

Marine (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 685 Marine

DATED 9 August 1898.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Observation of Passengers from Calcutta

Indt: of the L. & M. Dept. transcribing letter from the
President, Madras Municipal Commission, bringing
to notice that passengers disembarking from 'healthy'
ships who are placed under 'surveillance', frequently
omit to report themselves for further inspection
recorded with the remark that in such cases the
enforcement of the stricter regulations in regard to observation
is necessary & that people who abroad should be traced
specimens subjected to punishment.

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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.
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 Current No. 959 of 189 8, dated 25 July 1898, from the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
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ORDER.

The Hon Sir Henry Phipps C.I.E
 through
 The Secretary, Local & Municipal
 Department

The President, Municipal Commission, Madras, submits for orders certain correspondence from which it would appear that passengers disembarking from "healthy" ships who are placed under "surveillance" frequently omit to report themselves for further inspection, and that all trace of them becomes lost. It is observed that under Rule 15 (5) of the Quarantine Regulations the Port Health Officer is vested with powers to place passengers under "observation" instead of "surveillance", and that they would then be detained in a segregation camp for the period necessary to complete a

a term of ten days from the date of the vessels' departure from the infected port last visited. The President has already been informed that this course should be taken with passengers likely to carry infection and evade surveillance.

2. If therefore, persons are exposed to the inconvenience of "observation" it is solely because they have been found to abuse the concession of "surveillance". Neglect to comply with the rules is also punishable under the provisions of the Epidemic Diseases Act, and ~~several~~ convictions have already been secured in the Presidency Magistrate's Court.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council trusts that all leaders of native opinion and heads of castes will cooperate with the Government by inducing the people whom they can influence to comply with the rules. If this be done there will not probably, be any necessity to resort to the Police Courts to enforce such

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Resubmitted for orders -
Perhaps it will suffice to
apportion of the active labor
in Madras, a note refer to
Para 6 of the Presd. M.C.
letter No 165 of 21 July 90.
refer to Para 10 page 96 of
the Plague Regulations & Rules

L. B. S.

Very well - say

"Recorded with the remark that
if people neglect a refusal to obey the Regs in
regard to surveillance, the enforcement of

Para 10, Page 96 of the Plague
Regulations & Rules

that the Regs in regard to observation is
necessary, will afford no ground for
complaint and that persons who
abandon should as far as possible be
treated through the magistrates' court to
punishment."

The Local and Municipal Dept.

" Presidency Port Officer

" Superintendent Govt Press.

Editors Table.

The people who have abandoned can
notation most cases reported by the magistrates
issue summonses

such compliance.

4. These Proceedings will be
published in the Fort Saint
George Gazette and placed at
the disposal of the Press for
general information.

This not necessary to refer the Presd. M.C.
knows it right enough - Mr. L. B. S.

No principle is
involved affecting this
Dept. but as it is only
harm in the draft not for
I venture to deprecate it.
There have been no complaints
I have only lately
to "locality" for cooperation
etc etc; & such appeals,
frequently repeated, lose
force H.T. & D.S.
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sitates passengers to be put under st.

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.....Marine.....DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 959 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.

Observation of Calcutta
passengers.

FOR ORDERS.

The President, Madras Municipal
Commission, submits for orders certain
correspondence from which it will be
seen that passengers disembarking
from "healthy" ships who are placed
under "surveillance" frequently omit
to report themselves for further --
inspection, and that all trace of --
them becomes lost. This inconveni-
ence can be avoided by placing --
passengers under observation instead
of surveillance and the power to do
so is vested in the Port Health --
Officer by the Quarantine Rules.^x

^x Vide para 15 (5), G.O. 745 Marine,
d/23rd August 1897.

2. In telegram from the Local &
Municipal Department recorded with
G.O. No. 625 Marine dated 18th July
1898, the President has been informed
that there is "no objection to ob-
"servaⁿ Calcutta passengers like-
"ly to carry infection and evade
"surveillance, each case being sepa-
"rately considered".

