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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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No. 1498.

FROM

THE HON. R. S. ELLIS, C.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to the letter from the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, (a copy of which was furnished to the Madras Government with Mr. Under Secretary Geoghegan's endorsement of the 16th July last, No. 301,) regarding the occurrence of cholera on Emigrant Ships, I am directed to forward the accompanying copies of letters on the subject from the Protector of Emigrants, together with the three Statements referred to in that dated the 8th instant.

2. It will be seen from the letters of the British Consular Agent at Karical and Pondicherry that no records have been kept by them of the prevalence or outbreak of cholera on Emigration Ships. Mr. Norfor has, however, furnished Extracts, obtained from the French Government, from the Reports of their Medical Officers, showing that, out of sixty-one Ships despatched to the French Colonies, three had cases of cholera on board.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
2nd November 1869.*Chief Secretary.*

From the Protector of Emigrants, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 8th October 1869, No. 123-M.

With reference to the Order of Government, dated 3rd August 1869, No. 1074, regarding cholera among emigrants on boardships, I have the honour to forward, herewith, three Statements showing the vessels leaving, and arriving at, Madras, as required therein.

2. I enclose copy of a letter from the British Consular Agent at Pondicherry showing he has applied for returns to the French Government.

3. No returns have yet been received from Karical, and I thought it advisable to send in the Madras Return, rather than incur further delay by waiting for those from Pondicherry and Karical.

From B. T. NORFOR, Esq., British Consular Agent at Pondicherry, to the Protector of Emigrants, Madras, dated Pondicherry, 7th October 1869, No. 380.

I have the honour to inform you that I have no record in my office regarding sanitary condition of Emigrant Ships with regard to cholera. The French have, and I have applied to them; as soon as I get the information, I will lose no time in forwarding it.

From the Protector of Emigrants, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 11th October 1869, No. 124-M.

With reference to my letter of the 8th instant, No. 123-M., paragraph 3, I have the honour to forward copy of a letter received from the British Consular Agent, Karical, on the subject of outbreaks of cholera on board vessels.

From the British Consular Agent, to the Protector of Emigrants, Madras, dated Karical, 8th October 1869, No. 169.

In answer to your letter of the 4th instant, I have the honour to say that, no report having ever been received here, from any of the Ships that sailed with emigrants from this port, of the prevalence or outbreak of cholera on board, or of any of the emigrants having died on the voyage of that disease, I am unable to furnish any information whatever on the subject.

From the Protector of Emigrants, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 14th October 1869, No. 125-M.

With reference to my letter of the 8th instant, No. 123-M., paragraph 2, I have the honour to forward copy of a letter received from the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry, on the subject of cholera on board vessels carrying emigrants.

From B. T. NORFOR, Esq., British Consular Agent, Pondicherry, to the Protector of Emigrants, Madras, dated Pondicherry, 13th October 1869, No. 382.

I have the honour, in reply to your letter of the 4th instant, with Orders of Government, as per margin, to inform you that no regular record has hitherto been kept here on the subject of cholera on Emigrant Ships, but the French Government have kindly given me Extracts from the Reports furnished by their Medical Officers.

2. These do not, however, enable me to fill up a report after the form furnished.
3. This if desired may be done for the future, keeping a separate report for each vessel.

MEMORANDUM.

On thirty-seven Ships despatched for the West Indies, and twenty-four for Réunion, total sixty-one Ships, three had cases of cholera on board.

2. Ship *Daguerre*, Captain Millet, left Pondicherry on 5th December 1861, having on board 436 emigrants. A few days after her departure cholera broke out, and they lost many persons from this disease. When near Réunion the Captain also died of it. At Réunion the Government sent on board another Commander, and she sailed again. The cholera continued until 24th January when it left, the last case occurring on that day, the total number of deaths being twenty-nine. On her arrival at Guadaloupe the men were allowed to land after seventy-two hours' quarantine.

3. Ship *Glendurer*, Captain Anderson, sailed on 22nd October 1866 to Guadaloupe with 450 emigrants.

4. First case appeared on 27th October 1866, five days after departure; the man was taken ill at 10 A.M., and died at 3½ P.M. same day.

5. Second case was on 5th November; the man died after twenty-four hours.

6. From this time the cases were frequent and lasted up to 23rd November, when the last case occurred. The total number of deaths were thirty. It is noted in the report that, on 17th November, they experienced a brisk gale, and from that time the disease they say decreased in virulence, and disappeared entirely on the 23rd of that month.

7. Ship *Clyde*, Captain Robb, with 450 emigrants, sailed to Guadaloupe on the 28th November 1866, and lost three emigrants by cholera on the 25th January 1867.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. BLAIR,
Protector of Emigrants.

June 1869 Sept.

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From Government of
Fort St. George.

Dated 2nd Nov. 1869.

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NOVEMBER
Nos. 18-21.

Forwarding, with remarks, copies of letters from
the Protector of Emigrants on the subject of the
occurrence of cholera on Emigrant Ships.

N. 380.

From B. J. Norfor Esq^r
British Consular Agent
Pondicherry
To The Protector of Emigrants
Madras

Sir I have the honor to inform
you that I have no report in my Office
regarding sanitary condition of Emigrant
ships with regard to Cholera - Mr French
have and I have applied to them as
soon as I get the information I will lose
no time in forwarding it.

Consular Agent's Office } I have V^{ca}
Pondicherry } /signed/ B. J. Norfor
1st October 1869 } Consular Agent

True Copy

Walter Blair
Protector of Emigrants

With 3 Attachments in No. 3

Public Department

No. 1498.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India.

Home Department

Sir,

With reference to the
letter from the Sanitary
Commissioner with the
Government of India, a
copy of which was furnished
to the Madras Government
with the Under Secretary
Geographical Department
of the 10th July last No. 11,
regarding the occurrence
of Cholera on Emigrant
Ships, I am directed to
forward the accompanying
copy of the letter on the
subject from the Director
of Emigrants, together
with the three statements
referred to in the
dated the 8th August. The

W.M.

A.D.

d/ 8. 11. 114 Oct 1869.
Nos 123. 124 & 125

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2. ~~The return of~~
~~from the French~~
~~authorities will be~~
~~very soon~~

It will be seen from
the letters of the British
Consular Agent at
Maurice & Pondicherry
that no records have been
kept by them of the
prevalence or outbreaks
of Cholera on Emigration
Ships. Mr. Vargor has,
however, furnished extracts
obtained from the French
Government, from the
reports of their Medical
Officers, showing that
out of 61 Ships despatched
to the French Colonies,
there

three had cases of
Cholera on board.

1869 Public Department.

No. 1498.

To
The Secretary to the
Government of *Spain*
Home Department

Dated *Nov 2nd* 1869.

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*Forwarding, with
warrants, copies of
orders from the Captain
of Auxiliaries in the
subject of the removal
of soldiers on Engineer
Staffs.*

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