

Marine (1898) Department.

G.O., No. $\frac{348}{A}$

DATED 6th May

[Despatch Abstract.]

Quarantine against vessels from Calcutta. Orders stating that His Excellency the Gov. in Council cannot interfere with the action of the Port Health Officer under the quarantine regulations & that his action in putting certain vessels in quarantine is in accordance with the authorities & any regulations.

Sailed on 10th
Printed in G.O.
367 March
11th May 1898

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

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Current No. 562

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189 , No.

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of 1898, dated 6th May 1898, from Messrs. Best & Co.
 „ 1898, „ 6th May 1898, „ Messrs. Wilson & Co.
 „ 189 „ „ „ „

that place. The action of the Port Health Officer in putting the vessels in quarantine is thus in accordance with the authorised sanitary regulations.

3. The Mercantile Firms concerned will be communicated with by wire.

Marine Department.

Telegram.

To

Messrs. Best & Co.,
,, Wilson & Co.,
Madras.

"Government regrets it cannot
"interfere with action of Health Of-
"ficer under quarantine rules pub-
"lished in Gazette of 31st August
"1897".

with fair

To

The Presidency Port Officer.
Messrs. Best & Co.
,, Wilson & Co.

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8/5/95

C. No 562 2564 Marine Dept.
Plague

urgent

Telegram from Messrs
Best & Co d/s May 1898

The Hon Mr Henry Bliss R. I. E.

For orders.

Reply by wire to both
firms that Govt. regrets it
cannot interfere with
the action of the health
officer under the quarantine
rules published in the
+ page 21 of S.O. 601 Marine of
6 July 97 (Flagged L)

The Gazette of (fill
in date please; I don't
know) & issue G.O.
accordingly referring
to Venice Convention as
in the note.

BS
6/5/98

This might as well
have been telephoned -)
will telephone reply

apparently telephoned out of
H. No. 6. 5-98

It does not seem
desirable to overrule the
Port Health Officer in a
matter of this kind. It is
well known that there
were several fatal cases
of plague in Calcutta long
before the disease was
officially recognised.
Under Section II, Chap II
of the Sanitary Regulations
"any area in which a case
of plague has been officially
reported to exist, will be con-
sidered to be infected",
and under Section III,
3rd clause "no restrictive
measures should be
enforced against persons
and goods from an infected
area if they have left it
at least five days before
the occurrence of the first
case of plague". The
Steamer "Impire" probably
left Calcutta on or about
the 1st Inst. and it was
on this date that India's
wire ordering quarantine
at Madras was dated. The

Each day on which Calcutta was "officially" declared infected is not known, but the margin of 5 days allowed under Section III of the Regulations would amply cover the Health officer's action.

LS. *W. H. L.*
6.5.98

Since the above was written another telegram from Messrs Wilson & Co has been received to the same purpose. The steamer in this case is said to have left Calcutta on the 1st Inst.

LS. *W. H. L.*
6.5.98

* dated 6. Inst.

Plague

Marine Current No. 562
Rev 6-5-98

Code Class. } <i>CP</i>	INDIAN  TELEGRAPHS.		Monthly Number. } <i>100</i>
To <i>Calcutta</i> (Office)	From <i>Madras</i> (Office)		
Words. <i>32</i>	Day. <i>5</i>	Hour. <i>11</i>	Minute. <i>1</i>
Official Instructions.		Wgt. <i>1</i>	
To <i>Chief Secy</i> (Person)	From <i>Post and</i> (Person)		
			
<i>We protest against action of health officer quarantining steamer Jupiter on ground Calcutta not infected at date departure request immediate orders -</i>			
To <i>Marine Dept</i> <i>MA. 6.5.98.</i>			
Recd. from <i>Ch. Secy</i>	LN. <i>6/5/98</i>	Sent to <i>Ch. Secy</i>	LN. <i>6/5/98</i>
At <i>6/5/98</i>	Hrs. <i>11</i>	Mts. by <i>6/5/98</i>	Telegraph Master.
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F.C.I.

Plague
Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 564

Telegram

Order

From

Messrs. Wilson & Co.
Agents Asiatic
Steam Navigation Co.
Madras
No. -

Dated

6.5.98

Received

6.5.98

Enclosures -

Spare copies -

SUBJECT.

SS "Nawab"

Stating that the
Coming from Calcutta
holds a clean bill of
of health & requesting
that the port surgeon
may be authorized
to grant free pratique

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No. Date.
 601 heard 6. 7. 97
 745-46-123. 8. 97
 Copy of a telegram from the
 Govt of India, Home Dept.
 No. 1060, Sanitary, 1 May 1898.

Code Class.		INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.		Monthly Number.
To (Office)	OOTACAMUND			From (Office) MADRAS
Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.
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To (Person)	Secy to Govt Marine Dept.			From (Person) DILSON and Co.
Asiatic steam navigation Company's steamer nawab hourly expected here left Calcutta first may holds Clean bill health request You kindly instruct port surgeon examine and if free plague grant certificate —				
Recd from	LN.	Sent to	LN.	
As	Recd.	Mis. by	OOTACAMUND 5-98	
				Telegraph Master.

Copy of telegram from the Government of India, Home Department,
No. 1060, Sanitary, dated 1st May 1898.

Several local cases plague
have occurred Calcutta. Venice Convention regulations should be imposed against Calcutta at Madras.
Madras Government will be kept informed of course of disease. Should it spread it will be necessary to start railway inspection and to consider imposition Venice Convention Regulations at minor ports in Madras Presidency".