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*similar passengers to be put under ob-
"servaⁿ."*

3. The President Municipal Commission, however suggests that Government should issue a notification warning the public that it is their own action which necessitates the more rigid control which it is proposed to

adopt. I think this should be

Due, a passenger bound for Madras city placed under observation or surveillance at the discretion of the P.H.O. These bound passengers may be allowed to proceed to their destination a place under observation, the rule Rule 15 (1) & 20 & 21 of 22 Aug 97, also at the discretion of the P.H.O. It seems unnecessary hardship to keep passengers from a healthy vessel waiting at Madras when the rules allow of their being sent to their destination.

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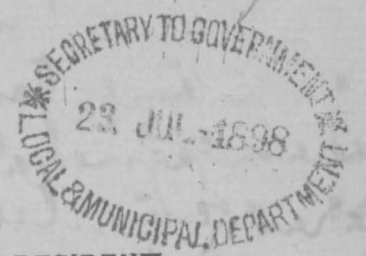
This is all in the rules as they stand. I don't see that anything was met before that approve the action already taken in Madras. Of course there would be no harm in issuing a gazette notice pointing out that if people are exposed to the inconvenience of "observation" it is solely because they have been found to abuse the concession of "surveillance" saying all kinds of untrue things & casting aspersions on the people whom they can influence to comply with the rules. Might also be pointed out that several people who evaded "surveillance" have already been brought up & fined by the magistracy - the case was in the papers. Let me see a draft of above report.

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x Madras Mail of 15 July 98 page 5, column 3, last article.

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 959



From THE PRESIDENT, Municipal Commission, Madras.

Order Transferred to the Marine Department (By order)

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H. No. 165 B.P.

Dated 21st July 1898
Received 23-7-1898
Registered 23-7-1898
Enclosures Three
Spare copies Nil

SUBJECT.

Submitting that surveillance in the case of the Golkonda was a failure owing to the action of the passengers and that observation therefore had to be confined to it in the case of the Golkonda which was due on the 17th and suggesting that a Notification be issued warning people that it is their own action which sitsakes passengers to be put under observation.

From
The Asst. Port Health Officer,
Madras.

To
The Health Officer,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the marginally noted passengers who arrived here last Thursday the 7th Instant, by the S.S. Golconda, from Calcutta, were warned to report themselves for inspection at this Dispensary every morning between 7 & 10 A.M. for the following five days but have not done so, some, both Yesterday and to-day and others only to-day.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
/Sd/ G. Meston,
Asst. Surgeon.

Asst. Port Health Officer.

/True copy/

C. Moore Lt. Col.,
President, Muni. Commn.

Only To-day.

1. M. Hanipha-Ungappa Naicken Street, Black Town,
2. Abthool Cawther.....do.....
3. Kasim.....do.....

Yesterday and to-day.

1. Emmy-No. 6, Thamappen Street, Royapetta.
2. C. Chokalingam Chetty, No. 31, Coral Merchant Street, Black Town.
3. Ramasawmy Chetty.....do.....
4. Viraven Chetty.....do.....
5. Govindusawmy Pillai.....do.....
6. Chinniah.....do.....
7. Veerappen Chetty.....do.....
8. Thanappa Chetty.....do.....
9. Sallathamall.....do.....
10. Meanatchy.....Mote parcherry, Mylapur.
11. Curpen.....do.....
12. Abeeboo Mahomed-Ungappa Naicken Street, Black Town.

BACK PAPERS.

G. O.	No.	Department.	Date.
Lr	625 745-6	Ma.	18-7-98 23-8-98
Madras Mail for 1:5 27.10.1898			

FURTHER PAPERS.

G. O.	No.	Department.	Date.

List of passengers who came from Calcutta on the 7th July 1898
and reported to have failed to come for surveillance before the Asst.
Port Health Officer.

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| 1. Emmy.....No. 6. Thomuapen Street,
Royapettah. | Observed. |
| 2. C. Chokalinga Chetty
31, Coral Merchant Street,
Black Town..... | Said to have gone to
Thavucottah Ramanathanu
-ram Jamean, Madura Pt. |
| 3. Ramasawmy
Chetty.....do..... | do..... |
| 4. Viranen Chetty.....do..... | Said to have gone to
some village near Thin-
nacottah. |
| 5. Govindasami Pillai.do..... | Informed to have gone to
Mylapur and he will be
at No. 135, house on the
11-7-98. |
| 6. Chinniah do..... | As to No. 4..... |
| 7. Veerappen Chetty.....do..... | do..... |
| 8. Thannappa Chetty.....do..... | do..... |
| 9. Sallathummall.....do..... | She was in No. 135 in
Coral Merchant Stt. &
observed. |
| 10. Menatchy)
11. Curupen...).....Mote Parcherry,
Mylapur. | Observed. |
| 12. Abeeboo Muhamed. Ungappa waick Stt. | Informed to have gone to
Tellicherry. |
| 13. M. Hanipha)
14. Abthool....).....do..... | Went to Thangal and will
be at Madras 11th Inst. |
| 15. Kasim)
Cawder.).....do..... | Said to have left Madras
for his native place,
Malayalam. |

/Intd/ V.B.M.
11-7-98.

