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Arrivals in Madras from Plague-infected parts.

Ordering the publication of a notification framing a regulation requiring persons arriving in Madras from plague-infected parts to obtain passports from inspecting officers.

WITH ORDER

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers :—

From M. YOUNG, Esq., Acting Collector of Chingleput, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated Saidapet, 29th July 1898, Ref. on No. 329-Plague.

The Health Officer, Madras Municipality, states in his letter No. 168-B.P., dated 25th instant (copy enclosed), that when persons who arrive in Madras from localities infected with bubonic plague leave the town within ten days, notice is given to the authorities of the place to which they go "when possible." I have the honour to request that Government may be pleased to instruct the Health Officer to invariably issue passports and give immediate intimation of any change of residence to the local authority concerned in view to the newly-arrived individual being observed during the remaining period.

Enclosure.

From Surgeon-Lieutenant J. W. CORNWALL, M.B., Health Officer, Madras Municipality, to the Collector of Chingleput, dated Madras, 25th July 1898, H. No. 168-B.P.

With reference to your letter No. 329-Plague, dated 22nd July 1898, I have the honour to inform you that persons arriving in Madras from infected districts are generally, as far as I am aware, provided with passports.

2. When they leave Madras before their ten days are up, notice is sent by us to the authorities of the place to which they go when possible.

3. Whether they are bound to give intimation on their arrival in the mufassal depends on their possession of a passport.

4. There was no enclosure in your letter as stated.

Endorsement No. 89 P.

Forwarded to the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, for favour of report as to whether there will be any difficulty in applying to passengers arriving in Madras by sea or rail the passport rules sanctioned in G.O., No. 466, dated 13th May 1898, and what modifications, if any, are required to adapt to Madras the passport form printed in G.O., No. 641 P., dated 2nd July 1898.

(Signed) H. TREMENHEERE,
Secretary to Government.

5th August 1898.

From R. E. ELLIS, Esq., M.I.C.E., Acting President, Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 9th August 1898, H. No. 189-B.P.

With reference to your endorsement No. 89 P., dated 5th August 1898, on current No. 1169 P. (herewith returned), I have the honour to inform you that there is no difficulty in applying to passengers arriving in Madras by sea or rail the passport rules sanctioned in G.O., No. 466, dated 13th May 1898.

2. As a matter of fact passports are issued at Perambúr to all passengers from infected areas whose destination is stated to be within the Chingleput Collectorate, and the only cases where passengers manage to get into the district without passports arise through their giving an address within the city and leaving it without notice before the period of observation expires, and in such cases information is usually obtained from the residents and the Collector advised.

3. If the passport rules are enforced it will probably cause additional delay at the railway station, as some forty additional passports will have to be granted on the chance of one of them leaving the city as before explained, but it is questionable whether the system is absolutely necessary as the passenger is bound to report himself in case of any symptom of plague appearing, and the possession of the passport would only throw the responsibility on an irresponsible person and would not increase the security.

4. Should it be considered advisable to introduce the system an additional staff of clerks would be required.

5. No alteration in the passport form would be necessary.

Order—No. 890 P., dated 24th August 1898.

The Government is of opinion that the passport system for persons arriving from a plague-infected area should be extended to the City of Madras. The town should be divided into convenient circles, so that persons required to present themselves daily for inspection may not have to go a long distance for the purpose. For each circle an officer should be appointed to conduct the ten days' inspection of the passport-holders. The following notification will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* :—

NOTIFICATION.

"In the exercise of the power delegated to him by the Governor-General in Council under section 2, sub-section (3), of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, His Excellency the Governor of Fort St. George in Council prescribes the following regulation under the said Act and directs that it shall be inserted as Regulation 22 in the Notification No. 898, published on pages 1589–1593 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 18th December 1897 :—

"Every person arriving from a plague-infected place, who is not detained under the provisions of the preceding Regulation 12 or of Regulation 15 of the Regulations, published on pages 1117–1119 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 31st August 1897, shall be released with a passport binding him to present himself daily for inspection for a period of ten days before the officer named in the passport, and he shall be bound so to present himself. In case he has to leave Madras City within ten days from the date of his arrival, he shall forthwith give intimation to the inspecting officer, who shall report the fact to the local authority * of the new place of residence. On the expiry of ten days the passport-holder shall deliver up his passport to the inspecting officer for transmission to the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.

* *Vide* Mufassal Regulation 17 (*i*), Notification No. 444, *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 27th May 1898, Part I-A, page 137.

"Provided that, when it appears desirable, the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, or the Health Officer may, by endorsement on the passport, exempt any person from personal attendance and permit him to be inspected at his residence.

"The passport shall, in the case of those arriving by the Madras Railway be issued at Perambúr, and in the case of those arriving by sea at the harbour. It shall be in the following form :—

A.

(To be retained by the officer issuing the passport.)

