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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers :—

G.O., No. 195-A, Public, dated 2nd March 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Despatching to Collectors and District Magistrates, &c., a circular regarding the cessation of the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz owing to the plague.

G.O., No. 1549, Public, dated 22nd December 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Despatching to Collectors, &c., a circular regarding the prohibition of the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz during the next season.

G.O., No. 1091, Public, dated 26th September 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the District Magistrate, Malabar, telegram from the Government of India stating that the particulars regarding pilgrimage to Mecca will be communicated as soon as the matter has been decided.

READ—also the following paper :—

From A. H. L. FRASER, Esq., C.S.I., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Sanitary—Plague), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Local and Municipal Department, dated Simla, 20th October 1899, No. 2951.

In continuation of the telegram from this office, No. 2722, dated the 20th September 1899, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of Madras, a copy of a Notification No. 2936, dated the 20th instant, issued by the Government of India under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, with regard to the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz during the next season.

2. The Government of India have thought it necessary to prohibit the pilgrimage from the whole of the Madras Presidency notwithstanding that at the present time the plague is endemic only in the Salem district. It has shown some tendency to increase and imported cases have recently been reported from three other districts. Judging therefore from the experience of last year it is likely that several districts will be infected by the time the pilgrimage begins. An even more important consideration is the highly infected condition of the south of the Bombay Presidency and the Mysore and Hyderabad States which renders it necessary to regard the whole of Southern India as an infected area from which the pilgrimage ought not, in deference to the feelings and wishes of Foreign Governments, to be permitted.

3. I am to request that all possible means may be taken to make it immediately and widely known that the pilgrimage has been prohibited in the case of all residents of the Madras Presidency and that the reasons for this prohibition may be carefully explained. The Government of India are sure that the Government of Madras will use all means in their power to make the decision as little unpalatable as possible to the Muhammadan community.

ENCLOSURE.

NOTIFICATION of the Government of India, Home Department (Sanitary—Plague), dated Simla, 20th October 1899, No. 2936.

In the notification of the Government of India in the Home Department, No. 4341, dated the 10th November 1898, it was ordered, under the powers conferred by section 2, sub-section (1), of the Epidemic Diseases Act (III of 1897), that the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz during the season of 1899 might be permitted, except in the case of persons residing in the Bombay Presidency (excluding the whole of Sind except Karachi), the Presidency of Madras, the Mysore and Hyderabad States and Coorg, subject to certain precautions and restrictions which were imposed in view of the strong opinions of all European Governments, including Turkey, regarding the danger of plague being communicated to Europe, and in view of the danger of plague being spread by intending pilgrims from infected to non-infected portions of India.

Plague is unfortunately still widely prevalent in the Bombay Presidency, and is specially severe in the southern districts and States. Karachi remains an infected port and plague prevails also at Hyderabad in Sind. The disease is widespread and severe in both the Mysore and Hyderabad States. It is endemic in the Salem district of the Madras Presidency and imported cases have recently occurred in other districts. Calcutta became re-infected in the latter part of July last, and a recrudescence has lately been reported from the district of Saran in Behar. The Nagpur City and district in the Central Provinces are infected and plague has re-appeared in the Hoshiarpur district of the Punjab.

The alarm experienced by European Governments, including Turkey, regarding the danger of plague being imported to Europe is in no measure abated, and during the past season Indian pilgrims were again subject to much vexatious restriction and consequent hardship. The Government of India do not think it necessary to prohibit the pilgrimage from the uninfected portions of India during the coming season, but they consider it essential that careful precautions should be observed similar to those which were enforced during the past season.

The Governor-General in Council is pleased to cancel the order contained in the notification of the Government of India in the Home Department, No. 4341, dated the 10th November 1898.

The Governor-General in Council is further pleased to direct that, until further orders, no person resident permanently or temporarily in the Presidency of Bombay including Sind, the Presidency of Madras, the Mysore and Hyderabad States, Coorg, Calcutta and the Saran district of Behar, the Nagpur division of the Central Provinces and the Hoshiarpur district of the Punjab shall be permitted to embark from any port in India with the object of making a pilgrimage to Mecca.

The Governor-General in Council is further pleased to direct as follows :—

(1) That no person shall be permitted to embark with the object of making a pilgrimage to Mecca, except at the port of Chittagong in the Lower Provinces of Bengal, and unless and until such person has been kept under observation in a place appointed for the purpose until such time as the Medical Officer in charge shall be satisfied that all risk of such person conveying the infection of plague has been completely abated, and unless such person is conveyed from the place of observation to the place of embarkation under the charge of an officer appointed for the purpose.

(2) That no passage tickets for the Hedjaz shall be sold, except at the places appointed for the detention of intending pilgrims under observation.

The Government of India think it necessary to repeat the warning given last year that, although they have decided that the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz may be permitted subject to the safeguards enumerated above, they are nevertheless convinced that intending pilgrims will be well advised in deferring their purpose until another season, in view specially of the stringent quarantine rules imposed by the Turkish Government and the inconvenience and harassment to which it is likely they will be subjected on arriving in Arabia.

(Signed) A. H. L. FRASER,
Offy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Endt. No. 232 P.

Transferred to the Public Department.

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

31st October 1899.

ORDER—N. 1243, Public, dated 4th November 1899.

