

Public Works (1897) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 1137. *Re*

DATED 15<sup>th</sup> Decr 1897.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Bubonic Plague

Pres. L. & M. Dept. recording letter from the Govt. of Bombay forwarding copy of its resolution regarding the arrangements that have been made at Karachi for the embarkation of pilgrims to the Hedjaz; Communicated to the Dy. Secy. concerned.

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Recording letter from the Government of Bombay forwarding a copy of the Resolution of that Govt. regarding the arrangements that are being made at Karachi for the embarkation of pilgrims to the Hedjaz.

## FURTHER PAPERS.

*Pilgrims.*—

Pilgrimage to the Hedjaz from  
Karáchi.

General Department.  
No. 6631

Bombay Castle,  
29th November 1897.

Telegram from the Commissioner in Sind, No. 1239, dated the 26th November 1897:—

"Your 6522, Pilgrims. Discussed fully the pilgrim arrangements with Plague Committee, officials, Steamer Agents and Mahomedan gentlemen to-day. Do not anticipate much expenditure. Pilgrims from Bombay will be put in existing quarantine sheds at Manora : others who evade segregation camps up-country and people of Sind, at the Malir Camp Authorities inclined to think that pilgrims, whether from ignorance or design, will conceal object of journey, evading segregation up-country, and arrive Karáchi as ordinary passengers. These will of course be sent to Malir Camp for ten days, whether arriving by land or sea. Extra huts, costing from 1,000 up to maximum of 5,000 rupees, may be needed, but that depends on numbers of pilgrims arriving and on development of plague in Punjab. I will only spend money if absolutely required. Establishment at Manora will probably cost for police from 200 to 450 a month and an establishment of sweepers, watermen, &c., Rs. 150, much the same as before. Will send detailed estimate later. With Government permission I will enter into direct communication with Governments up-country in order to arrange for direct and regular supply to me of information as to number of pilgrims coming, while I shall keep them informed of probable arrival of steamers. I will also settle details as to kind of passes required, &c. About 130 pilgrims in Karáchi already, who will be allowed to proceed by next steamer, arriving 29th, after obtaining certificates from Plague Authority, and disinfection according to Venice Convention. After 1st proximo any pilgrim arriving Karáchi by land, as from Mekran and from Sind itself, will be sent to Malir for detention, and they will obtain passport and ticket there in usual way. Anticipate no special difficulties in carrying out the Government of India's orders. I beg to point out that Bombay itself is infected and therefore strongly urge that pilgrims coming from Bombay be segregated and carefully disinfected with their clothes and bedding before being sent to Karáchi which is not an infected place. A case of plague in Manora sheds will be dangerous for Karáchi and cause much public alarm."

Telegram from the Commissioner in Sind, No. 1240-M, dated the 26th November 1897:—

"Continuation my telegram No. 1239. Should mention that probably there will be some expenditure on feeding pauper pilgrims. Karáchi charity may help, but will not meet needs entirely."

Telegram to the Commissioner in Sind, No. 6618, dated the 27th November 1897:—

"Your telegrams 1239 and 1240 of 26th. Your arrangements approved. Your attention invited to Resolution 6560 of 25th despatched yesterday. No objection to your making direct communications to Local Governments and Administrations concerned. Question of segregating pilgrims now in Bombay is under consideration."

Memorandum to the Commissioner of Customs, No. 6625, dated the 27th November 1897—

Forwarding, in continuation of this Department letter No. 6523, dated the 24th idem, the following extract from the Commissioner in Sind's telegram No. 1239, dated the 26th idem, above referred to; requesting him to report whether there would be any great difficulty about segregating the pilgrims in or near Bombay for ten days before their departure for Karáchi; and stating that if such segregation is advised, a full plan of operations should be prepared :—

"I beg to point out that Bombay itself is infected and therefore strongly urge that pilgrims coming from Bombay be segregated and carefully disinfected with their clothes and bedding before being sent to Karáchi, which is not an infected place. A case of plague in Manora sheds will be dangerous for Karáchi and cause much public alarm."

RESOLUTION.—Copy of the foregoing telegrams should be forwarded to the officers and Departments concerned for information and guidance.

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2. Copy of this Resolution should also be forwarded to the Government of India and the Local Governments and Administrations referred to in Government Resolution No. 6560, dated the 25th instant.

