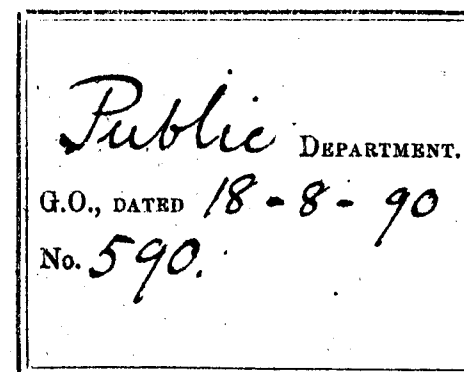


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[Despatch Abstract.]

*Submitting for order of
the Govt. of India the cases
of Apothecary S. C. White
& Hospital Afto. Chinniah
Kandu whose travelling
allowances have been dis-
allowed by the Comptroller.*

READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
18, No. . MISCELLANEOUS.

Govt. of India, Dept. of Finance
& Commerce

ENCLOSURE.

ORDER No.

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ordered from Bellary to
Madras to appear before
an Invaliding Medical
Board.

2. In both cases the
journeys were made in
the interests of the public
service and under the
orders of competent authority.
I am therefore directed
to request that in case (a)
travelling allowance may
be sanctioned as a special
case and provision made
in the C.S. Rules for future
similar cases, and that
the provisions of article
1260 A, C.S. Rules, may be
specially applied to case
(b) and that article ex-
-tended so as to cover similar
cases that may occur
in the Madras Presidency.

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F.D.B.
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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 18, No.

Again G.O., dated 18, No.

Current No. 1768 of 1890, dated 10 June from

The Surgeon General.

Current No. 2247 of 1890, dated 31 July from

The Accountant General.

Letter No 590 of 18 Aug 90.

To Secy to the G. of India
Dept of Fin. & Commerce

23 AUG 90

Sir,

IN M.S.

I am directed to submit
for the orders of the Govt.
of India the following
cases in which travelling
allowances have been
disallowed by the Accountant General:—

(a). 2nd Grade Apothecary
S.C. White, in charge of the
Municipal Dispensary
at Binclipatnam, was ordered
to proceed to Viragapatam
for examination by the
District Surgeon as to his
fitness for active service
in Burma.

(b) Hospital Assistant
Chinnial Vaidya was

ordered

Public (1890) DEPARTMENT.

From

THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,

Madras,

To

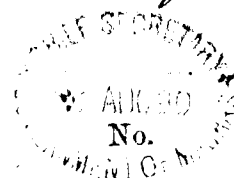
THE Chief Secy to Govt.
Public Department.

No. 2461

Dated 31st

Received

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Subject.

Passing remarks on letter
from The Surgeon General
to the Government of
Madras regarding the grant
of travelling allowance to
Dr. S.C. White.

Fort Saint George
Accounts General's Office
31 July 1890.

N^o 2441

From
J. W. Rawlins Esq
Accountant General
To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Sir,

In reply to your memorandum, N^o 1768, dated in
23 July 1890 referring for my remarks letter N^o 486 of
the 10th June last from the Surgeon General with Govern-
ment (herewith returned with the enclosures), I have
the honor to state as follows:—

2. 2nd Grade Apothecary S. C. White in charge
of the Municipal Dispensary Bimlipatam, proceeded
to Nizagapatam to appear before the District Surgeon
for examination as to his fitness or otherwise for
Military duty. There is no rule in the Civil Ser-
vice Regulations providing for the grant of travelling
allowance in such a case.

3. Hospital Assistant Chemist Nardin
appeared before an invaliding Committee at Madras
for the purpose of obtaining a Medical Certificate
with a view to being pensioned. The only article
bearing on the subject is Article 1250 A, but it refers
to Officers in the North Western Provinces and
Oudh only and has not been made applicable to
this Presidency.

4. Articles 1247 and 1249 of the Civil
Service Regulations quoted in the reference
refer to the case of an Officer compelled to
leave his station where there is no medical
Officer

Officer to procure medical advice and do not apply
to the above cases.

I have the honor to be,

Sir
Your most obed^t servant

W. R. M. M.

Accountant General

N. C.

Public ^{W. 1760}
(1890) DEPARTMENT

From

THE SURGEON GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Fort St. George.

No. 486

Dated

10th

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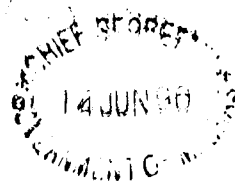
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} June

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Subject.

