

G.O., No. 440

DATED 28th May

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Quarantine. Orders stating that the action taken by the Govt in regard to quarantine has been approved by the Govt of India and is in accordance with the Vienna Sanitary Convention, and that the use quality of treatment in the case of the India, & of the Coasting, Steamers has been recommended.

M. G. 900-25-8-97.

That
See Indexed.

with "proof" copy of

No. 429 P., 4TH MAY 1898.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
 LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—
 From the Sanitary Commissioner, dated 29th March 1898, No. 10.

ORDER—No. 429 P., dated 4th May 1898.

As recommended by the Sanitary Commissioner, clauses (1) (b) of Original Mufassal Regulation 25 and of City Regulation 16 will be amended by omitting the words "and for requiring that quicklime be placed with the corpse." Any regulations that Collectors or the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, may find necessary to frame under these clauses should, however, provide that, when the burial of a person who has died of plague takes place in proximity to habitations or sources of water-supply, the corpse shall be wrapped in a cloth soaked in a solution of corrosive sublimate and be buried six feet deep. The following notification will be published in the Fort St. George and all District Gazettes :—

NOTIFICATION.

Under the provisions of the Epidemic Diseases Act III of 1897, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that clauses (1) (b) of Mufassal Regulation No. 25 and of City Regulation No. 16 published in the Fort St. George Gazette, dated the 18th December 1897, shall be amended by omitting the words "and for requiring that quicklime be placed with the corpse."

(True Extract.)

H. TREMENHEERE,
 Ag. Secretary to Government.

- To all Collectors.
 " all Presidents of District Boards.
 " all Chairmen of Municipal Councils.
 " the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
 " the Public Department.
 " the Public Works Department (Railway Branch).
 " the Marine Department.
 " the Inspector-General of Police.
 " the Surgeon-General.
 " the Sanitary Commissioner.
 " the Superintendent, Government Press.
 " the Translators to Government.

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Read C. No. 699

His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that the action taken by the Madras Govt. in regard to quarantine has been approved by the Govt. of India and is in accordance with the Venice Sanitary Convention. The Govt. regrets greatly the inconvenience and loss caused by the quarantine regulations, but the precautions taken under these regulations are essential unless there is to be considerable risk of the introduction of plague from Calcutta into Madras.

As regards the inequality of treatment in the case of the drivels, and of the Coasting steamer companies

Hm. 27.5.98 R. 27.5.98 H.G. 27.5.98

RS.

APK
26. 5. 96.
DW

We want to see these original
 played applications with
 as little delay as possible.
 Please have this file work
 out to him as sharp

26. 5. 98.

"1" Cash
a copy of Vol 127
of 2 May 80 containing
Indian index sheet

to help ^{best} ~~best~~ ^{along} have been back
a please do so much
L.H.L.

[illegible]

I pass these Orders to avoid delay, but the wording of GO 452 of 27 May/98. & of the Order of 6-day are not clear to me.

2. Bert & Co explain
that the coasting steamer was
allowed to communicate
with the shore but not the
other steamer, and you answer
to that is, to ^{spoke a full} front at that
^{makes a}
a further excursion had been
made to the coasting steamer.
This does not touch Messrs
Bert's complaint.

2. I don't understand why the coasting steamer was allowed to communicate with the shore. Was it under G.O. of 2 April 1893? And when & where was the G.O. cancelled?

4. The action taken is all right, but it is the working of the labor of yesterday & to-day that is unequal & wrong.

Apr
25. 5. 98.

DW.

2. No concession is made to the Coasting steamer. The G.O. of today says that the inequality of treatment is abolished - i.e. both dried & Coasting steamers will in future be liable to inspection for ten days from date of leaving an infected port. The complaint of Messrs Best & Co is that the Coaster had more liberal treatment than the dried steamer. The ground of this complaint has now been removed by G.O. 432 of 27. May 98.

3. It was under f. 0.327 d/3 ap 97.
a copy of which is in the file -
The travelling order was passed
some days ago. The go is now
at the address being printed.

C.A.W. noted
your para 3 about
explains what was
puzzling me AOK

29.5.98

Marine.....DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 699 of 1898.

~~HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.~~

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

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

SUBJECT:

Application for the removal of
quarantine on healthy vessels
from ~~the~~ infected ports.

FOR ORDERS.

I don't see how we can
act on a newspaper cutting.
The action we are taking has been
entirely approved by the P. of I.
and is in accord with the
Venice convention. I regret
greatly the inconvenience stops
caused by the quarantine regulations,
but the precautions taken under
the Regio seem to me essential
unless there is to be a considerable
risk of the introduction of

plague from Calcutta into
Madras. This risk I, for
one, am not prepared to
face.

Show H.E. & let him see
this (X) also before issue

KS

Submitted to His Excellency
with "proof" copy of

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day limit is insisted on in the case
of all steamers from an infected port.

* off 0 432 Marine of
27 May 1898. not yet
issued

ACK
27.5.98

D.W.

ACK
27.5.98
D.W.

Flag E

Proof copy - not yet issued - 27 May 98

No. , MARINE, TH MAY 1898.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following:—

Letter from Messrs. BURNETT & SON, Agents to the British India Steam Navigation Company, Limited, Tellicherry, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Marine Department, dated 21st May 1898.

ORDER No. 432, dated 27th May 1898.

In G.O. No. 327, Marine, dated 3rd April 1897, it was ruled that a vessel obtaining free *pratique* at any port in the Madras Presidency was not, ordinarily, liable to further medical inspection during the same voyage. It is, however, observed that under the terms of the Venice Sanitary Convention,* subsequently received, a period of ten days is assumed as the minimum limit of safety, and the order of the 3rd April 1897 quoted above has since been cancelled.