/True copy/

[Signature]
11/7/98

[Signature] Lt. Col.,
President, Munl. Commn.

Wright
H. No. 142
B.P.

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS,
Health Department,
Madras, 11th July 1898.

From

LIEUT.-COL. SIR GEORGE MOORE, KT., C. I. E.,
President, Municipal Commission.

To

The Port Surgeon.

SIR,

Enclosure.

With reference to letter No.124 dated 9th July 1898, I have the honor to state that only 4 out of the 15 persons reported upon have been discovered.

As Surveillance seems to be ineffective I would suggest that passengers disembarking from Healthy Ships -- should be placed under observation.

From the letter under reply it would appear that these passengers disembarked on the 7th Instant, failed to report themselves as directed on the 8th Instant, but their failure was not reported until the 9th. This should be explained. Had they been reported after 10 A.M. on the 8th they might have been discovered.

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

/True copy/

/Sd/ G.M.J. Moore, Lt.- Col.,
Sanitary Authority.

G.M.J. Moore
26/7/98
Lt. Col.,

President, Munl. Comm.

Cone: (111) to H. No. 165
D.P.

Marine Dispensary.

Madras, 13th July 1898.

No. 130.

From

Surgeon. Lt. Col. H. Allison M.D.,

Port Health Officer, Madras.

To

The Municipal President and Sanitary Authority,

M A D R A S.

Sir,

With reference to your office H. No. 142/B.P of 11th Instant, I have the honor to state that I have no objection to the suggestion contained therein being followed. Will you kindly arrange for the observation being carried out.

2. The next steamer expected from Calcutta, likely to carry deck passengers, is the Goorkha expected on the 16th Instant.

3. I do not think it necessary, at present, to place Europeans under observation.

4. It is regretted that the absentee passengers were not reported on 8th Instant but it was expected they would report themselves during the day. In future not later than 10 A.M. will be the hour at which passengers under surveillance must report.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

/Sd/ H. Allison, Surgn. Lt. Col.,

Port Health Officer.

H.O.

The nearest place will be Royapuram Segregation sheds.

/Intd/ G.M.J.M.
13-7-98.

/True copy/

G. M. J. Moore

Lt. Col.,
President, Munl. Commn.

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MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS,

Health Department,

Madras, 21st July 1898

From

The Hon: LIEUT.-COL. SIR GEORGE MOORE, KT., C. I. E.,
President, Municipal Commission.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In forwarding copies of the marginally noted cor-

Enclosure.

Letter No. 124 d/9-7-98
from Asst. Port Health-
Officer to Health Officer
with list of passengers.

Letter No. 142 d/11-7-98
B.P.
from the President to -
Port Surgeon.

Letter No. 130 d/13th July
1898 from Port Health --
Officer to President.

-respondence, I have the honor to
submit as follows:-

1. It will be seen from the corres-
-pondence that the surveillance in
the case of the Golkonda was a --
failure owing to the action of the
passengers.

2. It was probable that the result
would be the same in the case of-

the Goorkha which was due on 17th.

3. The Port Health Officer approved of the native--
passengers being placed under observation.

4. On the arrival of the Goorkha he placed 7 out of
12 native passengers under surveillance as they could be --
found and the remaining 5 were placed under observation in
the Royapuram Segregation camp.

5. There was no trouble of any sort and if my en---
-quiries are satisfactory they will be allowed to go to --
their houses this afternoon.

6. I would however venture to suggest that Govern--
-ment should issue a Notification warning people that it is
their own action which leads to passengers having to be put
under observation. Neither the Port Health Officer nor I --
wish

Sir,

Emerson

Leut.-Col.,

President, Munl. Commn.