Submits certain
correspondence and requests to
authorize the Accountant General
to pass the amount of travelling and
allowances claimed by 2nd Grade
Messrs J. C. White & 1st Class Messrs
Messrs Schimmler & Co for
reasons given therein.

Indeavourful
H. B.
1897.

Note. "Medical
advice" evidently
includes Medical
opinion as regards
fitness for further
service - of the
Indeavourful Messrs
Messrs Schimmler & Co
will have to be addressed
to the Medical Officer
1250 A. B. Madras.

Referred to the Accountant General for remarks;
the journeys were, on 6th occasions, undertaken in
the interests of the public
service, under the order
of competent authority, &
apparently full pay was
drawn during the period;
travelling allowances
would therefore seem to
be admissible under
the provisions of articles
1247 & 1249 of the
C. S. R.

where Mr. White was employed who
could be asked to examine him.

3. Hospital Assistant Chinniah
Vaidu was directed to come down to
Madras to appear before an invaliding
committee under article 487 (b) of
the Civil Service Regulations.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant.

W. H. Jackson
Surgeon General
With the Govt. of Madras.

W. H.

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Fort St. George, 12 June 1890.

No. 486

From

THE SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department

SIR,

I have the honor to submit
the marginally noted correspondence
and to solicit that the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council will be pleased
to authorize the Accountant General
to pass the amount of travelling &
allowance claimed by 2nd grade
Apothecary S. C. White and 1st class
Hospital Assistant Chinniah Naidu
N^o. 26 who were ordered by this office
to appear for physical examination on
public grounds.

2. As Mr. White's services were
required for Chin Expedition, the
District Surgeon Vizagapatam was
at the instance of the Military
Department, requested by wire to direct
him to come down to Vizagapatam
for physical examination, as there was
no

Objection Statement N^o. 144 of 23 Jan'y 1890 from the Accountant General
with accompanying
Letter N^o. 1 A. G. D. dated 10 April 1890 - do - do -

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No. 591. Despatch

No. 9

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Quarantine at Colombo.

Observing that the Secretary
of State for India has
addressed on the subject
of the ~~quarantine~~ ^{immunity} rules
at present in force at Colombo.

Addressing his Lordship
on the subject of
the quarantine rules
at present in force at Colombo

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GOVT. OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

PUBLIC (1890) DEPARTMENT.

LETTER to the Right Honorable
the Secretary of State for
India.

Dated 30th August,

No. 9 of 1890.

Addressing his Lordship on the subject of the
Quarantine rules at present in force at Colombo.

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GOVERNMENT, No. 189, No.

PARTIAL SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE COURTS
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30TH AUGUST 1890, No. 9, PUBLIC.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—to

THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

MY LORD,

We have the honor to address Your Lordship regarding the quarantine rules at present in force at the port of Colombo, Ceylon, under which all vessels arriving from Tuticorin, in the Tinnevely district of this Presidency, whether with or without a clean bill of health, are denied admission to pratique for 24 hours after arrival, in view to the subject being brought to the notice of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies for such action as His Lordship may consider the circumstances of the case require.

2. On the 8th February last we received from the Collector of Tinnevely a telegram, copy of which is entered in the margin, regarding the imposition of quarantine at Colombo against vessels arriving from Tuticorin. We at once wired to His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon as follows:—

“ Medical report here says no epidemic disease, yet Colombo British India (Steam Navigation Company's) Agent wires quarantine despite clean bill and forbids shipment coolies. Great unnecessary inconvenience. Kindly remonstrate urgently. No cholera since 2nd ; slight before.”

“ Do not enforce quarantine Tuticorin coolies. No cases of cholera since 2nd ; slight before ; but orders issued to quarantine arrivals despite clean bills of health.”

On the 13th of the same month we received a letter on the subject from the Collector of Tinnevely, which, together with the subsequent correspondence with the Government of Ceylon, will be found in our Proceedings marginally noted, copy of which accompanies this despatch. The further communications which have led to our addressing Your Lordship are embodied in our Proceedings of the 19th instant, No. 591, Public.

3. Whilst fully recognizing the necessity for every care on the part of the Ceylon authorities to prevent the introduction of disease into the island, we are unable to recognize the equity or utility of a policy that enforces a strict quarantine against all arrivals from a certain port at Colombo, but leaves open other avenues of admission to the island. As a rule, a considerable number of emigrants proceed to Colombo from Tuticorin, but the existing rule that a vessel arriving at the former from the latter port, whether with or without a clean bill of health, is subject to quarantine, leads to the coolies making their way into Ceylon from other ports and at other parts of the island.

