

Public Works (1898) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 192 - 93. R

DATED 2^d Feby 1898.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Bubonic Plague

Pro. L. & Dept. Commg. to the Medical Officers in charge of the observation camps at Santa Khab and Beyrone, letter from the Govt of India forwarding Correspondence regarding the despatch of small batches of pilgrims in special carriages, and the manner in which the cost of despatching the pilgrims from the observation camps should be met. Comm. to the Dy. Secy. Covered, and Copy of the Pro. forwarded to the Govt of Bombay.

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JANUARY.

Communicating to the medical officers in charge of the observation camps at Guntakal and Beypore letter from the Government of India forwarding correspondence regarding the despatch of small batches of pilgrims in special carriages, and the manner in which the cost of despatching the pilgrims from the observation camps should be met.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From R. NATHAN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Sanitary), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Local and Municipal Department, dated Calcutta, 4th January 1898, No. 11.

I am directed to forward, for the information of the Governor in Council, a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin regarding the despatch of small batches of pilgrims in special carriages and the manner in which the cost of despatching pilgrims from the provincial observation camps should be met.

From the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 728, dated the 9th December 1897.
To the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 2657, dated the 15th December 1897.
To the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 2725, dated the 28th December 1897.

ENCLOSURES.

From T. STOKES, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Allahabad, the 9th December 1897, No. 728.

In continuation of my letter, No. 694—IV. 218A, dated 2nd December 1897, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of India, an extract from paragraph 6 of a letter, No. 5536, dated 2nd instant, from the Commissioner in Sind. It appears probable that pilgrims may have to be sent from the provincial camp of observation at Aligarh to the port of embarkation in small batches, as it might involve a very long detention to keep them at Aligarh until they had collected in sufficient numbers to fill a special train. As it was stated in your letter, No. 2509, dated 21st November 1897, that pilgrims must be despatched from the provincial camp by special train under the charge of a responsible officer, I am to ask for instructions as to the procedure to be adopted in case only a few pilgrims were present at Aligarh when notification was received that a ship was ready for them. I am to suggest that they might be allowed to go in a separate carriage. I am also to inquire whether it is contemplated that the cost of transit should fall on the Government.

EXTRACT from paragraph 6 of letter, No. 5536, dated 2nd November 1897, from the Commissioner in Sind, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh.

I have instructed Khan Bahadur Framroz that he should arrange with the officer in charge of your segregation camp for the supply of information to him either daily, or every two or three days, or weekly, as may be found necessary, of the number of pilgrims detained and the dates on which their respective periods of detention will be completed. He will thus know exactly how many pilgrims will be ready to start from each camp on any given date. On hearing that a pilgrim steamer is expected, he will inform the officer in charge of each segregation camp by telegram of the probable date of its arrival, and on the actual arrival of the vessel he will again telegraph how many pilgrims may be sent from each camp, preference being given (if all who are ready cannot be accommodated) to those pilgrims who have been in detention longest. The responsibility of deciding how many pilgrims may be drafted from each camp to a steamer ready to sail must, I consider, be left unreservedly in his hands.

From J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, to the Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Judicial Department, dated Calcutta, the 15th December 1897, No. 2657.

I am directed to reply to your letter, No. 728, dated the 9th instant, making certain inquiries with regard to the arrangements for the despatch of pilgrims to the Hedjaz.

2. I am to say that the Government of India have no objection, in cases in which there are only a few pilgrims present when notification is received that a ship is ready for them, to small batches of pilgrims being sent in a special carriage attached to an ordinary train, provided that the carriage is reserved exclusively for their use, that they are placed in charge of a responsible officer, and that they are not allowed to mix with other persons. They should, however, in no case be sent until news has been received that a steamer is ready, since the Government of India wish to avoid large numbers of pilgrims at Karachi.

3. A separate reply will be sent to your inquiry whether it is contemplated that the cost of transit should fall on the Government.

No. 2658.

Copy, with copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded to the Public Works Department.

From J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, to the Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Judicial Department, dated Calcutta, 28th December 1897, No. 2725.

In continuation of paragraph 3 of my letter, No. 2657, dated the 15th instant, I am directed to reply to the inquiry contained in your letter, No. 728, dated the 9th instant, whether it is contemplated that the cost of transit of pilgrims from the provincial observation camp to the port of embarkation should fall on the Government.

2. I am to say that pilgrims should pay the cost of their own railway fares, and that the extra expenditure occasioned by reserving trains and carriages must be borne by the Government.

3. Endeavours should be made to exclude, as far as possible, from the observation camp, intending pilgrims who are unable to pay their railway fares to the seaboard as well as for their passage by sea to Jeddah, but discretion is given to permit the payment of railway fares by Government in very exceptional cases in which a pilgrim has purchased a ticket in the camp for the journey by sea and is absolutely unable to pay for his railway ticket. But this should only be done in very exceptional cases, and before any pilgrim is provided with a free ticket by rail, his inability to pay should be ascertained beyond doubt and every effort should be made to arrange for payment by friends of the indigent person or by other co-religionists who have the necessary funds. The concession must also be so carefully guarded that it cannot possibly furnish an inducement to persons to make the pilgrimage this year who would not otherwise do so.

No. 2726.

Copy forwarded to the Finance Department for information.

Telegram from the Commissioner in Sindh, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Local and Municipal Department, dated Jacobabad, 16th January 1898.

49. Yours of 15th. Pilgrim tickets not issued from Bombay. Ordinary passage from Bombay to Karachi costs two rupees. Pilgrims' tickets from Karachi to Jeddah being charged for from rupees fifty-five to sixty each without food for persons over three years of age; under three and over one year old charged half price; under one year free. Am trying to get steamer companies to include food in cost of passage and Khan Bahadur Framroz Edulji Panthaki will furnish you particulars later.

ORDER—No. 171 M., dated 24th January 1898.

The correspondence received with the letter from the Government of India read above will be communicated to the medical officers in charge of the observation camps at Guntakal and Beypore for information and guidance, in continuation of G.O., No. 148 M., dated 18th January 1898.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Medical Officer in charge of the Observation Camp
for pilgrims at Guntakal.
" Medical Officer in charge of the Observation Camp
for pilgrims at Beypore,
through the Collector of Malabar.
" Collector of Anantapur.
" " of Malabar.
" Public Works Department (Railway Branch).
" " Department.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Surgeon-General.

Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following.

Prop. of the Local & } H.E. No 171-M of 24 Jan: 1898
Municipal Accts. — }

Communicated to
Railway Administrations for
information in continuation
of L.O. No 142 R of 26 July 1898.

2 A copy of these Progs
will be forwarded for the in-
formation of the Govt. of Bombay

MS. no 193. R of 2^d Feb. 1848
Forwarded

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- 1 - New York & Mass. Lib. R
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- 3 - Agent & Ch. Sup. N. E. R
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- 5 - Insurance Co. R
- 6 - Com. Sup. of R. R. S.

