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Marine (~~190~~ 1898) Department.

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G.O., No. 367 Marine.

DATED 11th May 1898.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following paper :—

G.O., No. 348-A, Marine, dated 6th May 1898.

Read—the following telegram from Messrs. Best and Co., to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Marine Department, dated 5th May 1898.

We protest against action of Health Officer quarantining steamer Jupiter on ground Calcutta not infected at date departure. Request immediate orders.

Telegram from Messrs. Wilson & Co., Madras, dated 6th May 1898.

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 pratique.

Order No. 348-A., dated 6th May 1898.

His Excellency the Governor in Council regrets that he cannot interfere with the action of Port Health Officer under the quarantine rules published in the *Fort Saint George Gazette* of the 31st August 1897, Part I, pages 1117 to 1119.

2. It is observed that under section 3, Chapter II, of the regulations adopted by the Venice Sanitary Convention, persons and goods from an infected area are not free from restrictive measures, unless they left such infected area at least 5 days before the occurrence of the first case of plague. The vessels in question left Calcutta on or about the 1st instant by which time plague had been officially declared at 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.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. B. deWINTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Marine Department, to Messrs. Best & Co., and Messrs. Wilson & Co., Madras, dated 6th May 1898.

"Government regrets it cannot interfere with action of Health Officer under quarantine rules published in Gazette of 31st August 1897."

Read—also the following papers :—

Letter from Messrs. Best & Co., Madras, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Marine Department, No. G.L. B/1, dated 5th May 1898.

We have the honor to confirm our urgent telegram of date protesting against the S.S. "Jupiter" being placed in quarantine on the ground that at the date of her sailing, Calcutta was not declared infected and to request that immediate orders be issued declaring that the regulations do not apply in her case.

Letter from Messrs. Wilson & Co., Madras, dated 6th May 1898.

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"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 pratique."

We trust you will see your way to granting our request as, we are informed by the Managing Agents in Calcutta that the imposition of quarantine of 10 days, from date of departure from that port will seriously hamper trade and that they fear they will, unless restrictions are modified, be obliged to refrain from booking cargo or passengers for Madras at all. Soliciting the favour of a very early reply.

Telegram from Messrs. Best & Co., Madras, dated 6th May 1898.

Are advised no case plague Calcutta last four days. Urge immediate relaxation of quarantine restrictions on steamers clean bills health. Otherwise fear disastrous results will follow local industries, Gold Mines, Mills, Madras and South Indian Railways, all dependent on Calcutta for supplies coal. Stocks here almost nil. If quarantine cannot be removed altogether suggest date of clearance from docks Calcutta as date for counting time out from infected port.

Telegram from the Secretary, Mining Board, Marikuppam, dated 6th May 1898.

The Kolar Gold Field Mining Board earnestly beg that Government will relax plague regulations on vessels bringing coal from Calcutta to Madras as delays in fuel supply must entail serious consequences to the mines.

Telegram from Messrs. Binny & Co., Madras, dated 7th May 1898.

Continuation our telegram fifth instant. Managing Agents request us to represent that proposal to quarantine all steamers ten days from date departure from Calcutta is in direct contravention Venice Convention rules which, in section eight, page 23, stipulate that healthy ships receive free pratique at once irrespective nature bill health, and althogh coming from infected ports. Convention recommends that crew and passengers be kept under medical supervision for ten days. If necessary passengers should be landed and supervised ashore. But trust you will arrange that steamers incur no detention in working cargo, provided no cases of sickness occurred on board, all passengers and ships' crew examined here on shore previous to embarkation. Burma authorities have already modified their rules.

Telegram from Messrs. Wilson & Co., Madras, dated 7th May 1898.

Informed Burma Government will not enforce quarantine. Healthy steamers will receive free pratique at once. Request like concession may be granted Madras under Venice Sanitary Convention section eight, page 23. Nawab arrived.

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Marine Department, to the Port Health Officer, Madras, dated 7th May 1898.

Merchants have made complaints of restrictions imposed under quarantine rules. Wire nature of action taken by you.

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Marine Department, to Messrs. Best and Co., Secretary, Mining Board, Marikuppam, Messrs. Binny and Co., and Messrs. Wilson and Co., dated 7th May 1898.

Not understood how working of quarantine rules can affect landing of either passengers or cargo. If strict measures not taken in Madras foreign nations and Ceylon will inevitably quarantine Madras itself.

Telegram from the Port Health Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to the Governmnet of Madras, Marine Department, dated 8th May 1898.

All vessels from Calcutta direct are quarantined for ten days from date of leaving infected ports under orders of local Government and are then granted pratique if healthy. Passengers are permitted to disembark subject to surveillance.

Telegram from Messrs. Best and Co., Madras, dated 8th May 1898.

Referring your telegram seventh. Landing passengers cargo suspended on all steamers from Calcutta owing acting Health Officer refusing pratique until steamers ten days out from Calcutta. Are advised his action is illegal and not in conformity with regulations adopted Venice Conference. If acting Health Officer's action confirmed trade between Calcutta Madras will virtually be suspended owing to prohibitive freights, and mines, mills, railways cut off from full supplies.

Letter from Messrs. Wilson and Co., Madras, dated 7th May 1898.

