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## Inoculation.

Ordering the publication of a notification framing a Regulation under the Epidemic Diseases Act relaxing the rules regarding segregation in the case of persons in good health who have been inoculated with M. Haffkine's prophylactic.

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## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Municipal (Medical) Department, dated Simla, the 4th August 1898, No. 1907.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 157-T. M., dated the 16th June 1898, recommending that a person who has been inoculated and who holds a certificate to that effect should be exempted from detention at any plague observation camp, and that the certificate should have effect for 12 months from the date of inoculation.

2. In reply I am to say that the Government of India are of opinion that a certificate that a person has been inoculated by M. Haffkine's process should exempt the holder from detention, except for such period as may be required to disinfect his baggage and clothes, if those are considered suspicious, and that the certificate should be valid for six months in the first instance. The question of extending the period will be considered hereafter.

No. 1908.

\* Letter from the Government of Bengal, No. 157-T. M., dated the 16th June 1898, and enclosures.

Copy, with copy of the papers\* marginally noted, forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.

From H. H. RISLEY, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of Bengal, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Darjeeling, the 16th June 1898, No. 157-T. M.

I am directed to submit, for the orders of the Government of India, a copy of a letter from the Chairman of the Corporation of Calcutta, No. 1276, dated the 26th May 1898, forwarding a copy of a plague inoculation certificate, and enquiring whether persons who have been inoculated will be exempted from detention at the observation camp at Chausa on production of the certificate of inoculation.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor considers it to be clearly reasonable that inoculation should exempt persons from detention when travelling. This conclusion is unavoidable in view of the fact that orders have been issued by this Government exempting completely inoculated households from removal to hospitals even when there is plague in the house.

3. In order, however, that certificates of inoculation should be of any practical use, and should operate as an inducement to undergo the operation, it is essential that they should be recognised by the plague authorities of other Provinces. Medical inspection in Bengal is confined to the frontier stations, and no attempt is made to restrict the movements of travellers within the Province.

4. The Lieutenant-Governor has accordingly caused the form of certificate submitted by the Health Officer of Calcutta to be carefully revised so as to include all necessary details for the identification of the inoculated person. His Honour is advised that the revised certificate,

a copy of which is enclosed, should have effect for 12 months from the date of inoculation. I am to request that the Government of India may be moved to pass authoritative orders on this latter point, and to rule that so long as the certificate is current the holder is to be exempted from detention at any plague inspection camp, except for such period as may be necessary to disinfect his baggage and clothes, if those are considered suspicious.

From R. T. GREER, Esq., Officiating Chairman of the Corporation of Calcutta, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Municipal Department, dated Calcutta, the 26th May 1898, No. 1276.

I have the honour to submit the following for your information and orders :—

A gentleman having been inoculated by Dr. J. N. Cooke, Health Officer, has asked whether a certificate that he has been inoculated will enable him to pass through Chausa Observation Station without risk of detention. The Health Officer is of opinion that it should do so, but that a ruling of Government on the point is required.

2. I agree with Dr. Cooke, and recommend that instructions may issue to the Medical Officer at Chausa and this Office.

3. A sample of the inoculation certificate is enclosed.

ORDER—No. 837 P., dated 17th August 1898.

Communicated to all Collectors, the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, the Surgeon-General and the Sanitary Commissioner for information and guidance.

2. The inoculation certificate may be issued after a person has been successfully operated upon once, but for reasons stated by the Sanitary Commissioner in para. 14 of his letter printed in G.O. No. 767 P., dated 8th August 1898, it is advisable that the operation should be repeated a second time. Care should be taken that the thumb-mark is properly impressed upon the certificate. Otherwise there will be difficulty in identifying the inoculated, and the inoculation certificates may be sold or transferred.

3. The following notification will be published, in English and in the vernaculars in the Fort St. George and all District Gazettes. The Translators to Government are requested to furnish the Superintendent, Government Press, with the necessary translations.

## NOTIFICATION.

“Under the provisions of the Epidemic Diseases Act III of 1897, His Excellency the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is pleased to frame the following Regulation and to direct that it shall be inserted as Regulation 31 in Notification No. 897, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 18th December 1897, Part I, pages 1583—1589, and as Regulation 21 in Notification No. 898, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 18th December 1897, Part I, pages 1589—1593 :—

“The provisions of these Regulations in regard to segregation do not apply to persons in apparent good health who hold certificates that they have been inoculated by M. Haffkine's process, provided such certificates bear a date not earlier than six months. Such persons, unless apparently attacked by plague, shall be exempted from segregation, and also from

detention when travelling. But they will, however, remain liable to evacuate infected houses, and to have their clothes disinfected when travelling. The inoculation certificate shall be in the following form:—

*Plague inoculation [Royal Arms] Certificate.*

[COUNTERFOIL.]

No.

Name

Father's name

Street

Village

Town

Taluk

District

Date

Initials of operator.

No.

CERTIFIED that

, father's name

, resident of

Street

, Village

Town

, Taluk

, District

has been inoculated by me, and

that his thumb-mark was at the time impressed before me.

Space for left thumb-mark.

Signature and

designation.

Dated

NOTE.—This certificate exempts the holder, unless apparently attacked by plague, from segregation, and from detention when travelling. It does not, however, exempt him from liability to evacuate an infected house, or to have his clothes disinfected when travelling. The certificate is valid for a period of six months.

(True Extract.)

*A. Edington*  
for Secretary to Government.

To

- All Collectors (A.—L.)
- The Sanitary Commissioner.
- „ Surgeon-General.
- „ Marine Department.
- „ Political Department. ✓
- „ President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
- „ Superintendent, Government Press.
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