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4. Your Lordship will observe from the foregoing remarks that the existing quarantine rules at Colombo do but little to prevent the introduction of disease into the island of Ceylon and practically do no more than divert the influx of coolies from that port to other parts of the island. This, however, does not concern us, but the effect of the rule—which appears to us to be uncalled for—is that the emigrants are put to much personal inconvenience, the trade of the port of Tuticorin suffers and the State is deprived of port dues which it should receive. We would add that the rule complained of is carried so far as to be made applicable to steamers arriving from Tuticorin without any passengers; it therefore appears to us likely that the ordinary traffic between the two ports must, at no distant date, be seriously interfered with, if this state of things continues.

5. As it seems highly probable that any further representation by us to the Government of Ceylon would lead to no more satisfactory result than that already made has met with, we have considered it necessary to lay the facts of the case before Your Lordship in the hope that the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies will address the Government of Ceylon on the subject.

We have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servants,

(Signed) CONNEMARA.
(„) C. G. ARBUTHNOT.
(„) J. H. GARSTIN.
(„) J. GROSE.

OOTACAMUND,
30th August 1890.

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19TH AUGUST 1890, No. 591, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From J. H. A. TREMENHEERE, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely, to the
Chief Secretary to Government, dated Tinnevely, 5th July 1890, No. 543.

I regret that I have again to address Government about quarantine in Colombo,
but the disastrous effect on the interest of
the port of Tuticorin and the inconveni-
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excuses. At present every steamer is
Former reference—G.O., No. 381, Public, dated 26th May 1890.

quarantined if it carries any but first-class passengers, and the many thousands of
would-be emigrants are compelled to cross either from Negapatam or, when that port
is quarantined, to cross at Ramesvaram, or to steal a passage as it were from one
of the minor ports—a very easy matter.

2. The view of the present condition taken by the commercial and shipping firms
may be seen in Messrs. Adamson and MacTaggart's letter, which I forward.

3. I am aware that Government will not be willing to address the Ceylon Govern-
ment again unless I can show good cause for such a course, but this I hope to do. In
the first place, the *gravamen* of my former letter was "that coolies are pouring into
the island from the Madura ports where cholera is infinitely severer than here": but
this point has not been touched. The Port Surgeon of Colombo justifies his impar-
tiality, but of course I was not referring to his port. It remains (as I believe) true and
uncontradicted, that whereas cholera was very severe along the Madura sea-board,
coolies were (with a short interruption) pouring into the island across the straits and
from the minor ports. It is true also that many hundreds of boatmen and divers from
Madura and Tinnevely were welcomed at the Manaar pearl-fishery at the very time
when not a cooly was allowed to go from Tuticorin to Colombo. A serious system of
quarantine one may think wrong, but one must respect it; but what shall be thought
of a system which protects one port in an island from one or two ports on the mainland,
while elsewhere thousands of immigrants from the same parts of the mainland are
welcomed and even specially attracted? If there is a danger of cholera from Tuticorin,
the danger from the estate coolies and pearl-divers, who are allowed to cross over from
other places, is infinitely greater. But the truth is, the Ceylon Government cannot
afford to dispense with our divers, and the coffee-estates cannot be denied the coolies.
Neither suffers appreciably from closing this port, and the empty show of vigilance
satisfies the public opinion of Colombo.

4. I have the honor to suggest to Government that the Ceylon Government may
be addressed in view to doing away with a partial and, therefore, a useless quarantine.
When there is cholera in Madura and Tinnevely, immigration thence should either
be effectually prohibited or impartially allowed.

ENCLOSURE.

From Messrs. ADAMSON, MAC TAGGART and CO., Agents, B.I.S.N. Company, Limited,
to the Collector of Tinnevely, dated Tuticorin, 23rd June 1890.

We have the honor to return herewith Government G.O., No. 381 of 26th May, on which
you ask our remarks.

2. We consider that the way in which the quarantine rules are being framed and carried out at Colombo are grossly arbitrary. For instance, if a steamer arrives in Colombo from Tuticorin *with a clean bill of health* she is placed in quarantine for 24 hours, even although she carries no passengers. Apparently this is to be a standing order, and will seriously interfere with the traffic between this port and Colombo.

