

Public Works (1898) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 165. *24/1/98*

DATED *28th Jan. 1898*

[Despatch Abstract.]

Bubonic Plague
Proc. Lr. In Dept. passing orders for the establishment
of Camps at Beypose and Guntakal for the
observation of pilgrims for the Hajj, and
ordering the issue of a Notification under the
Epidemic Diseases Act, for the detention, &c,
of pilgrims at these Camps, Command to the
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Pilgrimage to the Hedjaz.

Requesting the Collector of Malabar to select a station near Calicut where an observation camp for the pilgrims proceeding to the Hedjaz can be established.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From J. P. HEWETT, Esq, C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Sanitary), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Local and Municipal Department, dated Calcutta, the 27th November 1897, No. 2549.

I am directed to address you, in continuation of my letter, No. 2524, dated 21st instant, on the subject of the departure for the Hedjaz of pilgrims from the Madras Presidency, from the Mysore and Hyderabad States, and from the Hyderabad Assigned Districts. The Government of India accept the suggestions contained in your telegrams of the 11th and 13th instant that pilgrims from the Madras Presidency should be despatched by sea to Karachi *via* Bombay from some port in the Madras Presidency other than the port of Madras, and that they should be transhipped at Bombay without being permitted to land. The Government of Bombay are being requested to make the necessary arrangements for the transhipment of the pilgrims at Bombay and to enter into communication with the Government of Madras on the subject.

2. The intending pilgrims should in the first place be collected in an observation camp and detained for a minimum period of ten days under the careful superintendence of a commissioned medical officer. Intending pilgrims who have completed the ten days' observation period and are certified to be free from infection should be sent to a Madras port to be shipped to Bombay *en route* for Karachi. The dates of the despatch of pilgrims from the Madras port should, with the permission of the Governor in Council, be arranged in communication with the Government of Bombay, in order that they may fit in with the transhipment arrangements at Bombay and with the arrangements made at Karachi for despatching pilgrims to the Hedjaz. Pilgrims should be despatched from the provincial camp to the Madras port of departure by special train and under the charge of a responsible officer, who, the Government of India consider, should accompany the pilgrims as far as Bombay. Passage tickets to the Hedjaz may be sold only at the observation camps, and I am to request that the necessary steps may be taken to enforce this order, and, in communication with the Government of Bombay, to make it known to shipping agents and pilgrim brokers.

3. The Government of India consider that pilgrims from the Mysore and Hyderabad States and from the Hyderabad Assigned Districts should also be collected for observation in the Madras observation camp and that they should be shipped to Karachi along with, and under the same arrangements as, the Madras pilgrims. A copy of this letter is being sent to the Resident in Mysore and the Resident at Hyderabad, and I am to request that the Government of Madras will settle, in communication with them, the arrangements for collecting the Mysore and Hyderabad pilgrims in the Madras observation camp.

4. I am to request that, with the permission of the Governor in Council, arrangements may be made as quickly as possible to give effect to the instructions contained in this letter, and that the arrangements may be communicated to the Government of India and the Government of Bombay.

Endorsement of the Local and Municipal Department, No. 1250, dated 4th December 1897.

Transferred to the Public Department.

2. It is requested that early intimation may be given to this department of the port from which the pilgrims from the Madras Presidency, from the Mysore and Hyderabad States and from the Hyderabad Assigned Districts, are to be shipped to Karachi *via* Bombay. On receipt of this information, steps will be taken to establish an observation camp at a suitable centre.

Telegram from the Sanitary Commissioner, to the Public Department, dated Guntakal, the 7th December 1897.

Your wire sixth. Calicut usual and best port.

Endorsement of the Public Department, No. 2695, dated 8th December 1897.

Transferred to the Local and Municipal Department.

ORDER—No. 2782 M., dated 13th December 1897.

As it has been decided to despatch the pilgrims of the Madras Presidency, the Mysore and Hyderabad States and the Hyderabad Assigned Districts to Karachi *via* Bombay from the port of Calicut, the Collector of Malabar is requested to select, as soon as possible, a railway station near Calicut where an observation camp can be established for the detention of the pilgrims for at least ten days, as required in paragraph 2 of the letter from the Government of India, No. 2549, dated 27th November 1897, and to report the arrangements he would propose for the reception and despatch of pilgrims there. It may be that it would be best to have the observation camp at Beypore, whence the pilgrims could be shipped direct without any railway journey subsequent to the expiry of the period of observation.

2. As soon as the station for the observation camp is decided, the requisite arrangements for putting up sheds, &c., in the observation camp and despatching the pilgrims thence on board will be made in this department and intimation given to the Public Department, where the necessary action in regard to the other matters will be taken.

(True Extract.)

H. TREMENHEERE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Malabar.
" Public Department.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Surgeon-General.
" Inspector-General of Police.
" Accountant-General.