A. C. LOGAN,  
Acting Secretary to Government.

To

All Collectors, including the Collectors and Deputy Commissioners in Sind,  
The Commissioner, N. D.,  
The Commissioner, C. D.,  
The Commissioner, S. D.,  
The Commissioner in Sind,  
The Commissioner of Customs,  
The Chairman, Bombay Plague Committee,  
The Collector of Customs, Bombay,  
The Sanitary Commissioner for the Government of Bombay,  
The Health Officer of the Port of Bombay,  
The Commissioner of Police, Bombay,  
The Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay,  
The Accountant General,  
The Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor,  
All Political Agents, including Political Superintendents,  
The Political Resident, Aden,  
The Political Department of the Secretariat,  
The Judicial Department of the Secretariat,  
The Financial Department of the Secretariat,  
The Government of India,  
The Government of Bengal,  
The Government of Madras,  
The Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh,  
The Government of the Punjab,  
The Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces,  
The Resident in Mysore,  
The Resident at Hyderabad,  
The Resident in Kashmir,  
The Agent to the Governor-General, Baroda,  
The Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana,  
The Agent to the Governor-General, Central India,  
The Agent to the Governor-General, Beluchistan.

By letter.

No. of 1897.

Copy forwarded for information and guidance to

Resolution from the Government of Bombay, General Department  
Bombay Castle, N° 6631, dated 29<sup>th</sup> November 1897.

Telegram from the Commissioner in Sind, N° 1289, dated the 26<sup>th</sup> November 1897:—

"Yours 6522, Pilgrims. Discussed fully the pilgrim arrangements with Plague Committee officials, Steamers & Agents and Mahomedan gentlemen to-day. Do not anticipate much expenditure. Pilgrims from Bombay will be put in existing quarantine sheds at Maura; others who evade segregation camps up-country and people of Sind, at the Malir camp, authorities inclined to think that pilgrims, whether from ignorance or design, will conceal object of journey, making segregation up-country and arrive Karachi as ordinary passengers. These will of course be sent to Malir camp for ten days, whether arriving by land or sea. Extra huts, costing from 1000 up to maximum of 5000 rupees, may be needed, but that depends on numbers of pilgrims arriving and on development of plague in Punjab. I will only spend money if absolutely required. Establishment at Maura will probably cost for police from 200 to 450 a month and an establishment of sweepers, watermen, &c., Rs 150, much the same as before. Will send detailed estimate later. With your permission I will enter into direct communication with Governments up-country in order to arrange for direct and regular supply to me of information as to numbers of pilgrims coming, while I shall keep them informed of probable arrival of steamers. I will also settle details as to kind of passes required, &c. I have 180 pilgrims in Karachi already, who will be allowed to proceed by next steamer, arriving 29<sup>th</sup> after obtaining certificates from Plague authority, and disinfection according to Venice Convention. After 1<sup>st</sup> proximo any pilgrim arriving Karachi by land, as from Mulla and from Sind itself, will be sent to Malir for detention, and they will obtain passport and ticket there in usual way. Anticipate no special difficulties in carrying out the Govt of India's orders. May point out that Bombay itself is infected and therefore strongly urge that pilgrims coming from Bombay be segregated and carefully disinfected with their clothes and bedding, before being sent to Karachi which is not an infected place. Fear of plague in Maura sheds will be dangerous for Karachi and cause much public alarm."

Telegram from the Commissioner in Sind, N° 1240 M, dated the 26<sup>th</sup> November 1897:—

"Continuation of my telegram N° 1289. Should mention that probably there will be some expenditure on feeding poorer pilgrims. Karachi charity may help, but will not meet needs entirely."

Telegram

Telegram to the Commissioner in Sind, N<sup>o</sup> 6618, dated the 27<sup>th</sup> November 1897:-

"Your telegrams 1239 and 1240 of 26<sup>th</sup>. Your arrangements approved. Your attention invited to Resolution 156 of 25<sup>th</sup> despatched yesterday. No objection to your making direct communications to Local Governments and Administrations concerned. Location of segregating pilgrims near Bombay is under consideration."