3. With reference to the Port Surgeon's (Colombo) remark about rumours of cholera being prevalent in Tuticorin in the early part of the year having reached him, we think he might have referred either to yourself or the Government of Madras for reliable information, instead of acting, as he did, on a rumour, and as it turned out a very incorrect one.

4. The Port Surgeon states that it is not usual for natives from the Madura sea-board to take passage to Colombo. This may be so, but they cross in very large numbers from the mainland to Ceylon, and this route has been open, with a very slight interruption, all through, although cholera was much worse in the Madura district, we believe, than here, and this has been a very real grievance to coolies who wished to go hence to Colombo, instead of having the long journey round by the Ceylon north road.

5. In conclusion, we would point out that the matter is now in just as unsatisfactory a state as ever, and it would appear that we are to have a standing quarantine of 24 hours against Tuticorin, even when there is absolutely no disease of any sort.

ORDER—dated 19th August 1890, No. 591, Public.

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(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Tinnevely.

Ed. P. L. Pereira.

Gobt. of {1890} Madras.
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G.O., 19th August 1890, No. 591.

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Quarantine at Colombo.

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Your Lordship

OOTACAMUND,
20th August 1890.

*Copy Despatch with return of
No. 10738/18591 sent to
Govt of India in Nov. 1891:
Sept - 8/9/90*

Exd. P. L. Pereira.

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the subject.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your most obedient, humble servants,

Ch
in law

I do not think that any
reference to the Cayton papers
will harm the Sloughed efforts.
Now do I think it will be
advantageous to publish our
in the way these papers publish
I will address the Secy of State
directly and ask him
to call the attention of the
Secy of State for the Colonies to
the question. I think over
desperate. I might ask out
over can say just. =
I think to say that the

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It might produce at any rate a modification
of the existing orders of the correspondence
now submitted twice weekly to the
Clergyman Genl. & modification in favor
^{more or}
~~some change better~~ shorter teeth, a clearer
Bill of health and two passengers would
be some gain.

I submit that an order having operating
 effect there than Colombo against Indian
 ports need not be feared. ^{as a consequence of a} If there were
 addressing the Gov. of Ceylon
 some such immigration, hindered the
 planter would make a disturbance &
 so that the Gov. of Ceylon would not be forced
 to see how they Colombo is so strictly
 treated is no doubt that it is a
 sort of call which is very largely
 used and that in outbreak of cholera
 there would fine rise to great difficulty
 the system followed. There is a
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 the Gov. has nothing to do with that.

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"The Collector will be informed that Govt. is not prepared to address the Ceylon Govt. ^{again} on the subject.

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 Coll² of ~~Madras~~ Trivelly. 8 dupd
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Note
The Collector was
not desired to invite
Messrs. Adamson Mac G.
& Co's remarks on G.O.
No. 381 of 26/5/80.

It is submitted that for the reasons stated on the back of C. No. 1338 & in the Chief Secy's note of 7 May last (Chatt inside of C. No. 381 of 26th May), the Govt. of Ceylon want he argued out of their belief as a proper belief. Very likely, their action in regard to Ministry & Madura impositions is illogical, but if these papers were

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TINNEVELLY *Collector's* **OFFICE**

From
The

Tinnevely

To
The Chief Secretary to
Government
Fort St. George.

Dated *July* 1890
Received *July* 1890
No. 543
ENCLOSURE
Subject

Subject

Suggesting to Govt.
that the Ceylon Govern-
ment may be addressed
in view to doing away
with the quarantine
in regard to the Port
of Tuticorin

them. They might be
little too logical & grant
Madura ^{as} port well.

It is no concern of the
Govt. if Ceylon Govt
good reasons outweighing
the proposed fear of
~~quarantine~~ infection
choose to not to
quarantine immigration
from Madura. The
point is that Ceylon
choose to quarantine
immigration from
Tuticaim, & will not
be induced to give
up her determination.

It is very annoying
to ~~summarily~~ ^{to} the
favorable treatment
extended to Madura
^{ports} makes it of course
more annoying; but
it cannot be helped.
At Colombo itself ^{impartial}
treatment is shown, &
Madura ports suffer as
well as Tuticaim.

At the time that ^{the report} G.O. No. 381
dated 24th May last was before
Govt. Sir A. Gordon was Governor
of Ceylon. From what he said to
me at Colombo I am inclined
to think that the orders which were
enforced against the
Govt. were mainly the result of
his own strong personal views

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ORDER—dated 19th August 1890, No. 574, Public.

