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FROM

J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E.,
Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY,
GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Home Department.
Sanitary.

Calcutta, the 11th December 1897.

SIR,

I AM directed to refer to your letter No. 6632, dated the 29th November, forwarding, for the information of the Government of India, a copy of a Resolution of the Government of Bombay, No. 6631 of the same date, regarding the arrangements that are being made at Karachi for the embarkation from that port of pilgrims to the Hedjaz.

2. In his telegram No. 1239, dated the 26th November, which is prefixed to the Resolution of the Government of Bombay, the Commissioner in Sind states that the authorities in Sind are inclined to think that pilgrims, whether from ignorance or design, will conceal the object of their journey, evading segregation up country, and will arrive at Karachi as ordinary passengers. The Commissioner proposes that intending pilgrims arriving in this fashion should be sent to the Malir camp at Karachi for ten days, with the view apparently to their subsequent embarkation for the Hedjaz. I am to say that the Government of India consider that intending pilgrims must not be permitted to evade the precautionary arrangements in this manner, and that if they arrive at Karachi as ordinary passengers instead of having passed through the provincial observation camps, they should not be allowed to embark. They will then have the option of abandoning their intention of going on pilgrimage or of returning to their respective provinces and seeking admission to the provincial observation camps.

3. In the same telegram the Commissioner in Sind states that pilgrims from other parts of India who are sent to Sind from Bombay will be detained at the existing observation sheds at Manora, Karachi. The Commissioner strongly urges that these pilgrims from Bombay should be segregated and disinfected before being sent to Karachi. In your telegram No. 6835, dated the 8th instant, it is stated that the Government of Bombay recommend that the pilgrims should first be segregated for ten days at Malet Bunder sheds, Bombay, and should then be despatched to Karachi and segregated at the Manora camp until a ship is ready to receive them, but not necessarily for as long as ten days. It is proposed to deal with sixty-seven pilgrims from other parts who are now in Bombay in this manner. The Government of India are, I am to say, strongly of opinion that the pilgrims from Bombay should not be kept at Karachi pending their departure, but should be detained under observation at a camp in Sind at some distance from Karachi and for a period of not less than ten days. This course will no doubt be somewhat less convenient than keeping the pilgrims at Karachi, but the Government of India consider that it is of great importance to avoid all risk of the importation of a plague case into Karachi or its immediate vicinity.

Although it is proposed to segregate the pilgrims at Malet Bunder, they will nevertheless be within the infected area, and it appears to the Government of India to be inadvisable to bring them straight from the infected area to Karachi, or to allow them to sail from Karachi until they have been segregated for ten days at a non-infected place up country. Any pilgrims from Bombay who are sent to Karachi should therefore be taken straight from the landing place to the observation camp selected for them up country. If the Government of Bombay consider that, as an additional precaution, they should first be segregated at Malet Bunder and disinfected, the Government of India will have no objection to this course being also adopted.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. P. HEWETT,

Secretary to the Government of India.

Pilgrims.—

Arrangements at Bombay and Karachi for the despatch of pilgrims to the Hedjaz.

General Department.
No. 7079

Bombay Castle,
20th December 1897.

Memorandum from the Commissioner of Customs, No. 5748, dated the 4th December 1897—

Submitting the following letter No. C.—20810, dated the 3rd idem, from the Collector of Customs, Bombay:—

"With reference to your No. 5541 of date 24th ultimo, I have the honour to report as follows.

"2. The Persian Steam Navigation Company has been referred to Notification No. 6560 of 25th November 1897, opening the pilgrimage from India under certain restrictions.

"3. There are now in Bombay only 67 who profess themselves pilgrims; of these none have to be despatched home as being from the prohibited area. They can be housed at Malet Bandar Pilgrim Shed and can be despatched to Karachi after ten (10) days. Many of them will have to be sent at Government expense. I enclose a list of the 67 pilgrims.

