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Pilgrim Traffic to Mecca

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formation regarding the
number of Haj on certain points
referred to by the
Sanitary Commission

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From

J. P. Hewett, Esq., C.I.E.,

Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of India

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras

Sanitary Department.
(Sanitary)

Simla, the 2nd September 1894

Sir,

ara. 10.
ara. 12.

I am directed to forward extracts from the Memoranda by the Army Sanitary Commission on the Reports of the Sanitary Commissioners of Bombay and Bengal for the year 1892 on the subject of the pilgrim traffic to Mecca.

2. I am to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the Government of India may be furnished, at the earliest date possible, for incorporation in the Annual Report of the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India for the year 1893, with such information as may be procurable regarding the last Haj on the points in paragraph 10 of the Memorandum on the Report of the Sanitary Commissioner of Bombay.

3. I am also to request that the Health Officer of Madras and the Sanitary Commissioner may be directed in the future to include in their Annual Reports as much information as possible on all the points enumerated in paragraph 10 of the Army Sanitary Commission Memorandum on the Report of the Sanitary Commissioner of Bombay.

I have the honour to be,

Your most obedient servant,

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

Public Department

Sub. No. 2562-9

From

The Govt of India
Home Dept (Sanitary)
Simla

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No. 240

Dated 10/9 }
Recd 18/9 } 1894
Encl: two

Subject

Pilgrim Traffic to Mecca.

Requesting to be furnished with information regarding the last Haj on the points in para 10 of the enclosed memorandum on the Report of the Sanitary Commissioner of Bombay and that the Health Officer and Sanitary Commissioner of Allahabad may be directed to include in their Annual Report information on all the points enumerated in the same para of the memorandum.

10. The pilgrim traffic to Mecca. - The report of the officer of the port of Bombay is an interesting record shall refer only to that portion of it which deals with the Mecca pilgrims, because we would suggest that more detail on this important question might be given every year with advantage. The experience of the recent International Sanitary Conference at Paris has shown how important it is in the interests of India that all the facts on the subject should be accessible. We believe that they do not by any means bear out the accusation that cholera outbreaks at the holy places have been caused in any case by vessels transporting Indian pilgrims to the Red Sea. We believe, on the contrary, that when cholera does attack these places it has advanced along the land route through Arabia, but as this is a disputed point nothing but carefully collected evidence can settle it. On this account means, we suggest, should be taken to collect the facts concerning the pilgrims leaving all Indian ports every year, so that they may be collated in the Annual Report of the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, if the alternative be considered preferable, they might be collated by the Port Health Officer of Bombay who already has to deal with great bulk of them and has given much valuable information concerning those who embarked from Bombay. We shall accordingly recommend by the various points in regard to which data should be collected every year. They are as follows:-

- (a) The exact manner in which the medical inspection of pilgrims is conducted before they leave Bombay.
- (b) The number rejected, and the cause of rejection.
- (c) The number of paupers.
- (d) Name and tonnage of each pilgrim vessel, with date of departure and number of pilgrims on board.

(e) The number of causes of deaths after departure, with exact dates, especially regarding any case that appear to have been of a cholera nature.

(f) The experience of the pilgrims at Camaran.

(g) Number and causes of deaths on the return voyage.

(h) Number of pilgrims of the year who returned, indicating the proportion missing.

Many of these details are already clearly given by Surgeon-Captain Grimmin, but it is desirable that the statements employed for the purpose should be on one uniform plan and that they should be procured from all Indian ports whence pilgrims to Mecca embark.

8th June 1894.

Commission on the report of the Sanitary Commissioner
Bengal for 1892.

12. Calcutta Port Health Officer's Report.- The report of the Health Officer of the port of Calcutta, which forms the last Appendix, contains interesting particulars regarding the sailors, both European and Native. The only point in it to which we wish to refer relates to ^{the} pilgrim traffic to the Red Sea. It is very desirable, with reference to ^{the} continued allegations that pilgrims from Indian ports take cholera to Jeddah and so on to Mecca, that as much information as possible regarding them should be systematically collected and placed on record. With this object we would suggest that statistics should be given every year in the report of the Health Officer of every Indian port, showing the names and other particulars of all pilgrim ships, the number of pilgrims in each, and the general state of their health on departure. This should be followed up by a medical history of the voyage, showing the number and dates of all cases of cholera that may have occurred, and if in addition a record could also be obtained of the number of pilgrims who turn to India after the pilgrimage is over, very valuable information might in time be collected. We propose to discuss this object more fully in connection with the Annual Sanitary Report for Bombay, at which port the great mass of the pilgrims for Mecca embark.

3th June 1894.

True Extracts,

C. S. Sampson

Registrar, Home Department.

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dt 20th Sept 94, N. 698

Orders *20/9/94*

Comm^d, with copies of enclosures, to Collectors of maritime districts, the Presidency Port Officer, the Resident in Travancore and Cochin and the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry and Karikal, for very early report with reference to para 2 of the letter.

2. Orders will ^{issue} be passed in the L & M Dept in view to the request contained in the last para being complied with.

J.B.
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Resident in Travancore & Cochin 6
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The Collectors of *Madras*
~~The District Magistrates of~~

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~~North Arcot, Chittoor.~~
South Arcot, Cuddalore. 8
Bellary.
South Canara, Mangalore. 8
Chingleput, Saidapet. 8
~~Coimbatore.~~
Cuddapah.
Ganjam, Chatrapur. 8
Godavari, Cocanada. 8
Kistna, Masulipatam. 8
~~Kurnool.~~
Madras (when necessary).
Madura. 8
Malabar, Calicut. 12
~~Nilgiris, Ootacamund.~~
Nellore. 8
Salem.
Tanjore. 9
Tinnevelly. 8
~~Trichinopoly.~~
Vizagapatam. 8

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Sanitary), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 10th September 1894, No. 240.

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EXTRACT from Memorandum by the Army Sanitary Commission on the report of the Sanitary Commissioner of Bombay for 1892.

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2. Orders will issue in the Local and Municipal Department in view to the request contained in the last paragraph being complied with.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Collectors of Maritime Districts.

- „ Presidency Port Officer.
- „ Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
- „ British Consular Agent in Pondicherry and Karikal.
- „ Local and Municipal Department.

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