

Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 577

DATED 30th January

[Despatch Abstract.]

*Requesting ~~that~~ Government of India that
a notification may be published prohibiting import,
at all ports of the Madras Presidency, of rags, waste
paper and other infectious articles, from ports under
Quarantine and Ceylon.*

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From

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Order

The Local & Inland Dept.

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No. 110 M. H. S.

Hedrickhise
Chief Secretary

Dated 28-1-97.

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Revenue takes action
under the Sea Customs Act

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29/1/97

SUBJECT.
Bubonic plague

Requesting the C. M. C. Negapatam
to take immediate action to destroy
the bale of waste paper from Bombay
which is stated to have been delivered
to the Consignee and is understood to be
within the Muntly, and stating that
the question of prohibiting the im-
portation by land and sea of such
infectious matter will be considered
in the Public Dept., and that the
District Magistrates will in the
meantime be instructed in the
Judicial Dept. to deal with such
cases under Section 144 of the
Penal Code.

Take this up
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The Honble Mr Bliss notes as follows to the telegrams to India asking them to stop under section 19 of the B.C. Act the importation of goods at ports in this Presidency please add a request to stop importation of such articles from Ceylon also as we understand that goods brought down from Bombay are now being transhipped at Colombo to interior ends. Please take action I presume the telegram is issuing in your Dept. There is nothing on the subject in Marine.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read letter from the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, No. 221 S dated 23rd January 1897.

I have the honour to inform you that the Civil Surgeon, Nagapatam, advises me of the landing at that port by the Asiatic Steam Navigation Company of two bales of waste paper from Bombay. That officer with commendable promptitude has pointed out to the Company that the importation of waste paper and rags from a locality affected with plague is most injudicious. The Company thereupon delivered one bale to the consignee and retained the other in their premises, ^{but} in regard to the former, took the precaution of desiring that the contents should not be made use of pending the result of reference on this subject.

2. I consider it ~~of the~~ very greatest sanitary importance that no traffic in waste paper or rags should take place at the present time between the affected localities and this Presidency. No steam disinfecting apparatus that would be capable of perfecting disinfection of these rags and paper exists in this Presidency, whilst dealing with the bales by any other method-e.g. sinking them into strong solution of perchloride of mercury unopened-would not be feasible on account of bulk and possible undesirable results in respect to subsequent manufacturing processes, even if complete penetration could be ensured. Indeed, it would I consider be undesirable to treat such dangerous waste material by any other process than absolute destruction.

3. Under the above circumstances, I would advise that Government be pleased to offer the owner compensation and that it be ordered that the bales be forthwith destroyed by fire, or be removed a safe distance from the shore (that is beyond the influence of landward currents) and be there sunk in the sea.

4. Further, if by issue of an order, in view of public danger, Government has the power to prohibit importation by land and sea of such matter, I would respectfully advise that this be done accordingly. In the meantime, I presume Magistrates could be instructed to exercise their powers under Section 144 Criminal Procedure Code, and the aid of the Bombay Government could be secured.

ORDER No. 110 M.H.S., dated 28th January 1897.

The Chairman, Municipal Council, Negapatam, is requested to take immediate action under section 252(2) of Act IV of 1884, to destroy the bale of waste paper which is stated by the Sanitary Commissioner to have already been delivered to the consignee and understood to be within the Municipality.

2. The question of prohibiting the importation by land and sea of such infectious matter, as suggested by Dr. King, will be considered in the Public Department.

3. In the meantime District Magistrates will be instructed in the Judicial Department to deal with such cases under section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

(True extract)

*Infected article from
Port of Negapatam
sent to Government.*

Secretary to Government.

*must understand that
you do bring from
are being transported
transhipped at Col
to the coast.*

- To
- The Chairman, M. C., Negapatam.
 - Collector of Tanjore.
 - Public Deptt., with H.M.'s notes in original (to be returned.)
 - Judicial Department.
 - Sanitary Commissioner.

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Read @ No 911 of 1897

G.p. mis No. 577 mis d 30th Jan. 1897.

ordered that the

following telegrams
despatched to the Govt of
India, Department of Finance
and Commerce:—

"Your notification 387-S.R.
dated twentyⁿ second.

Madras Govt. requests
that another notification
may be published
prohibiting import
at all ports this

Presidency of Rags, waste paper and other infectious articles from ports under quarantine and also Ceylon. Government understands that goods brought from Bombay are being ~~transhipped~~ transhipped at Colombo to Tuticorin.

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To the B² of Revl 8.R.)

Sub. 3-2-97

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Note

A draft telegram

is submitted for approval, ~~as detailed~~ with reference to the instructions of the Hon. member.

The notification already published by the Govt of India (vide Copy with no. 761/97) prohibits import ^{of} ~~only~~ of rags and secondhand clothing only, from ports under quarantine - ie, Bombay & Karachi.

C.A.
30 Jan 97. *[Signature]*

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