We have the honor to thank you for your message of 6th instant reading :—

> “ Government regrets it cannot interfere with action of Health Officer under
> “ quarantine rules published in Gazette of thirty-first August 1897,”

which we note.

We have just wired you again as follows :—

> “ Informed Burma Government will not enforce quarantine. Healthy steamers
> “ will receive free pratique at once. Request like concession may be
> “ granted Madras under Venice Sanitary Convention, Section Eight,
> “ page 23. Nawab arrived,”

which we beg to confirm.

Awaiting your reply which we trust may be favourable.

Letter from the Secretary, Kolar Gold Field Mining Board, Marikuppam, dated 7th May 1898.

I have the honor to confirm my urgent wire of yesterday's date as follows :—

> “ The Kolar Gold Field Mining Board earnestly beg that Government will
> “ relax plague regulations on vessels bringing coal from Calcutta to Madras as
> “ delays in fuel supply must entail serious consequences to the mines.”

The Board realises the great importance of adequate quarantine regulations being put in force in Madras on vessels from Calcutta, but beg that in the case of colliers the regulations be relaxed to the extent of allowing them to discharge their cargoes, as the present delays will entail serious consequences and pecuniary losses to the Mines on this Field.

Letter from Messrs. Best & Co., Madras, No. G. L. B/1, dated 6th May 1898.

We have the honor to confirm the telegram we sent you this day, reading as follows :—

> “ Are advised no case plague Calcutta last four days. Urge immediate relaxa-
> “ tion of quarantine restrictions on steamers clean bills health. Otherwise fear
> “ disastrous results will follow local industries, Gold Mines, Mills, Madras and South
> “ Indian Railways all dependent on Calcutta for supplies coal. Stocks here almost
> “ nil. If quarantine cannot be removed altogether suggest date of clearance from
> “ docks Calcutta as date for counting time out from infected port.”

Letter from Messrs. Binny & Co., Madras, dated 9th May 1898.

We have the honor to confirm our telegram of 5th instant reading :—

> “ Request you will kindly pass necessary orders early to permit embarkation
> “ of passengers by vessels arriving from Calcutta in quarantine. Under-
> “ stand passengers allowed to embark at other ports,”

also our telegram of 7th as follows :—

> “ Continuation our telegram fifth instant. Managing Agents request us to
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> “ no cases of sickness occurred on board, all passengers and ships' crew
> “ examined here on shore previous to embarkation. Burma authorities
> “ have already modified their rules.”

and we have now to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of 7th reading as follows :—

> “ Not understood how working of quarantine rules can affect landing of
> “either passengers or cargo. If strict measures not taken in Madras
> foreign nations and Ceylon will inevitably quarantine Madras itself.”

We are now in communication with the Presidency Port Officer who has informed us that the landing and shipping of cargo and the disembarkation and embarkation of passengers from and to vessels arriving in quarantine will be allowed under proper precautions, for which we beg to express our thanks. Our telegram of 5th Instant was sent on intimation from the Ag. Deputy Conservator of the Port that no communication would be allowed with vessels from Calcutta until they had completed ten days from that port.

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Marine Department, to the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras, dated 9th May 1898.

“ Is there any objection to healthy vessels from Calcutta entering the harbour and working cargo in the usual way with shore coolies who will land when work is done, provided crew is not allowed to land and is inspected morning and evening ? ”

Telegram from the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras, dated 9th May 1898.

Your ninth. I agree with terms stated, but coolies list should be carefully maintained. Should bathe before landing and be kept under observation if fail attend work following day till completion of ten days of arrival of vessels from Calcutta. Have already furnished Harbour Trust full rules in this sense.

Telegram from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, dated 9th May 1898.

Binny Company complain that unless healthy steamers allowed inside harbour trade will be affected. Personally I see no objection provided communication with ship can be carried on under arrangements which will prevent crews boats going aboard steamer or steamer crew coming ashore. Think this could be arranged by police supervision. As Allison is at Ootacamund you might obtain his views on subject. Matter pressing.

Telegram from the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, to the Port Health Officer, Madras, dated 10th May 1898.

Admit healthy vessels from Calcutta into harbour and allow them work cargo on following conditions, namely, ships' crews to be inspected night and morning and not to leave ship ; list with addresses of shore coolies employed to be maintained and those who do not return to work next day, to be inspected under orders of Municipal Health Officer with whom arrange.

Indent on Commissioner, Police, for men to prevent any but registered coolies from boarding ships, and ships' crews from landing, and to guard bathing enclosures, and to compel their use by coolies.

All coolies and police who have boarded ships to take disinfecting bath in enclosure on beach after landing and before going home. Arrange with Harbour Board for enclosure.

Disinfect their clothes also. Examine boats and cargoes for rats.

Letter from Messrs. Best & Co., Madras, dated 10th May 1898.

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> "Not understood how working of quarantine rules can affect landing of either "passengers or cargo. If strict measures not taken in Madras foreign "nations and Ceylon will inevitably quarantine Madras itself,"

and to confirm our telegram in reply dated the 8th idem to the following effect:—

> "Referring your telegram seventh. Landing passengers cargo suspended on "all steamers from Calcutta owing acting Health Officer refusing pratique "until steamers ten days out from Calcutta. Are advised his action is "illegal and not in conformity with regulations adopted Venice con"ference. If acting Health Officer's action confirmed trade between "Calcutta Madras will virtually be suspended owing to prohibitive "freights, and Mines, Mills, Railways cut off from full supplies."

