

Public Works (1898) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 1360. Ry.

DATED 3rd Nov. 1898.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Plague Punches

Recording the Pro. Ld. H. Dept.
requesting the Plague Commissioner
to supply —, of the pattern in use
at the Lunga ~~Chhatra~~ + Arkonam
inspection stations, at all railway
inspection stations.

BACK PAPERS.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

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G.O., No. 1326 P., 13th October 1898.

OCTOBER.

Plague Punches.

Requesting the Plague Commissioner to supply — of the pattern in use at the Tungabhadra and Arkonam inspection stations at all railway inspection stations and directing, with remarks, that all officers on plague duty in connection with railway passengers be supplied with copies of this order.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper :—

Memorandum of the Local and Municipal Department, No. 129 P., dated 2nd September 1898, requesting certain Collectors to report in connection with plague punches.

READ—also the following papers :—

From the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 6th September 1898, Dis. No. 2662-Rev., forwarding a card perforated with the plague punch used at Pódanúr and suggesting the use of rubber stamp.

From the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, dated 6th September 1898, G. No. 276, stating with reference to Memorandum, dated 2nd September 1898, re-punching tickets at plague inspection stations, that the inspecting officer at Perambúr is not supplied with any special punch, as it is not a station, where a medical examination of passengers is in force.

From the Collector of Kistna, dated 8th September 1898, Dis. No. 206-Tour, stating that no punch has as yet been supplied to the Medical Officer at Kondapalli.

From the Collector of Bellary, dated 7th September 1898, Dis. No. 308 P., reporting the devices borne by the special punches supplied to the officers in charge of the Hospet and Tungabhadra inspection stations.

From the Collector of North Arcot, dated 10th September 1898, Dis. No. 1641-Eng., reporting about the punch used at Arkónam.

From the Collector of Ganjám, dated 4th September 1898, R.C. No. 1129-Eng., requesting instructions as to adopting the mark adopted in the North-west Railway in other plague infected areas.

ORDER—No. 1326 P., dated 13th October 1898.

The Government is of opinion that all Inspecting Medical officers should adopt one uniform mark to punch the railway tickets of passengers arriving from plague infected parts. The design now used at Tungabhadra and Arkónam (+) is easily distinguishable from others and convenient for use, and the Plague Commissioner is

requested to supply punches of this pattern to the other inspection stations. The mark will indicate arrival from an infected area, and stationmasters and other passport issuing officers should be instructed that every person who holds a ticket so marked should be given a passport in accordance with Revised Mufassal Regulation 17.

2. The special mark should be made at the first inspection station at which the passenger arrives. It is not necessary to punch his ticket again at any subsequent station through which he may pass but he must be medically examined nevertheless.

3. Copies of this order should be supplied to all stationmasters, all police officers on duty at the railway stations, and all passport issuing officers or other officers on plague duty in connection with railway passengers. The required number of copies should be obtained from the Superintendent, Government Press.

(True Extract.)

A. Edgington
for Secretary to Government.

To the Plague Commissioner.

- „ all Collectors (A, F, G, H.).
- „ the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
- „ the Public Works Department (Railway Branch).
- „ the Political Department.
- „ the Surgeon-General.
- „ the Sanitary Commissioner.
- „ all Railway Administrations.
- „ the Superintendent, Government Press.

*Communicated to the Agents of the Madras
and South Indian Railways + Manager ECR
for information.*

*No. 1360 P. dated 3/11/98
Order SR*

Exd. P. Seetharam.

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*Note
The L & M Dept. has
already communicated the
order to all R. Administrations.*