

Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 5270

DATED 9 Oct^r

[Despatch Abstract.]

Commg., with remark, letter from the Government of India considering it very desirable that all shipments of Australian horses landed at ports in the Madras Presidency should be carefully watched with a view to minimizing the danger of the tick-plague being introduced into this country.

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Revenue (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 8152

The Hon: Mr. George C. L. E.

From

Under L & M Dept for favour
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The Govt. of India
R. & S. Dept.

No. 1401
44-9.

Communicated
to the Board of Res: with
the request that the neces-
sary instructions may be issued
to the Supl, C. & O. and that
he may also be asked to report
from time to time for the purpose of cont
that is being taken by him
in the matter

Dated 14th Sept. 1897

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SUBJECT.

Considering it very
desirable that all shipments
of Australian horses landed
at ports in the Madras
Presy. should be carefully
watched with a view to
minimizing the danger
of the tick plague being
introduced into this
country.

P.T.O. for a note

The Board of Res. P. & S. & C.

21.12.97

Apparently there is no provision in the Sea Customs or other Law for restricting regulating or prohibiting such importation. But once the diseased animals are landed Madras Act II of 1866, would apply in areas to which the Act has been extended. The Act has been extended to Madras. In Madras it is worked by the President of the Municipal Commission. Vide please sections 3 7 8 10 12 14 & 15 of the Act (perhaps in old Madras papers) So I submit that the letter from India should be communicated to the L & M Dept. It does not appear that importation is being at other ports but the letter may also go to the L & M who might be asked to watch for importation elsewhere & if necessary to apply for the introduction of the Act (II of 1866) at other ports. A G.O. is submitted for approval.

Wrote
Read on 23/9/97 8152 A

G.O. The Govt. observes that, while there is no law under which the importation of such diseased animals can be prohibited, yet effective measures may be taken under the Madras Act II of 1866 when once the animals are landed.

2. The letter read above with reference to communication to the L & M Dept with the report that the President of the Madras Municipal Commission may instruct to take the necessary action under the Act.

3. The Board of Revenue is also requested to watch for such importation elsewhere & if necessary to apply for the extension of the Act to any other part of the Presidency.

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I know nothing about the tick-plague, or bovine tick fever. M. Act II of 64 only applies to animals contagious or infectious diseases amongst animals, and I don't know whether objection to ticks is as such. If not, any executive orders can be issued.

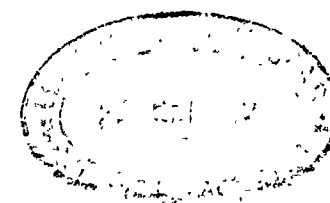
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Approved so far as para 2 of the draft is concerned

24/9/97

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No. 1401
44-9

FROM

E. MACONOCHE, Esq., I.C.S.,

Offg. Under-Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

The Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Simla, the 14th September 1897.

Department of Revenue and Agriculture.
(C.V.A.)

SIR,

The fact that during the last shipping season a shipment of horses was landed at Madras, and a part of them railed to Bombay, which had been brought direct from a tract in Queensland where the tick plague is so prevalent that the Colonial authorities do not allow stock from within it to cross its border, has directed the attention of the Government of India to the possibility of a new and virulent disease being introduced at any moment into India from abroad. Early measures will be taken to obtain the necessary legislative authority to prohibit or control the importation of live-stock from infected areas.

2. But, in the meanwhile, it is very desirable that all shipments of Australian horses landed at ports in the Madras Presidency should be carefully watched with a view to minimizing the danger of the pest being introduced into this country. Having regard to the terribly fatal nature of the disease, and the doubt as to its existence in India, and as to the immunity of Indian cattle, the Government of India are assured of the cordial co-operation of the Governor in Council, in adopting such precautionary measures as may be possible pending the grant of fuller powers by the Legislature.

3. Proposals for legislative action are now being considered

Offg. Under-Secretary.

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Please see
any book on Horse Disease
in the Libr or the Encyclopedia
Britannica in the Library
(Chief Secantariat) and will
below a brief description
of the Bovine Tick Plague

Y.P.L.
28.10.97

I consulted the books on cattle and
horse diseases in the Secantariat Library
as well as the Encyclopedia Britannica
(the latest edition of this book is not in
the Chief Secantariat Library) and there
is no information of Tick Plague
or Bovine Tick fever in any of them
in a treatise on cattle & its diseases by
Armitage, tick is given as the name
of a pest which affects the skins
of cattle.

Submitted to the
Under Secy

Y.P.L.
1.10.97.

Y.P.L.
2.10.97

With reference to the Hon Member
note on the accompanying
current, it is submitted that
no authoritative description
of the disease is available
in the office and accordingly
an amended draft E.O.

is submitted for approval.
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E.O. misc no: 5270 d/9 oct 97

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who is requested to submit
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of Bovine Tick Fever
showing whether it is
a contagious or infectious
disease within the meaning
of Madras Act II of 1866
M.L.
3/10/97

To the Supt C.V.D. thru the Secy of Rev.
13-10-97
I beg to submit that

Bovine Tick Fever.

L-ns 8152

The Hon Mr G. W. C. R.

10/9/97

Enclosed is a copy of the letter from the Hon Mr G. W. C. R. dated 10/9/97, in which he requests that you will advise me as to the progress of the work on the subject of Bovine Tick Fever, and also to the progress of the work on the subject of the Madras Act II of 1866, in relation to the same.

10/10/97

JG
7/10/97

In the meantime he will adopt all possible precautionary measures, & inform Govt what assistance he needs to carry them into effect.

JG

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11/10/97

To the Supt C.V.D. thru the Bd of Rev.
11/13-10-97
I beg to submit that

information & on this point would have been gathered previous to submitting the paper to the Hon member had it not been thought that the Govt of India's letter seemed to sufficiently indicate the infectious & contagious nature of the disease. In that letter the disease is thus referred to

"the litch plague is so prevalent that the colonial authorities do not allow stock to move from (within the affected district) to cross the border."

"the possibility of a new & virulent disease being introduced into India"

"Early measures with a view to 'instead obtain legislative authority' to prohibit or control the importation of live stock from infected areas"

"Having regard to the terribly fatal nature of the disease"

The insects certainly spread from animal to animal, but how do they cause they cannot be called a disease.

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The news promised by the Govt of India in the enclosure of the letter has not yet been received.

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