Letter from the Secretary, Kolar Gold Field Mining Board, Marikuppam, dated 11th May 1898.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of the 7th instant as follows:—

> "Not understood how working of quarantine rules can affect landing of "either passengers or cargo. If strict measures not taken in Madras "foreign nations and Ceylon will inevitably quarantine Madras itself."

The Quarantine Rules now in force compels steamers from Calcutta to be ten days out from that port before they are allowed to enter the Madras Harbour. There is therefore a delay of five days before they can discharge their cargoes and it is with reference to this delay that the Board petitioned you about in their wire of the 6th instant.

Order—No. 367, Marine, dated 11th May 1898.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. B. deWINTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To
The Presidency Port Officer.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Judicial Department.
" Political Department.
Messrs. Binny & Co.
" Best & Co.
" Wilson & Co.
The Secretary, Kolar Gold Field Mining Board, Marikuppam.
" Collectors of Maritime Districts.

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" Collectors of Maritime Districts. ~~Madras~~

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Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 574

Order

From Messrs. Best + Co.

No. G. L B/1

Dated 5 } May 1898
Received 7 }
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SUBJECT.

Confirming their telegram protesting against Jupiter being placed in quarantine on the ground that Calcutta was not declared infected on the date of her sailing.

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BEST & CO.

When Replying Please Quote
Reference No. G.L.B./

Madras, 5th May 1898.

The Chief Secretary,
Government of Madras
Ootacamund

CHIEF SECRETARY
7 MAY 1898
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Sir,

We have the honor to confirm our urgent telegram of date protesting against the s.s. "Jupiter" being placed in quarantine on the ground that at the date of her sailing, Calcutta was not declared infected and to request that immediate orders be issued declaring that the regulations do not apply in her case.

We have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient servants,

Best & Co

The ship in question has gone to the Hbr to await orders from there.
7.5.98

To
Marine Dept.

Circd
8/5/98

A. L. Arundel
Chief Secy
7.5.98

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Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 576

Order

From Messrs Wilson & Co

No. —

Dated 6 } May 1898
Received 7 }
Enclosures
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SUBJECT.

Steamer Nawab. Confirming their telegram requesting grant of free pratique, if free from plague after examination, to — which has left Calcutta on 1st May with a clean bill of health.

[M. 4. / 500—14-8-97.]

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ASIATIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY LD.

MADRAS, 6th May, 1898.

FROM

Messrs. WILSON & Co.,
MADRAS,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Ootacamund.

SIR,

We have the honor to confirm our telegram of this day's date as follows :-

"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 pratique"

We trust you will see your way to granting our request as, we are informed by the Managing Agents in Calcutta that the imposition of Quarantine of 10 days, from date of departure from that port will seriously hamper trade and that they fear they will, unless restrictions are modified, be obliged to refrain from booking cargo or passengers for Madras at all. Solibiting the favor of a very early reply.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servants,
Wilson & Co
Agents.

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Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 578

Telegram

Order

From Messrs Best & Co.

No. —

Dated 6 } May 1898
Received 7 }
Enclosures
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SUBJECT.

Quarantine restrictions

Urging relaxation of — on Steamers arriving from Calcutta with clean bills of health.

M. 4.
500—14-5-97.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. Monthly Number.

To (Office) Ootacamund			From (Office) Madras.	
Words. 78.	Day. 6.	Hour. 17	Minute. 20	Official Instructions.

To (Person) Chief Secretary to Government

CHIEF SECRETARY
7 MAY 1898
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From (Person) Best and Co

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Are advised no case plague calcutta last four days × urge immediate relaxation of quarantine restrictions on steamers clean bills health × otherwise fear disastrous results will follow × local industries, gold mines, mills, Madras and south indian railways, all dependent on Calcutta for supplies coal × stocks here almost nil × if quarantine cannot be removed altogether suggest date of clearance from docks calcutta as date for counting time out from infected port

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To Marine Dept

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Sent to LN. At Hrs. Mts. by At 7.5.98

Telegraph Master.

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Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 579

Telegram

Order

From The Secretary, Mining Board, Marikuppam

No. –

Dated 6 } May 1898
Received 7 }
Enclosures –
Spare copies –

SUBJECT.

Plague regulations. Reporting that the Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board request relaxation of – on vessels arriving from Calcutta with Coal

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M. 4.
500—14-5-97.

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

Monthly Number. 508

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To (Office) ootacamund				From (Office) marikuppam	
Words. 45	Day. 6	Hour. 17	Minute. 50	Official Instructions.	urgt.
To (Person) Chief Secretary Govt of India				From (Person) Secretary mining Board	

CHIEF SECRETARY
7 MAY 1898
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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CURRENT No. 580

Telegram

Order

From Messrs Binny & Co

No. –

Dated 7 } May 1898
Received 7 }
Enclosures –
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SUBJECT.

Quarantine. Stating that putting vessels into —— for ten days from date of departure from Calcutta is in direct contravention of Venice Sanitary Convention

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. Monthly Number. 595

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To (Office) Ootacamund | From (Office) Madras.

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.
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To (Person) The Secretary to Government Marine Department.

From (Person) Binny and Co.