The following circular will be issued:—

CIRCULAR.

In accordance with instructions from the Government of India, heads of districts will, through the officers subordinate to them, make known, as widely as possible, amongst the Muhammadan population of their charges, that the notification published at page 1546 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, Part I, dated 31st October 1899, has been rendered necessary solely owing to the risk which continues to exist of the conveyance of the plague to Turkey and other countries by pilgrims from India and that it has been ordered in consequence of the very strong representations made by those countries and will be removed as soon as it safely can.

Heads of districts should use their best endeavours to induce the leading members of the Muhammadan community to assist them by explaining the reasons for the notification to their poorer co-religionists and dissuading those contemplating the pilgrimage from attempting to undertake it until the prohibition is withdrawn.

District Magistrates will issue the strictest orders that, should any person be found setting the notification at defiance by starting for the Haj, immediate measures should be taken to stop them as near as possible to their homes and induce them to return.

(True Extract.)

To all Collectors.
„ all District Magistrates.

for Chief Secretary.

ENDORSEMENT—

Copy forwarded to the Deputy Adjutant-General, with the suggestion that, under the orders of the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, copies of the circular, which can be obtained on application to the Superintendent, Government Press, direct, may be supplied to leading Muhammadan officers in view to their affording the assistance indicated therein.

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

ENDORSEMENT—

Copy forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police, with the request that copies of the circular, which can be obtained on application to the Superintendent, Government Press, direct, may be supplied to the principal Muhammadan officials of the Police department in view to their affording the assistance indicated therein.

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

ENDORSEMENT—

Copy forwarded to the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, with the request that he will obtain copies of the circular direct from the Superintendent, Government Press, communicate them to the Prince of Arcot, the Anjuman-i-Mufid-Ahlia Islam, the Muhammadan Central Association, and the Anjuman-i-Himayat-i-Islam, and invite their co-operation in the direction indicated in the circular.

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

Ed. C. M. Thumbaraway.

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Local & Munl. (189) Department.

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The Government of India

CURRENT No.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding notification
prohibiting the pilgrimage
to the Hedjaz from the
Madras Pres during
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NOTE FOR THE *Second Act* Public Department

May this paper be transferred
to the Public Dept? The
telegram referred to therein as
well as previous communications
on the subject appear to have
been disposed of in Public

M. S. Markovitch
Plague Act
30/10/88

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30/11/88

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In September last. the Resident of Malabar enquired whether the pilgrimage to Beccra is likely to be totally prohibited again this year and remarked that it would be unpolitic to continue the prohibition in respect of the residents of Malabar so long as the District remains uninfested by the plague. The Govt. of India was telegraphed for the required information and in reply the Govt. of India have

to Communicate the
 necessary particulars
 as soon as the matter has
 been decided. In the
 present current the Govt.
 India forward copy of
 its notification regarding
 the pilgrimage to the Badger
 during the next season,
 explaining why it has
 been thought necessary to
 prohibit the pilgrimage
 for the whole of the Madras
 Presidency and requesting
 that all possible means may
 be taken to make it im-
 mediately and widely known
 that the pilgrimage has
 been prohibited in the
 case of all residents of the
 Madras Presidency and that
 the reasons for this prohibition
 may be carefully explained.
 The Govt. of India also
 trusts that this Govt. will
 use all means in their power
 to make the decision
 as little unpalatable as
 possible to the Muhammadan
 Community.

Attention
 is directed to the circular
 issued last year under
 similar circumstances,
 and the following Draft-
 and circular are subd.
 for approval:-

Order
in

The following circular
 will be despatched to
 Collectors and District
 Magistrates &c.

(H.E. Circular - separate
 sheet below)

See
31/1/14

For the C.S.

Last year's Notification seems
 as appropriate for the present
 case as any new one could be,
 it is, therefore, subd., with one
 or two slight alterations, for
 approval. Please see Draft
 order on separate sheet below.
 India's Notification is in the
 Gazette issuing today.

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C. No. 3046 From the Govt of India - Home, No. 2957, dated 20-10-1899.

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The following Circular
 will be despatched to all
 Collectors & Dist Magtes.

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 separate sheet below).

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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

CIRCULAR No. 2890, dated 22nd December 1898.

In accordance with instructions from the Government of India, heads of districts will, through the officers subordinate to them, make known, as widely as possible, amongst the Muhammadan population of their charges, that the notification published at page 200 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, Part I-A., dated 22nd November 1898, has been rendered necessary solely owing to the risk which exists of the conveyance by pilgrims from India of the plague to Turkey and other countries and that it has been ordered in consequence of the very strong representations made by those countries and will be removed as soon as it safely can.

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G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To all Collectors.
" District Magistrates.

Dept. 15-11-99

ENDORSEMENT—No. 2891, dated 22nd December 1898.

Copy forwarded to the Deputy Adjutant-General, with the suggestion that, under the orders of the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, copies of the circular, which can be obtained on application to the Superintendent, Government Press, direct, may be supplied to leading Muhammadan officers in view to their affording the assistance indicated therein.

ENDORSEMENT—No. 2892, dated 22nd December 1898.

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G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

15-11-99

Note for the Distt Govt. Press. Circular should be kept in type and copies should be supplied, on application, to the ...

15-11-99

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