The Secretary of State for India will be addressed.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

Trinivelly.

To the Collector of ~~Madras~~.

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19TH AUGUST 1890, No. 591, PUBLIC.

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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

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3. I am aware that Government will not be willing to address the Ceylon Government again unless I can show good cause for such a course, but this I hope to do. In the first place, the *gravamen* of my former letter was "that coolies are pouring into the island from the Madura ports where cholera is infinitely severer than here": but this point has not been touched. The Port Surgeon of Colombo justifies his impartiality, but of course I was not referring to his port. It remains (as I believe) true and uncontradicted, that whereas cholera was very severe along the Madura sea-board, coolies were (with a short interruption) pouring into the island across the straits and from the minor ports. It is true also that many hundreds of boatmen and divers from Madura and Tinnevely were welcomed at the Manaar pearl-fishery at the very time when not a cooly was allowed to go from Tuticorin to Colombo. A serious system of quarantine one may think wrong, but one must respect it; but what shall be thought of a system which protects one port in an island from one or two ports on the mainland, while elsewhere thousands of immigrants from the same parts of the mainland are welcomed and even specially attracted? If there is a danger of cholera from Tuticorin, the danger from the estate coolies and pearl-divers, who are allowed to cross over from other places, is infinitely greater. But the truth is, the Ceylon Government cannot afford to dispense with our divers, and the coffee-estates cannot be denied the coolies. Neither suffers appreciably from closing this port, and the empty show of vigilance satisfies the public opinion of Colombo.

4. I have the honor to suggest to Government that the Ceylon Government may be addressed in view to doing away with a partial and, therefore, a useless quarantine. When there is cholera in Madura and Tinnevely, immigration thence should either be effectually prohibited or impartially allowed.

ENCLOSURE.

From Messrs. ADAMSON, MACTAGGART AND CO., Agents, B.I.S.N. Company, Limited, to the Collector of Tinnevely, dated Tuticorin, 23rd June 1890.

We have the honor to return herewith Government G.O., No. 381 of 26th May, on which you ask our remarks.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed^t Serv^t
J. H. A. Tremheere
For Collector

No 543

Tinnevely Collectors Office
dated 5th July 1890. 1P

From, J. H. A. Tremuckee Esquire,
Ag Collector of
Tinnevely

To, The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I regret that I have again to
address Government about quarantine
in Colombo, but the disastrous effect
on the interests of the port of Tuticorin
and the inconvenience to the general
public must be my excuses. At present
every steamer is quarantined ~~at Tuticorin~~
any but 1st class passengers, and the
many thousands of would-be emigrants
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apatam, or when that port is quarantined
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26th May 1890

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With reference to the Port Surgeon's (Colombo) remark about rumours of Cholera being prevalent in Tuticorin in the early part of the year, having reached him, we think he might have referred either to Zanzibar or the Government of Madras, for reliable information, instead of acting as he did on a rumour, and as it turned out a very incorrect one.

The Port Surgeon states that it is not usual for natives ^{from the Madras} of the Madras sea board to take passage to Colombo. This may be so, but they cross in very large numbers from the main land to Ceylon, and this route has been open, with a very slight interruption all through, although Cholera was much worse in the Madras District, we believe, than here, - and this has been

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a very real guarantee to Coolies who
wished to go hence to Colombo, instead
of having the long journey round by
the Ceylon north road. —

In conclusion we would point out
that the matter is now in just as
unsatisfactory a state as ever, and
it would appear that we are to
have a standing Quarantine of twenty
four hours, against Inticoria, even
when there is absolutely no disease
of any sort. —

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant
Adams & Macgregor & Co

Agents

ADAMSON, MACLAGART & CO.,
AGENTS,
TUTICORIN AND NEGAPATAM.

British India Steam Navigation Co., Limited,

Tuticorin, 23rd June 1890

The Collector
of Tinnevely.

Sir, We have the honor to return herewith
Government G. O. No. 381 of 26 May, on
which you ask our remarks.

We consider that the way in which
the Quarantine rules are being framed
and carried out at Colombo, are
grossly arbitrary. For instance if
a steamer arrives in Colombo from
Tuticorin with a Clean Bill of Health
she is placed in Quarantine for 24 hours.
Even although she carries no passengers.
Apparently this is to be a standing
order, and will seriously interfere
with the traffic between this port
and Colombo.

Enclosure in
a letter from the
Collector of
Tinnevely of 5-7-90
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