Continuation our telegram fifth
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At Hrs. Mts. by At Hrs. Mts. by

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Telegraph Master

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At Hrs. Mts. by

Sent to L.N.
At Hrs. Mts. by

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Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 581

Telegram

Order

From Messrs Wilson & Co.

No. –

Dated 7 } May 1898
Received 7 }
Enclosures
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SUBJECT.

Quarantine. Stating that
Burma Govt do not enforce —
on healthy Steamers & grant free
pratique at once & requesting that
Similar concessions be granted
at Madras under the Venice
Sanitary convention.

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2 INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. Monthly Number. 600

To (Office) Ootacamund		From (Office) Madras		
Words. 42/2	Day. 7	Hour. 12	Minute. 58	Official Instructions.

To (Person) Secretary to Govt. Marine Dept.

From (Person) Wilson and Co

Informed burmah Government will not inforce quarantine X healthy steamers will receive free pratique at once X request like Concession may be granted Madras under Venice Sanitary Convention section eight page 23 X Nawab arrived X

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F.C.R.

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Relaxation of plague rules
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C.A.[illegible]

The Venice Convention says 'Healthy' ships will be given free pratique at once, irrespective of the nature of the Bill of Health.

Regulation 17 of G.O. 714 Mar. 20 Aug 97 says, with regard to a 'healthy' ship.

"If 10 days have not elapsed since the vessel's departure from the infected port, the vessel may be detained in quarantine at the discretion of the Port Health Officer for the time necessary to complete the period of 10 days".

Why has this discretion? It seems power under Convention ... Venice

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Plague
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Note The exchange has been ringing for the Honourable Sir Henry Bliss's residence for the last one hour without any response.

LB

Note for H.E.

On a similar paper yesterday the H.E. said that he should have been applied to by telephone.

R.S.

7 May 98

Our rules seem to me to be in exact accord with the Venice Convention in the two sentences on p 23 of the G.O. beginning "It is recommended" & "It is also recommended" — We propose that the passengers may land, subject to surveillance, & that the crew may

H.M. 7.5.98

Telephone

From the Secretary
Marine Dept
To the Hon Sir H. Bliss —

Best and Co: telegraph as follows from Madras —
Begins —

(H. E.)

Ends.

The Kolar Gold Field Mining Board also urge relaxation of rules on vessels bringing coal from Calcutta.

Orders solicited.

R.S.

W.B. 7.5.98

As the telephone will not work the papers are forwarded by special messenger, together with two telegrams C.A.D. since received. Binny & Co in [illegible] suggests the rules correctly –

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R.S. Rule 17 of G.O. 745 Marine of 23 Aug. 1897 was designed [?] the provisions of the Venice Convention (Section VIII (4)) in giving the Port Health Officer discretionary power to refuse a clean bill of Health even to a 'healthy' vessel if 10 days have not elapsed since she left the infected port, but apparently the Local Govt. is not responsible for this, India having ordered 10 days as the maximum period of detention in para 12 (a) of their letter printed with G.O. 601 Marine of 6 July 97 (page 6). The P.H.O. having this discretionary power is free to exercise it in his own defence – the question is whether it is not necessary under the circumstances to withdraw this power & adhere to Convention pure & simple.

If Regulation 2c of G.O. 745 of 23 Aug. 97 is adhered to, & the crew are not allowed to land, it should be possible to land such cargo as coal from a 'healthy' ships with impunity.

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not landed – What harm can that do? As to cargo, under Rule 27 it may all be landed, subject to such precautions as the Health Officer may deem necessary, which, in the case of a coal cargo, I should suppose would be nil – I don't see any reason to budge from the position we have taken up, & can only suppose that some one has misunderstood × the requirements of the Rules – However, telegraph urgent to the H.O. to report exactly what he has done to cause complaints – ~~[illegible]~~ Tell the firms which have telegraphed that we do not understand how the working of the Rules can affect the landing of either passengers or cargo & point out that if strict measures are not taken in Madras ~~the~~ the inevitable result will be that foreign nations & Ceylon will put Madras itself into quarantine –

H.S.
7/5/98

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26 No. 257/A dg 7th May 1898

Marine Department.

Telegram (Urgent)

From

Madras Marine

To

The Port Health Officer,
Madras.

"Merchants have made complaints of restrictions imposed under quarantine rules. Wire nature of action taken by you".

Despd 7-5-98

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No. 257/B dd 7th May 1898

Marine Department.

Telegram (Urgent)

From

Madras Marine

To

(1) Messrs. Best & Co.
(2) Secretary, Mining Board,
Marikuppam
(3) Messrs. Binny & Co.
(4) Messrs. Wilson & Co.

"Not understood how working of quarantine rules can affect landing of either passengers or cargo. If strict measures not taken in Madras foreign nations and Ceylon will inevitably quarantine Madras itself".

Despd - 7-5-98

C.S.
with facts

M. 7-5-98

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Mar. Current No. 587

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Recd 9 May '98

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

Monthly Number. 718.

To (Office) Ootacamund			From (Office) Madras	
Words. 43	Day. 8	Hour. 12	Minute. 59	Official Instructions.

To (Person) Madras Marine

From (Person) Port Health Officer

all Vessels from Calcutta direct are quarantined for ten days from date of leaving infected ports under orders of local Government and are then granted Pratique if healthy x Passengers are Permitted to disembark subject to surveillance

Recd. from LN. Sent to LN.