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G.O., No. 73 M., 11th January 1898.

JANUARY.

Pilgrimage to the Hedjaz.

Passing orders for the establishment of camps at Beypore and Guntakal for the observation of pilgrims for the Hedjaz, and ordering the issue of a notification under the Epidemic Diseases Act for the detention, &c., of pilgrims at these camps.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 2782 M., dated 13th December 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting the Collector of Malabar to select a station near Calicut where an observation camp for the pilgrims proceeding to the Hedjaz can be established.

READ—also the following paper:—

From G. W. DANCE, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated Calicut, 3rd January 1898, Dis. No. 2-M.

In reply to G.O., No. 2782 M., dated 13th December 1897, I have the honour to state that I have selected Feroke as the railway station and Beypore as the site where an observation camp may be established. The following arrangements will, in my opinion, be necessary for the reception and despatch of pilgrims:—

- (1) The camp should be in charge of a civil apothecary.
- (2) The sheds forming the camp should be surrounded with a strong palisade and a ditch having only one entrance gate.
- (3) A smaller segregation camp containing sheds for the accommodation of twenty patients should be constructed at a distance on similar lines.
- (4) There should be a strong police guard.
- (5) Steamers should be required to anchor opposite Beypore and pilgrims shipped direct from there.

ORDER—No. 73 M., dated 11th January 1898.

The Collector's proposal to establish an observation camp for the detention of the pilgrims for the Hedjaz, prior to their embarkation from the port of Calicut, at Beypore near the Feroke railway station, is approved. Pilgrims from Hyderabad and the Hyderabad Assigned districts and the Kurnool district will, however, be detained at Guntakal for observation at the plague inspection camp until they are certified by the medical officer there to be free from infection and sent thence by special train or a special carriage attached to an ordinary train in charge of a European Inspector of Police to be deputed for the purpose by the Inspector-General of Police for embarkation at Calicut with the other pilgrims kept under observation at Beypore. The manner in which the cost of despatching pilgrims from the observation camps should be met has been decided by the Government of India in its letter, No. 11, dated 4th January 1898.

2. The Government considers that the camp at Beypore should be in charge of a commissioned medical officer, not a civil apothecary as recommended by the Collector, and the Surgeon-General is requested to depute one for the purpose. The Collector of Malabar is requested to report by telegram the subordinate staff required for the camp and the estimated cost of constructing the sheds, say, for thirty pilgrims. The Collector's proposal to construct a smaller segregation camp containing sheds for the accommodation of sick persons at a distance from the camp is approved. It will

be sufficient to provide for ten such persons. The Inspector-General of Police is requested to arrange for placing a proper police guard at the Beypore camp and for strengthening the guard at Guntakal. There will then be no necessity for having a palisade and ditch round the sheds at Beypore as proposed by the Collector. The Collector of Anantapur is requested to report by wire whether any additional sheds are necessary at Guntakal for, say, fifty pilgrims; and, if so, the estimated cost of constructing them. The following notification will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* in English and in the District Gazettes in English and the vernacular language of the district:—

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the power delegated to him under section 2, sub-section (3) of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, by the Governor-General in Council, His Excellency the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is pleased to prescribe the following regulation to be observed in the camps to be established at Beypore and Guntakal for the observation of pilgrims for the Hedjaz under the notification of the Government of India, No. 2495, dated 20th November 1897:—

"No person taken into either of the said camps for the purpose of being kept under observation shall leave the camp until such time as the medical officer in charge shall be satisfied that all risk of such person conveying the infection of plague has completely abated, or until such person is conveyed from the said camp to the place of embarkation under the orders of the medical officer."

3. As regards the embarkation of the pilgrims, the Government considers that the steamers should be required to anchor outside the bar at Beypore; or, if this be not feasible, that the pilgrims should be sent by boat up to the anchorage off Calicut. The necessary steps in this matter will be taken, and the arrangements for the conveyance of the pilgrims from Calicut to Karachi in communication with the Commissioner in Sind and for the requisition of passports from the pilgrims will be made in the Public Department, in which the Government of India will also be requested to make the necessary regulations authorizing the detention of the pilgrims on board the ships until they reach Karachi.

(True Extract.)

J. P. M. S.
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Malabar.
" the " of Anantapur, with copy of G.O., No. 2782 M., dated 13th December 1897.

" all other Collectors.
" the Public Department, with copy of the Honourable Member's notes.
" the Public Works Department (Railway Branch),
" with copy of G.O., No. 2782 M., dated 13th December 1897.
" the Sanitary Commissioner.
" the Surgeon-General.
" the Inspector-General of Police.
" the Accountant-General.
" the Superintendent, Government Press.
Gazette.

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Exd. Shaik Karim.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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To the Agent Manager
- Agent S. & R.
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