 1898.

Our letter 2nd instant. Arrangements made with British India Company for bi-weekly service to Tondi from 1st January 1899.

ORDER—No. 1526, Public, dated 16th December 1898.

Communicated, in continuation of G.O., Mis. No. 1515, Public, dated 14th December 1898, to the Board of Revenue and to the Protector of Emigrants.

(True Extract.)

for Chief Secretary.

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