

Plague

G.O., No. 355 Marine

DATED 25-4 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Plague Expenditure.

*Pres. Genl. Dept., directing, with remarks,
that the charges for all plague establishments needed
for general control and expenditure incurred in connection
with such establishments be borne by the State and
paid from Provincial Funds, while charges for similar
establishments required for local control be paid
from Local or Municipal Funds, communicated to the
Presidency Port Officers.*

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., No. 720, Financial, dated 4th September 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting the Accountant-General to maintain separate accounts of all the charges incurred in connection with the bubonic plague, whether Direct or Indirect, Provincial or Local, and to include them in the quarterly statements to be submitted by him.

G.O., No. 547, Financial, dated 18th June 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Directing, with remarks, that the plague expenditure incurred in frontier districts shall, with effect from the 1st April 1898, be distributed in certain proportion among all the districts of the Presidency.

G.O., No. 576, Financial, dated 4th July 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on the incidence of plague charges incurred at the port of Tuticorin between 1st April and 30th September 1897.

G.O., No. 698, Financial, dated 15th August 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Explaining the distinction between *Direct* and *Indirect* charges, and issuing a revised appendix to G.O., No. 547, Financial, dated 18th June 1898, directing that the plague charges incurred in frontier districts shall, with effect from the 1st April 1898, be distributed in certain proportion among all the districts of the Presidency.

G.O., No. 7, Financial, dated 3rd January 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Considering that it is unnecessary to maintain G.O., No. 900 M., dated 13th April 1897, as regards the distribution of local plague charges in each district between the district board and the municipalities in that district, and directing that each municipality shall bear its own charges.

G.O., No. 261, Financial, dated 18th February 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Local and Municipal Department letter from the Government of India forwarding copy of correspondence with the Government of Bombay re the principles on which plague expenditure should be regulated; and addressing the Government of India on the procedure adopted in this Presidency in the matter and on the necessity of a special assignment being made to Provincial Funds and Local Boards on account of plague expenditure.

READ—also the following papers:—

From the Local and Municipal Department, No. 156, dated 15th Feb. 1899.

"	Plague Commissioner, Ref. on C. No. 2030	"	21st	"	"
"	"	"	1955	"	22nd
"	"	"	3097	"	13th Mar.

ORDER—No. 479, Financial, dated 4th April 1899.

The papers read above relate to the expenditure incurred on plague preventive measures at the railway inspection stations of Chingleput and Tiruvannamalai. Both these stations are in Municipalities and the question arises whether the charges which are non-Provincial should be borne entirely by the Municipality in each case.

2. In the correspondence recorded in G.O., No. 261, Financial, dated the 18th February 1899, the Government of India held that the cost of measures taken with reference to a municipal area for the medical treatment of plague patients, or for the prevention of the spread of the disease, or for the purposes of sanitation, cleansing or disinfection cannot be thrown upon the State, on the ground that extra municipal areas and residents have directly or indirectly received benefit from such measures by being saved from infection; since a municipal body owes it to its neighbours to prevent the spread of infection from itself to them, and cannot expect them to meet the cost of carrying out this duty, merely because they benefit by its not being neglected. The Government of India agreed, however, that the cost of inspection and observation of travellers by sea and by land, and of segregation and medical treatment of such as are affected or suspected to be affected by the plague, so far as it can be separated from expenditure on the sanitary measures above described, may be accepted as part of the general measures undertaken on the part of the State.

Paragraphs 3 and 4 of Finance and Commerce Department, No. 5551-A, dated the 29th of December 1897.

3. In supersession of all previous orders on the subject the Government directs that the charges for all plague establishments needed for general control and expenditure incurred in connection with such establishments shall be borne by the State and paid from Provincial funds; while charges for similar establishments required for local control shall be paid from Local or Municipal funds according to the area within which the establishments are entertained.

4. The expenditure at the railway inspection stations of Chingleput and Tiruvannamalai, being needed for general control, will accordingly form a Provincial charge.

5. The instructions in G.O., No. 576, Financial, dated 4th July 1898, in regard to the distribution of the plague charges at the port of Tuticorin will be modified with reference to the foregoing ruling, and the entire charges incurred at that port for the protection of Ceylon and other places against plague will be borne by the State and debited to Provincial.

6. The foregoing re-distribution will take effect from the 1st April 1898 and the Accountant-General will be requested to consult the Plague Commissioner and to report, at an early date, the transfers to be made in the expenditure already looked against Provincial, Local and Municipal funds in consequence of these orders.

7. The Accountant-General will also, in communication with the Plague Commissioner, revise the appendix to G.O., No. 698, Financial, dated 15th August 1898, with reference to the present instructions and submit a draft of the revised distribution of plague charges for the approval of Government.

(True Extract.)

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for Chief Secretary.

To the Local and Municipal Department.

" the Surgeon-General.
" the Marine Department.
" the Plague Commissioner.
" the Accountant General.
" all Collectors.

ENDORSEMENT—No. 480, Financial, dated 4th April 1899.

Copy to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department.

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.