Memorandum to the Commissioner of Customs, N<sup>o</sup> 6625, dated the 27<sup>th</sup> November 1897:-

Forwarding, in continuation of this Departmental letter N<sup>o</sup> 6523, dated the 24<sup>th</sup> idem, the following extract from the Commissioner in Sind's telegram N<sup>o</sup> 1239, dated the 26<sup>th</sup> idem, above referred to, requesting him to report whether there would be any great difficulty about segregating the pilgrims in or near Bombay for ten days before their departure for Karachi; and stating, that if such segregation is advised, a full plan of operations should be prepared:-

"I beg to point out that Bombay itself is infected and therefore strongly urge that pilgrims coming from Bombay be segregated and carefully disinfected with their clothes and bedding before being sent to Karachi, which is not an infected place. A case of plague in Munira sheds will be dangerous for Karachi and cause much public alarm."

Resolution. Copy of the foregoing telegrams should be forwarded to the officers and Departments concerned for information and guidance.

2. Copy of this Resolution should also be forwarded to the Government of India and the Local Governments and Administrations referred to in Government Resolution N<sup>o</sup> 156, dated the 25<sup>th</sup> instant.

J. S. C. Logan,  
Acting Secretary to Government.

Local and Municipal Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Read letter from the Bombay Government, General Department, Proceedings of the Madras Government, Local and Municipal Department, No. 6633, dated 29th November, 1897.

In continuation of my letter No. 6562, dated the 25th instant, I am directed to forward herewith for the information of the Government of Madras, copy of a resolution of this Government, No. 6631, dated the 29th idem, regarding the arrangements that are being made at Karachi for the embarkation from that port of pilgrims to the Hedjaz.

2. I am to request that in order to avoid delay communications on the subject may, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor of Madras, be made direct to the Commissioner in Sind at Karachi.

ORDER No. 2686 M. Mis., dated 3rd December 1897.

Recorded. The Agents Madras, South India, Pilgrims and Pilgrims Railway, South India, East India, for information, in continuation of N<sup>o</sup> 1127K, dated 13<sup>th</sup> December 1897.

( True extract )  
J. S. C. Logan,  
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To  
The Public Deptt.  
Public Works Deptt.,  
Railway Branch.  
Marine Deptt.  
Surgeon General.  
Sanitary Commissioner.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,  
RAILWAY BRANCH.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Local and Municipal Department.*

*Read letter from the Bombay Government, General L. Department, No. 16633, dated 29<sup>th</sup> November 1897.*

*In continuation of my letter No. 16562, dated the 25<sup>th</sup> instant, I am directed to forward herewith for the information of the Government of Madras, copy of a resolution of this Government, No. 16631, dated the 29<sup>th</sup> idem, regarding the arrangements that are being made at Karachi for the embarkation from that port of pilgrims to the Hedjaz.*

*2. I am to request that in order to avoid delay, communications on the subject may, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor of Madras, be made direct to the Commissioner in Sind at Karachi. Order No. 2638 M. H. S., dated 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1897.*

*Recorded*

*/ True Extract /*

*/ Sd/ J. H. C. Treacher*

*Offg. Secretary to Government.*

*Order thereon No. 1137 R dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 1897.*

*Communicated to the Agents Madras, South Indian, Nilgiri and Vizag's Railway, and Manager East Coast Railway for information, in continuation of G.O. No. 1127 R, dated 13<sup>th</sup> December 1897.*

*/ True Extract /*

*(Signed) C. I. R. Scovell*

*Offg. Under Secretary.*

*To,  
The Agent, Madras Railway  
" " S. I. R.  
" " Vizag's R.  
" " Chief Engr., Nilgiri R.  
" " Manager, East Coast R.  
" " Genl. Engr. for Railways.*

*To  
The Public Dept.  
" Public Works Dept.  
" Railway Branch  
" Marine Dept.  
" Sd/ Genl.  
" Secretary, Government.*

Form No. 3.

No. 1137 dated 15/12/97.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

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Communicated

to the Agents Madras.  
Smt. Sudran <sup>Indgiri</sup> & Manager  
+ Manager East Coast Rly  
for information, in con-  
tinuation of H.O. No 1127 R  
of 18 Dec 1897

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- To  
The Agent & Man. *Indgiri*  
- " Agent S. & Rly  
- " Agent & Man. *Indgiri*  
- " Agent & Chief Eng. *MT*  
- " Manager East Coast Rly  
- " Commr. Eng. for Rys.

*14/12/97*

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