At Hrs. Mts. by At Hrs. Mts. by

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Telegraph Master.

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Plague 29 Mar. Current No. 58

Recd 9 May 98

Code Class. } P **INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.** Monthly Number. } 119

To (Office) Ootacamund		From (Office) Madras		
Words. 95	Day. 8	Hour. 12	Minute. 35	Official Instructions. } –

To (Person)
Madras
Marine

From (Person)
Best and
Co

Referring your telegram seventh x
landing passengers cargo suspended
on all steamers from
Calcutta owing acting health
officer refusing pratique until
steamers ten days out
from Calcutta x are advised
his action is illegal
and not in conformity
with regulations adopted Venice
Conference x if acting health
officers action confirmed trade
between Calcutta Madras will
virtually be suspended owing
to prohibitive freights x and
mines mills railways cut
off from full supplies x

Recd. from L.N. Sent to L.N.

At Hrs. Mts. of

OOTACAMUND 8-5-98

Telegraph Master.

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D G P—No. 204 T—28 8 95—40,00000.

Plague

Recd 9-5-98 Marine Current No. 589

ASIATIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY LD.

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MADRAS, 7th May, 1898.

FROM

MESSRS. WILSON & Co.,
MADRAS,

TO

The Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Ootacamund.

SIR,

We have the honor to thank you for your message of 5th Inst reading :-

"Government regrets it cannot interfere with action of
"Health Officer under Quarantine rules published in
"Gazette of thirty first August 1897."

which we note.

We have just wired you again as follows :-

"Informed Burmah Government will not enforce Quarantine
"Healthy Steamers will receive free pratique at once
"request like concession may be granted Madras under
"Venice Sanitary Convention Section Eight Page 25 NAWAB
"arrived"

which we beg to confirm.

Awaiting your reply which we trust may be favourable.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servants,
Wilson & Co
Agents.

Plague 31

Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 590

Order

From The Secy. Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board

No. —

Dated 7 } May 1898
Received 9 }
Enclosures -
Spare copies -

SUBJECT.

Confirming his telegram of 6th requesting that plague regulations be relaxed in favour of vessels arriving from Calcutta with coal to Madras.

M. 4.
500—14-5-97.

BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

M. 4.
500—14-8-97.

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To Marine Dept
Cmb 9.5.98

THE KOLAR GOLD FIELD MINING BOARD,
MARIKUPPAM.
MYSORE STATE,
S. INDIA.

7 May 1898

The Chief Secretary
Government of Madras
Ootacamund

CHIEF SECRETARY
9 MAY 1898
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Sir,

I have the honor to confirm my urgent wire of yesterdays date as follows:-

"The Kolar Gold Field Mining Board "earnestly beg that Government will "relax plague regulations on vessels "bringing coal from Calcutta to Madras "as delays in fuel supply must entail "serious consequences to the mines."

The Board realises the great importance of adequate quarantine regulations being put in force in Madras on vessels from Calcutta, but beg that in the case of Colliers the regulations be relaxed to the extent of allowing them to discharge their Cargoes, as the present delays will entail serious consequences and pecuniary losses

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to the Mines on this field

CHIEF SECRETARY
9 MAY 1898
GOVERNMENT OF NA

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Wm B. [illegible]
Secretary

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Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 591

Order

From Messrs. Best & Co.

No. G LB-1/:

Dated 6 } May 189.
Received 9 }
Enclosures –
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SUBJECT.

Confirming their telegram urging relaxation of quarantine restrictions on steamers from Calcutta with clean bills of health & that otherwise serious results will follow to local industries dependent on Calcutta for coal

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M. 4.
500—14-4-97.

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BEST & CO.

When Replying Please Quote
Reference No. G.L.B.4/-

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
9. MAY. 1898
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Madras, 6th May 1898.

To Marine.
AH 9.5.98

The Chief Secretary,
Government of Madras,
Ootacamund.

Sir,

We have the honor to confirm the telegram we sent you this day, reading as follows:-

"Are advised no case plague Calcutta "last four days urge immediate relaxation "of quarantine restrictions on steamers clean "bills health otherwise fear disastrous "results will follow local industries Gold "Mines, Mills, Madras and South Indian "Railways all dependent on Calcutta for "supplies coal stocks here almost nil if "quarantine cannot be removed altogether "suggest date of clearance from docks "Calcutta as date for counting time out "from infected port."

Your obedient servants,

Best & Co

Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 601

Order

From Messrs. Binny & Co.

No. —

Dated 9 }
Received 10 } May 1898

Enclosures —

Spare copies —

SUBJECT.

Plague restrictions. Confirming their telegrams of 5th & 7th regarding — and thanking for the information they have received from the P. P. Co. as to Steamers being allowed to work in Quarantine under proper precautions

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500—14-5-97.

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No.	Date

BINNY & Co
MADRAS.

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B.I.Home Line.

Madras,9th.May.,1898.

The Secretary to Government.,
Marine Department.,
Ootacamund.