1. No. of passport.
2. Date of issue.
3. Name of traveller.
4. Place of destination.
5. When the duplicate of the passport sent and to whom.

Initials of officer issuing passport.

B.

Passport No. Original.

(To be issued to a person arriving from a plague-infected locality under Regulation 22 under the Epidemic Diseases Act, published in the "Fort Saint George Gazette," dated September 6, 1898.)

1. District.
2. Station of issue.
3. Date of arrival.
4. Name of person.
5. Father's name.
6. Caste.
7. Age.
8. Whence coming.
9. Destination and residence during the next ten days (give District, Taluk, Village, Street and Number or Name of the owner of the house).

I declare the above information to be correct, and I do hereby bind myself to appear for inspection, daily, for a period of ten days from this date before ———

Date Signature or mark of traveller.

Declared and signed before me.

Date Signature and designation of the officer issuing the passport.

(See reverse.)

C.

Passport No. Duplicate.

(To be sent forthwith to the officer appointed to conduct the ten days' inspection.)

1. District.
2. Station of issue.
3. Date of arrival.
4. Name of person.
5. Father's name.
6. Caste.
7. Age.
8. Whence coming.
9. Destination and residence during the next ten days (give District, Taluk, Village, Street and Number or Name of the owner of the house).

I declare the above information to be correct, and I do hereby bind myself to appear for inspection, daily, for a period of ten days from this date before ———

Date Signature or mark of traveller.

Declared and signed before me.

Date Signature and designation of the officer issuing the passport.

(See reverse.)

REVERSE.

A

B.

Endorsement of the Inspecting officer.

Date.	Signature.	Designation.
1st day.		
2nd ,,		
3rd ,,		
4th ,,		
5th ,,		
6th ,,		
7th ,,		
8th ,,		
9th ,,		
10th ,,		

Forwarded to the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, the passenger having been duly inspected.

Date Signature and Designation of the Examining officer.

Regulation 22 under the Epidemic Diseases Act, published in the "Fort St. George Gazette," Part I-A, dated September 6, 1898, page 260.

Every person arriving from a plague-infected place, who is not detained under the provisions of the preceding Regulation 12 or of Regulation 15 of the Regulations, published on pages 1117-1119 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 31st August 1897, shall be released with a passport binding him to present himself daily for inspection for a period of ten days before the officer named in the passport, and he shall be bound so to present himself. In case he has to leave Madras City within ten days from the date of his arrival, he shall forthwith give intimation to the inspecting officer, who shall report the fact to the local authority * of the new place of residence. On the expiry of ten days, the passport-holder shall deliver up his passport to the inspecting officer for transmission to the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.

Provided that, where it appears desirable, the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, or the Health Officer may, by endorsement on the passport, exempt any person from personal attendance and permit him to be inspected at his residence.

N.B.—Any person disobeying or evading the above or any other Plague Regulation or any order made in pursuance thereof renders himself liable to prosecution for an offence punishable under section 188 of the Indian Penal Code with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months or fine which may extend to Rs. 1,000 or both.

* *Vide* Mufassal Regulation 17 (*i*), Notification No. 444, *Fort St. George Gazette* dated 27th May 1898, Part I-A, page 137.

C.

Instructions to the officer appointed to conduct the ten days' inspection.

1. The officer shall daily inspect the passenger and initial the original passport in token of the inspection.

2. He shall daily ascertain from the passenger whether there is any sickness or death in the house in which he is or has been residing. If the passenger is found to exhibit any symptoms of plague, or if any sickness or death is reported in his house, or if the passenger does not appear for examination on any day, the fact should be immediately reported to the President or the Health Officer of the Municipality.

3. If the passenger intimates or it is otherwise known that he desires to leave Madras within the period of ten days, the particulars of his future residence should be obtained and the fact communicated without delay to the local authority of the place of the new residence. Intimation of departure to any Railway Station in the province of Mysore should be telegraphed to the—

(*a*) Assistant Surgeon on plague duty, Yesvantpur, when the destination is a station on the Mysore State Railway;

(*b*) Residency Surgeon, Bangalore, when the destination is a station within Mysore Province on the Madras Railway.

4. The inspecting officer should maintain a register in the following form:—

(1) Date of receipt of intimation.
(2) Name of traveller.
(3) From what infected area arriving.
(4) Date of arrival of traveller.
(5) Number, date and place of issue of passport.
(6) How long kept under observation.
(7) State of health of the traveller and other persons living in the house in which he is or has been residing.
(8) Date of departure if occurring within ten days.
(9) Destination.
(10) Date of intimation of departure to the local authority of the place of destination.
(11) Date of despatch of the passport to the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.

(True Extract.)

for *Secretary to Government.*

To the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
,, Surgeon-General.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.
,, Commissioner of Police, Madras.
,, Marine Department.
,, Political Department.

To the Public Works Department (Railway Branch).
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