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RAILWAY BRANCH.

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DATED 5th Feb 1898.

[Despatch Abstract.]

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INSPECTION OF TRAVELLERS BY RAIL, WATER, AND ROAD.

PLAGUE REGULATION—No. 2.

Calcutta, the 30th November 1897.

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II.—The Local Government may notify any railway station or any place in the vicinity thereof to be a place of inspection, and may by order in writing appoint one or more Inspecting Medical Officers for the same.

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VI.—Subject to the provisions of rule VIII(3), an Inspecting Medical Officer may at his place of inspection direct any person travelling by rail to remain in the carriage in which he is travelling, or to leave the carriage in which he is travelling and come on to the platform or on to the line, and may prohibit any such person from leaving the platform or any other portion of the place of inspection.

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VIII.—(1) An Inspecting Medical Officer may at any place of inspection make a medical inspection and examination of any person travelling by rail in such manner and to such extent as he thinks necessary in order to ascertain whether there is reason to believe or suspect that such person is or may be infected with bubonic plague: Provided that such inspection or examination shall not be made in any manner or to any extent to which such person objects.

(2). An Inspecting Medical Officer may put to any such person any questions he thinks fit in order to ascertain whether there is reason to believe or suspect as aforesaid, and such person shall be bound to answer truly any question so put to him.

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X.—The Inspecting Medical Officer may, at his discretion, allow travellers liable to detention under rule IX to proceed to their destination, provided that they execute an agreement in form A annexed to this regulation, binding them to submit themselves to medical supervision by the Civil Surgeon of the district or an Assistant Surgeon specially authorised by the Civil Surgeon in each case, or in Calcutta by a commissioned Medical Officer, for a period of ten days from the date of their arrival. The agreement shall be executed in duplicate, and the Inspecting Medical Officer shall at once deliver one copy to the officer in charge of the Railway Police who will arrange in communication with the district or Calcutta Police, as the case may be, to secure compliance with the agreement. The second copy shall be sent to the Civil Surgeon of the district, or in Calcutta to the commissioned Medical Officer selected for the purpose of supervision.

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XIV.—No person in respect to whom a direction under rule IX or XII of these rules has been given shall leave any building, tent or other place in which an Inspecting Medical Officer has directed him to be detained until such Inspecting Medical Officer certifies in writing that in his opinion there is no longer any reason for believing or suspecting such person to be infected as aforesaid, or that there is no longer any reason for detaining such person, as the case may be.

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H. H. RISLEY,

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

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Date _____

Signed _____

In the presence of _____

Inspecting Medical Officer.

Mark of executant's left thumb.

FORM B.

CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE.

No. 1 (Counterfoil.)

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Name

I CERTIFY that (name

, father's name

Father's name

), resident of

thana

, district

, who is

Village

{ personally known to me, or
has been identified to my satisfaction

has been residing

Thana

for the last ten days at

, thana

District

in this district, which is a locality not infected by the bubonic plague. I further certify that (name) signed his name and made his thumb mark on this certificate in my presence.

Date.

Signature of traveller.

Signature

Date.

of

traveller.

Signed.

Initials of

Magistrate of the District.

Certifying

Subdivisional Officer.

Officer.

Civil Surgeon.

District Superintendent of Police.

Thumb mark of traveller.

Mark of traveller's left thumb.

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

MEDICAL.

No. 5217Medl.

CALCUTTA, THE 4TH DECEMBER 1897.

FROM B. FOLEY, Esq.,

Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal,

TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

B. FOLEY,

Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

Local and Municipal DepartmentOrder, N^o 2802 M. Mis., dated 15th December
Recorded.

(True Extract)

T. N. R.—Reg. No. 6080C—98—7-12-97.

Copy to the Public Works Dept. (By Branch)
" " Marine Dept.
" " Surgeon General.
" " Sanitary Commission

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Read—the following paper:—

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Ag. Secretary to Government.

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Date

Signed

In the presence of

Inspecting Medical Officer.

Mark of executant's left thumb.

FORM B.

CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE.

No. 1.

No. 1 (Counterfoil.)

Name

Father's name

Village

Thana

District

Date.

Signature

of
traveller.

Initials of

Certifying

Officer.

Thumb mark of traveller.

I CERTIFY that (name _____), father's name _____,

), resident of _____,

thana _____, district _____, who is _____,

{ personally known to me, or
has been identified to my satisfaction

for the last ten days at _____, thana _____,

in this district, which is a locality not infected by the bubonic plague. I further certify that (name) signed his name and made his thumb mark on this certificate in my presence.

Signature of traveller.

Date.

Signed.

Magistrate of the District.

Subdivisional Officer.

Civil Surgeon.

District Superintendent of Police.

Mark of traveller's left thumb.