Sir,

We have the honor to confirm our telegram of 5th instant reading:-
"Request you will kindly pass necessary orders early to permit em-
"-barkation of passengers by vessels arriving from Calcutta in
"quarantine understand passengers allowed to embark at other ports."
also of our telegram of 7th as follows:-
"Continuation our telegram fifth instant Managing Agents request us to
"represent that proposal to quarantine all steamers ten days from date
"departure from Calcutta is in direct contravention Venice Convention
"rules which in section eight page 23 stipulates that healthy ships re
"-ceive free pratique at once irrespective nature Bill Health and
"although coming from infected ports convention recommends that crew
"and passengers be kept under medical supervision for ten days if
"necessary passengers should be landed and supervised ashore but trust
"you will arrange that steamers incur no detention in working cargo
"provided no cases of sickness occurred on board all passengers and
"ships crew examined here on shore previous to embarkation Burma
"authorities have already modified their rules"
and we have now to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of 7th
reading as follows:-

Not

Soon
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C. a.—No. 434 T—21-7-95—20,00000.

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FURTHER PAPE

"Not understood how working of quarantine rules can affect landing of "either passengers or cargo if strict measures not taken in Madras "foreign nations and Ceylon will inevitably quarantine Madras itself".

We are now in communication with the Presidency Port Officer who has informed us that the landing and shipping of cargo and the disembarkation and embarkation of passengers from and to vessels arriving in quarantine will be allowed under proper precautions, for which we beg to express our thanks. Our telegram of 5th Instant was sent on intimation from the as Deputy Conservator of the Port that no communication would be allowed with vessels from Calcutta until they had completed ten days from that port.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servants.
Binny
Agents.

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At Hrs. Mts. by		At Hrs. Mts. by		Telegraph Master.

C. a.—No. 334 T—21-7-94—20,000

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

Monthly Number.

To (Office) Telephonic | From (Office) message

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.
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To (Person) The Secretary Marine Dept.

From (Person) Sir H. Bliss

No. 261 E.J. 9 May 1898

Please despatch telegram to the Sanitary Commissioner.

Begins. [Is there any objection to healthy vessels from Calcutta entering the harbour & working cargo in the usual way with shore coolies who will land when work is done, provided crew is not allowed to land and is inspected morning and evening.]

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Despt 1:0 P.M. 9 Mar 98

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Sent to I.N. At Hrs. Mts. by

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G. a.—No. 634 T—21-7-95—20,00000.

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Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 602

Telegram

Order

From The Sanitary Commissioner

No. —

Dated 9
Received 10 } May 1898
Enclosures
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SUBJECT.

Plague precautions

Stating the precautions under which vessels from Calcutta may be allowed to work cargo.

M. 4.
500—14-5-97.

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To (Office) ootacamund From (Office) ms saidapet

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.
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To (Person) madras marine From (Person) sanitary

your ninth x I agree with terms
but? stated x let coolies list should be
carefully maintained x should bathe
~~comply~~ before landing and be kept
under observation if fail attend
work following day till completion of
ten days of arrival of vessels from calcutta
have already furnished harbour trust f x

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Telegraph Master.

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To
(Office)

From
(Office)

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To
(Person)

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(Person)

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At Hrs. Mts. by

Sent to LN.
At Hrs. Mts. by

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Telegraph Master.

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Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 603

Telegram

Order

From The Presy. Port Officer

No. —

Dated 9 } May 1898
Received 10 }
Enclosures
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SUBJECT.

Plague precautions. Enumerating the — under which vessels from Calcutta may be admitted into the harbour and work cargo there

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

Monthly Number. 826

To (Office) ootacamund

From (Office) madras

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.	
72	9	17	15		sfd

To (Person) madras marine

From (Person) ~~Pres~~ Presidency Port officer

binny company complain that unless healthy steamers allowed inside harbour trade will be affected x personally I see no objection provided communication with ship can be carried on under arrangements which will prevent crews boats going aboard steamer or steamer crew coming ashore x think this could be arranged by police supervision x as Allison is at ootacamund you might obtain his views on subject x matter pressing

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At Hrs. Mts. by At Hrs. Mts. by

Telegraph Master.

OOTACAMUND 9-5-98

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of [illegible]

against — at the port of madras.

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~~Port Health Officer can allow passengers to land under Rule 16 (5) and Cargo under Rule 27. Govt desire that he should exercise an intelligent discretion in the matter~~

C.A.M.

No answer to be sent to them until reply is recd from the Govmt. I have seen Mr H. Bliss this morning

10. 5. 98

"Plague"

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Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 610

Order

From

Messrs Best & Co

Madras

No. G.L.B.T.

Dated 10. 5. 98

Received 12 - 5 - 98.

Enclosures -

Spare copies -

SUBJECT.

Quarantine against vessels from Calcutta

Confirming their telegram of the 8th protesting against — at the port of Madras.

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M. 4.
500—14-6-97.

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No.	Date.

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No.	Date.

BEST & CO.

When Replying Please Quote
Reference No. G. L. B. T.

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Madras, 10th May 1898.

CHIEF SECRETARY
12 MAY 1898
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Ootacamund.

Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram dated 7th inst: reading as follows:-

"Not understood how working of quarantines rules "can affect landing of either passengers or cargo "if strict measures not taken in Madras foreign "nations and Ceylon will inevitably quarantine "Madras itself."

and to confirm our telegram in reply dated the 8th idem to the following effect:-

"Referring your telegram seventh landing "passengers cargo suspended on all steamers "from Calcutta owing Acting Health Officer "refusing pratique until steamers ten days out "from Calcutta are advised his action is illegal "and not in conformity with regulations "adopted. Venice conference If Acting Health "Officers action confirmed trade between Calcutta

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"Calcutta Madras will virtually be suspended
"owing to prohibitive freights and Mines Mills
"railways cut off from full supplies."