"4. I apprehend there are many in Bombay, come from up-country, who disclaim being pilgrims though they came to Bombay with the intention of going on the Haj. They will attempt to get away by indirect means. Every precaution has been taken to prevent this, but I would recommend that the probable date of sailing of a vessel from Karachi and the conditions under which pilgrims from outside the Presidency will be allowed to proceed in her should be notified as soon as possible. They may then come forward for segregation in a camp of observation, and transport to Karachi."

Telegram from the Commissioner in Sind, No. 1265, dated the 12th December 1897:—

"In reference Government Resolution 6668 of 30th, will the orders in your telegram* No. 6522 of 24th November, that pilgrims who come to Bombay and are shipped thence to Karachi must be segregated ten days in Sind before departure thence, apply to pilgrims shipped at Madras Port and transhipped for Karachi in Bombay? I propose keeping them in Manora only till pilgrim ship is ready."

Letter from the Government of India, Home Department (Sanitary), No. 2630, dated the 11th December 1897—

Communicating their instructions as regards the arrangements to be made for the despatch from Karachi of pilgrims arriving there as ordinary passengers and of pilgrims from other parts of India sent there from Bombay.

Letter from the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, No. 9873—21, dated the 13th December 1897:—

"I have the honour to report for the information of Government that on the 2nd instant it was brought to my notice, by the Protector of Emigrants, that amongst the passengers who had shipped per S. S. *Patna* of the B. I. S. N. Company, then about to sail for Muscat and other Persian Gulf Ports, there were 33 men he suspected to be pilgrims. From enquiries made by the Protector of Pilgrims it was ascertained that they were Bokhari pilgrims and they were consequently brought on shore, and are at present living in different parts of the City, being unable to proceed to their homes for want of funds.

"2. The Agents of the B. I. S. N. Company have refunded them the cost of their passage tickets minus a sum of Rs. 5 which had to be paid for bringing them from the steamer to the Ballard Pier."

RESOLUTION.—Copy of the letter from the Government of India should be forwarded to the Commissioner in Sind and the Commissioner of Customs for information and guidance.

* Printed in the preamble of Government Resolution No. 6560, dated the 25th November 1897.

2. The Commissioner in Sind should be requested to make the necessary arrangements to carry out the instructions of the Government of India, and should report the place up-country chosen as a pilgrim camp.

3. It appears to Government desirable that the Bombay pilgrims should be segregated at Malet Bandar for about 10 days before they are allowed to embark, for the better security both of Karáchi and of other pilgrims on the ship. The Madras pilgrims, who will presumably be taken from Bombay Harbour by the same vessels which carry the Bombay pilgrims, must also be segregated in Sind.

4. The 33 pilgrims referred to by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, who are assumed to be included in the 67 mentioned by the Commissioner of Customs, should be dealt with under the above instructions if they have funds to pay for their tickets in the usual way. Pilgrims who may in future come to Bombay must be treated as directed by the Government of India in paragraph 2 of their letter of the 11th instant with regard to pilgrims coming direct to Karáchi.

5. A copy of these orders should be sent to the Government of India and the various Provincial Governments concerned.

A. C. LOGAN,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To

The Commissioner in Sind,	}	With copies of the letter from the Government of India.
The Commissioner of Customs,		
The Collector of Customs, Bombay,		
The Chairman, Bombay Plague Committee,		
The Health Officer of the Port of Bombay,		
The Sanitary Commissioner for the Government of Bombay,	}	By letter.
The Commissioner of Police, Bombay,		
The Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor,		
The Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Bombay,		
The Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Karáchi,		
The Government of India,		
The Government of Madras,		
The Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh,		
The Government of the Punjab,		
The Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces,		
The Resident in Mysore,	}	
The Resident at Hyderabad,		
The Resident in Kashmir,		
The Agent to the Governor General, Baroda,		
The Agent to the Governor General, Rájputána,		
The Agent to the Governor General, Central India,		
The Agent to the Governor General, Beluchistan.		

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GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 20th December 1897.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of Madras,
Madras

SIR,

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. C. Logan
Acting Secretary to Government.

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