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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	982	Press ~~Mis~~
Dated	16-7-	191869

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
16th July 1869.*

No. 107. Read the following letter from the Protector of Emigrants, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 3rd June 1869, No. 51M.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Government order of May 20th, 1869, No. 675, and have consulted the Master Attendant on the subject thereof. I have not consulted the British Consular Agent at Pondicherry as he is absent on leave.

2. The Master Attendant and myself are of opinion that the instructions can be made obligatory on Captains of British or other ships by the insertion of a clause in Charter Parties. A slight alteration is required in the wording of Rules 8 and 9, and Rule 12 also may require some modification if the ship is British and the Surgeon French.

3. Before, however, deciding the matters, we think it necessary to inform the Government that the rules in their present form can only work properly if the Surgeon is a Commissioned Officer belonging to the French or British Naval or Military Service.

4. When a British ship is taken up for emigrants, a medical man is often engaged at Madras and carried down to Pondicherry; he is almost always a retired or pensioned East Indian Apothecary, simply engaged for the voyage out with return passage guaranteed.

5. The rules for Surgeons of this class would require very considerable modification and alteration, as very few Captains would agree to be placed on such an equality (though it is more *apparent* than *real*) with such Surgeons, nor would Captains consider them (Rule 2) "the second person in the ship." We do not think, moreover, that the French authorities would wish to delegate such extensive powers to such Surgeons but only to Commissioned Officers.

6. It appears to us, therefore, that it will be necessary to draw up two sets of rules; but before doing so we beg to be informed of the opinion of Government on the point.

No. 108. ORDER THEREON, 16th July 1869 No. 982.

With reference to the difficulties represented in the foregoing letter, it appears to His Excellency the Governor in Council that two different sets of rules are required to provide for the cases where the Surgeons on board English vessels hired by the French Administrations for the transport of emigrants, are and are not French or English Commissioned Officers. These rules should accordingly be prepared by the Protector of Emigrants and the Master Attendant, and submitted for consideration at an early date.

(True Extract).

Actg. Secy. to

To the Protector of Emigrants.
,, Master Attendant, Madras.

Ed. A. S. Rodgers.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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(presented 3rd June 1869. 10^{am})

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G. O., 16th July 1869. No. 982.

JULY.
Nos. 107-108.

For Attend.
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The Protector of Emigrants
or Master Attendant
Madras 17/

Memorandum

In G.O. 20th May
1887 No 678 the Protector
of Emigrants was directed
to place himself in com-
munication with the
Master Attendant, Madras,
and the British Consular
Agent at Pondicherry for
the purpose of making
such modifications in
the Instructions issued
by the French Government
to their Naval Surgeons
on Board French Vessels
conveying Indian Emigrants
as to adapt them to the case
of British vessels engaged
in the same service;
and to submit the Instru-
tions, so modified, for
the approval of Government.
2. The British Con-
sular Agent at Pondicherry
being

being absent on board,
the Protector and Master
~~Attendant~~ give it as their
joint opinion that the
Instructions can be
made obligatory on
Captains of British or
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of a clause in Charter
Parties;

That the Rules in their
present form can only
work properly if the Surgeon
is a Commissioned Officer,
belonging to the French
or British Naval or
Military Service;

That, as is often the
case, a retired or pensioned
East Indian Apothecary
is engaged for the
medical charge of
emigrants on board
a British Ship, the
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Under the difficulties
represented, two sets of
Rules seem to be unavoidable
and should be prepared
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very considerable modifi-
cation, as few Captains would
agree to be placed on an
equality with such surgeons.
nor would they allow
them to hold the position
contemplated by Rule 2
viz. that of being "im-
mediately next to the
Captains." It is, moreover,
doubtful, whether the
French authorities would
delegate such extensive
powers to men of the
above class.

3. The Protector and
Master Attendant
propose therefore to draw
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