We have the honor to be.

Sir,

Your Obedient Servants.

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Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 611

Order

From

The Secretary
K.G.F. Mining Board
Marikuppam

No. –

Dated 11-5-98
Received 12-5-98
Enclosures –
Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Quarantine at Madras

Explaining the reasons for ~~their~~ his telegram of the 6th. Complaining against the ——— of vessels from Calcutta bringing Coal

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THE KOLAR GOLD FIELD MINING BOARD,
MARIKUPPAM.
MYSORE STATE,
S. INDIA.

11th May 1898

The Secretary
Government of Madras
Marine Department
Ootacamund.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of the 7th instant as follows:-

"Not understood how working of
"Quarantine rules can affect
"landing of either passengers or
"Cargo if strict measures not
"taken in Madras Foreign
"Nations and Ceylon will
"inevitably quarantine Madras
"itself"-

The Quarantine Rules now in

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force compels Steamers from Calcutta to be ten days out from that port before they are allowed to Enter the Madras Harbour, there is therefore a delay of five days before they can discharge their Cargos and it is with reference to this delay that the Board petitioned you about in their wire of the 6th instant.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obdt Servant
John B. Elphick
Secretary

Plague. urgent 51

Marine DEPARTMENT.

C. No.

Telegram from the Govt. of India d/6th May 1898
— Do — from the Port Health Officer d/8-5-98
— Do — from Messrs. Best & Co: d/8-5-98
Letter from — Do — d/7 May 1898.

SUBJECT.

~~HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.~~

THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.

~~THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

FOR ORDERS.

It will be seen from the Telegram from the Port Health Officer that he is imposing quarantine for 10 days on all vessels leaving infected ports, passengers being permitted to disembark. He says nothing about goods.

Messrs. Best & Co: state that the landing of passengers and cargo from all steamers from Calcutta is suspended. This statement is not quite in accordance with the Port Health Officer's telegram.

Messrs. Best & Co: consider that the action of the Port Health Officer is illegal and not in accordance with Venice Convention.

The Port Health Officer is acting under the discretionary power

I think the Port Health Officer is exercising his discretion unwisely. From the P.H.O.'s telem of the 7th in the linked file, it appears that, in the case of the embarkation of passengers on vessels which have arrived from Calcutta & are proceeding onwards, the Port Health Officer ~~[illegible]~~ is of opinion that no person who has embarked at Madras on board such a vessel should be allowed to land again & that communication between the crews of such vessels & the crews of shore boats shd. not be allowed. It may be assumed that the vessels so to be dealt with are "healthy" under the rules, & that the same principles will be applied in the case of vessels arriving with cargo. If so, I think the Health Officer is going too far. In any case, of course, passengers should be allowed to land, being thereafter placed under "observation" or "surveillance", as the case may be. As to cargo, I can't see why a "healthy" vessel should not be allowed to work, ~~[illegible]~~ as ~~as~~ provided by rule 27. A vessel cannot, however, work cargo unless she is allowed to take coolies on board, who must be landed when the work is over, and unless she is allowed into the harbour. But the Health Off: wd. not allow coolies on board, and (it appears from the Mad: Mail of the 7th) has put the "Nawab" into quarantine — that is, he has compelled her to anchor outside the harbour, I don't quite know where. Presumably he has dealt in the same way with the suspected coal ship. I can't see why, if proper precautions are taken, that is, if the crew is not allowed to land and is inspected morning & evening, such vessels shd. not be allowed to take coolies on board &

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vested in him by Rule 17 of the Local Regulations, and this again is based on para 12(a) of the Govt. of India letter recorded with G.O. 601 Marine d/6th July 1897, as already pointed out in my note flagged B.

The Govt. of India, in their telegram d/6th May 1898, inquire what is being done in Madras in regard to the imposition of quarantine on vessels from infected ports.

R.S.

No. 2613 d/ 9 May 98

telegraph to the San. Comr.

"Is there any objection to healthy vessels from Calcutta entering the harbour and ~~[illegible]~~ working cargo in the usual way with shore coolies who will land when work is done, provided crew is not allowed to land and is inspected morning + evening?" —

To save time, I have telephoned this.

H.S.
9/5/98

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Desp'd. 1 Pm 9 May 98

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Ag. 9.5.98

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The Hon'ble Sir Henry Bliss K.C.I.E.

Telegram from Sanitary Commr. d/9 May 98

This is in reply to the Message sent yesterday the file of which is now with you — having been sent last night.

The papers will perhaps have to be circulated to the H.M. for orders as to whether the Sanitary Commr's suggestions are to be adopted — They apparently involve the bringing of the vessels into the Harbour — in regard to which the P.H.O. has expressed an opinion in the message received at 7 o'clock last night.

R.S.
10 May 98

8.0 am

I have just sent for back the file after seeing Sir H. Bliss —

When will circulate then to H.M.