* G.O. No. 601, Marine, dated 6th July 1897.

2. If the provisions of G.O. No. 367, Marine, dated 11th May 1898, as extended by G.O. No. 382, Marine, dated 13th May 1898, be strictly applied to all out-ports, medical inspection will, during the ten day period, be necessary at every port at which a vessel touches, however short the interval between inspections. His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to relax the rule so far as to allow one inspection only in the case of the twin ports at which steamers call on the same day, provided that no sickness shall have declared itself on board after inspection at the first, and before arrival at the second, port.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. B. DEWINTON,
Secretary to Government.

To
The Presidency Port Officer.
" Surgeon-General with Government.
" Collectors of Maritime Districts.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Public Department.
" Political Department.
Copy to Messrs. Burnett & Son.

" " " Best Ho

Government {1898} of Madras.
MARINE.

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1898.

Enclosures

Regd.

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G.O., No. , th May 1898.

MAY.

Plague *Urgent*
Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 699

Order

From

Messrs. Best & Co.
Madras

No. G. L. B. 1/69

Dated 25.5.98.

Received 27.5.98.

Enclosures one

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SUBJECT.

Quarantine

Requesting that the — imposed
at madras outposts against
healthy vessels arriving from
Calcutta may be removed.

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.
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No.	Date.

A LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE Government of Burma addressed to the Secretary of the Rangoon Chamber of Commerce, relative to the application of the Chamber that the Government should reconsider its refusal to impose quarantine against arrivals from Calcutta, is published. The views of the local public bodies were submitted to the Government of India, who have now intimated that they are unable to sanction the imposition of quarantine against Calcutta. The letter says: "The Home Government and the Government of India have continuously opposed the view that quarantine is effective against the spread of epidemic disease. It is impossible to make any system of land quarantine effective in India. When, as in the present case, the susceptibilities of other nations are not involved, the Government of India are entirely averse from any departure from the general principle that quarantine should not be imposed. The acceptance of this principle is of first importance to British trade in general and Indian trade in particular, and the Government of India could not consent to its infringement by imposing quarantine at one port of British India against another." The letter goes on to lay down precautions to be observed at Rangoon in regard to suspected ships.

Urgent.

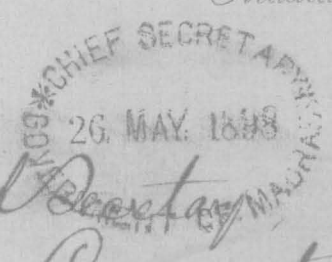
BEST & CO.

WHEN REPLYING PLEASE QUOTE

REFERENCE No. 9213-69.

To Marine Dept
MAY 25. 98

Madras, 25 May 1898.



To
The Chief Secretary
Government of Madras
Botacemund

Sir,

We have the honor to enclose herein a cutting from the Madras Mail of the 23rd instant publishing an extract from a letter addressed by the Secretary to the Government of Burma to the Secretary, Rangoon Chamber of Commerce. From this it would appear that the Government of India is entirely averse to quarantine being imposed at one port of British India against another, and we have therefore the honor to request that G.O. No 367, Marine, dated 11th instant be at once rescinded, and the Port Health Officer directed to give pratique to all healthy vessels from Calcutta immediately on arrival. -

The carrying out of the provisions of the G.O. in question are putting us to considerable expense in the case of the ss. 'Olmemoor' now discharging, and unless the order is at once rescinded the discharge of the steamers allowed without interference, incalculable mischief will arise to the Calcutta Madras

Marine
699/98

Madras Coal trade. Owing to the restrictions imposed at Madras, freights to this port have advanced fully Rs. 1/- per ton, and when we bring to the notice of Government the fact that instead of some 1500 tons or so, we have discharged from the *Olmeemoor* during the last 3 days, but little over 600 tons, they can hardly fail to realise the serious pecuniary loss we are being put to. -

Tomorrow we are expecting the *Clanorley* with a full cargo of coal for the Madras Railway. Owing to scarcity of wagons on the East Indian Railway & labor difficulties in Calcutta, the steamer is left with only 4 days to discharge here. By working night & day, we could probably have got her away with only 1 or 2 days demurrage to pay, but now that work is stopped & hindered by the carrying out of the provisions of C.O. No. 367 the steamer will probably be detained a full week beyond this time, and we shall be compelled to pay between Rs. 5000/- & Rs. 6000/- for demurrage.

The Asiatic Steamship *Kizam* left Calcutta the same day that the *Olmeemoor* did but communication was allowed with shore here without any restriction whatever, as she had called at a coast port on her way, down and obtained a clean Bill of

* This was I conclude, the same day that the *Olmeemoor* did but communication was allowed with shore here without any restriction whatever, as she had called at a coast port on her way, down and obtained a clean Bill of

of Health.

We have every wish to give Government all the assistance we can in preventing the introduction of plague to this port, but when the restrictions imposed by G.O. No 367 are carried out in the case of one Steamer & not in that of another, the same number of days out from Calcutta, we think we have cause for complaint:-

We have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours obedient servants.

Respectfully

Agents Burnham & Co Ltd

cc

As a further argument for the urgent necessity of the cancellation of all quarantine restrictions at this port, we might mention the fact that owing to the trouble & delay caused by the provisions of G.O. No 367 the British India S.N. Coys refused to book cargo on the s.s. 'Avoca' which called here on Monday, and both the Messageries & Austrian Lloyd's steamers have ceased to call at this port

cc

This cause of complaint will be removed by the order which requires the observance of the time limit of the dock in all cases.