10.5.98

Submitted accordingly

R.S.
10 May 98

No. 2662 d/ 10 May 1898

Seeing letter (attached) to Sir J. Moore + his ~~[illegible]~~ reply — how we can wire to Port Health Officer — defend — something like this: —

1- Admit healthy vessels from Calcutta into harbour

H.M. 10.5.98

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Marine
~~Public Works~~ Department

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and allow them work
cargo on following conditions
namely, ships' crews to be inspected
night and morning and not to
leave ship — ~~[illegible]~~ list
with addresses of shore coolies employed
to be maintained and those
who do not return to work next
day to be inspected ~~by~~ under
orders of Municipal Health
officer with whom arrange —

~~Shore boats crews not to go on board ship~~

3. All coolies and Police who have boarded ships to take disinfecting
bath in enclosure on beach
after landing & before going home.
Arrange with Harbour Board
for enclosure — 2 Resident or Comr.
Police for men to prevent ~~boats~~ any but registered coolies from
~~[illegible]~~ boarding ships and ships
crews from landing and to guard bathing
enclosures and to compel their
use by coolies"

4. Disinfect their clothes also —
Examine boats & cargoes
for rats.

HB
10/5/98

Desp'd 6:20 pm
10 May 98

May 10, 1898

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My dear Moore

Here is King's reply to the letter I showed you this morning — quite unusually moderate!

As to coolies' lists, someone must no doubt take down the names of the coolies employed to work cargo on board each ship — & that some one might add addresses — But as to keeping perhaps three or four hundred or more men under observation (I suppose he means surveillance), how is that to be managed? The Port Health

" inspecte

Officer has it the means -
Have you? Practically what
wd. be needed would be that if a
particular cooly employed on board
today did not return to work
tomorrow someone should go to find
out what ~~had~~ the reason was -
It wd. not, I take it, be necessary to
inspect the whole number - In fact,
it couldn't be done ~~[illegible]~~ unless in-
spection was to go on all night, for the
men wd. not knock off work until near
dark & would be back at work again
early next morning.

As to bathing, I suppose we
can find, or rig up, some sort of
enclosure on the beach into which
the coolies could go when landed &
there bathe in tubs with the proper
proportion of carbolic Acid in them.

To work like this, a policeman
wd. be required on every boat & several
on each of the vessels on which cargo is being

worked - besides some at the bathing
enclosure - But this can be arranged
for - If Police run short, we can get
refugees for guard work on board ships
& at bathing places.

Please let me have your
reply below, & return enclosure

Yours sincerely
H. W. Bliss

My dear Bliss
I quite agree with
you. If the principle is established
we can work out details. There
is plenty of room on beach within
harbour for bathing
[illegible] case lies on the road
Yrs sincerely

urgent 5-8

For orders

Marine
~~Public Works~~ Department.

No. 367 Mar. of 11th May 1898

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Letter from Messrs. Best and Company, No. G.L. B/1, dated 5th May 1898.
Letter from Messrs. Wilson and Company, Madras, dated 6th May 1898.
Telegram from Messrs. Best and Company, Madras, dated 6th May 1898.
Telegram from the Secretary, Mining Board, Marikuppam, dated 6th May 1898.
Telegram from Messrs. Binny and Company, Madras, dated 7th May 1898.
Telegram from Messrs. Wilson and Company, Madras, dated 7th May 1898.
Telegram from the Port Health Officer Madras, dated 8th May 1898.
Telegram from Messrs. Best and Company, Madras, dated 8th May 1898
Letter from Messrs. Wilson and Company, Madras, dated 7th May 1898.
Letter from the Secretary, Kolar Gold Field Mining Board, Marikuppam, d/7th May 1898.
Letter from Messrs. Best and Company, Madras, No. G.L. B/1, dated 6th May 1898.
Letter from Messrs. Binny and Company, Madras, dated 9th May 1898.
Telegram from the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras, dated 9th May 1898.
Telegram from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, dated 9th May 1898.

The above list of papers "read" is incomplete – It should include telegrams sent as well as letters & telegrams received – or the chain is broken

HS
12/5/98.

Will be attended to
12 May 98

Recorded with reference to the following telegram which was sent to the Port Health Officer, Madras on the 10th Instant:—

"Admit healthy vessels from Calcutta
"into harbour and allow them work
"cargo on following conditions, namely,
"Ships' crews to be inspected night and
"morning and not to leave ship; list
"with addresses of shore coolies employed
"to be maintained and those who do
"not return to work next day, to be

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"inspected

"inspected under orders of Municipal "Health Officer with whom arrange.

"Indent on Commissioner Police for men to prevent any but registered "Coolies from boarding ships, and Ships crews from landing, and to guard bathing enclosures and to Compel their use by coolies.

"All coolies and Police who have "boarded ships to take disinfecting "bath in enclosure on beach after "landing and before going home."

"Arrange with Harbour Board for "enclosure.

"Disinfect their clothes also. Examine "boats and cargoes for rats."

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To

The Presidency Port Officer w. s. c. D.W. 13/5
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" Judicial Department b.s.c. D. 13/5
" Political Department b.s.c. D. 13/5
Messrs Binny and Company D. 13/5
" Best and Co. D. 13/5
" Wilson and Co. D. 13/5
The Secretary, Kolar Gold Field Mining Board, Marikuppam D. 13/5
" Collectors, Maritime Districts D. 13/5 b.s.c. each