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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From H. S. LAWRENCE, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Revenue Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Marine Department, dated Bombay Castle, 29th December 1898, No. 8403.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Russell's letter No. 520, dated 17th June 1898, suggesting the desirability of arrangements being made to have the bills of health granted at Bombay to Messrs. Shepherd & Co.'s weekly steamers, amended at each of the intermediate ports at which they call on their voyage to Mangalore, should plague continue after the south-west monsoon.

2. In reply I am to forward, for the information of the Government of Madras, a copy of a Resolution of this Government No. 8402, dated 29th December 1898, on the subject, and to express a hope that the orders issued therein will enable the Government of Madras to obtain the information desired by them as to the number of the passengers arriving at Mangalore who have voyaged from infected ports in this Presidency. I am to add that the efficacy of this system of clipped tickets has been, at the suggestion of the Government of India, tested by use upon the railways, and is understood to have been approved as sufficient for its purpose.

ENCLOSURES.

RESOLUTION of the Government of Bombay in the Revenue Department, dated Bombay Castle, 29th December 1898, No. 8402.

Read the following papers:—

From the Government of Madras, Marine Department, dated 17th June 1898, No. 520.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 3265, dated 14th May 1898, and to express the thanks of His Excellency the Governor in Council for the arrangements which have been made to prevent delay in the sailing of salt-laden vessels from Karanja after receipt of port clearance, and for the issue of lists of passengers and crew on board such vessels.

2. As regards the bill of health granted at Bombay to Messrs. Shepherd & Co.'s weekly steamers, I am to point out that, as these steamers touch at various coast ports of the Bombay Presidency where they embark and disembark passengers before arrival at Mangalore, there can be no actual agreement between the passengers brought to this port and those entered in the bill of health. It is observed that the Commissioner of Customs of Bombay is of opinion that as the coast ports at which the steamers touch on their voyage are all uninfected and the public health of Bombay has improved, no further precautions are needed. His Excellency the Governor in Council considers, however, that so long as the number of passengers sailing from Bombay cannot be compared with the arrivals at Mangalore, the bill of health will not afford that protection for which it is designed. I am accordingly to suggest, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council of Bombay, whether arrangements cannot be made to have the bills of health of these coasting steamers amended at each port of call, should plague continue when the West Coast ports of this Presidency re-open after the south-west monsoon.

From the Commissioner of Customs, Salt, Opium and Abkari, dated 31st Aug. 1898, No. 4448.

Government memorandum to the Commissioner of Customs, Salt, Opium and Abkari, dated 6th October 1898, No. 6384.

From the Commissioner of Customs, Salt, Opium and Abkari, dated 24th Nov. 1898, No. 6130.

With reference to your No. 6384, of date 6th ultimo, I have the honour to report that Messrs. Shepherd & Co. raise no objection to the issue of clipped tickets as suggested in your letter under reference. I enclose a copy of their reply with accompaniment. Bombay is the only infected port, at the present time, between Bombay and the Madras sea board.

2. I also append copy of the opinion of the Collector of Salt Revenue, No. 5681, of date 15th October 1898.

3. The proposal for the issue of specially clipped tickets is undoubtedly simple and involves little trouble; the only question (it appears to me) is as to its efficacy, as it would be feasible for passengers with clipped tickets to provide themselves with unclipped tickets from uninfected ports. Thus a passenger from infected Bombay might get a ticket passed to him from an uninfected port (say, Bhatkal) *en route* which he could produce at Mangalore. Such frauds might not, however, be many nor be found difficult to deal with.

Resolution.—The Commissioner of Customs, Salt, Opium and Abkari, should be requested to inform Messrs. Shepherd & Co. that they should arrange for the issue to passengers of clipped tickets at all ports declared to be infected. Customs officers or the Medical officers who are, or may be, under the Plague Regulations engaged in the examination of passengers at such ports should be instructed to permit no one to embark without a clipped ticket. Messrs. Shepherd & Co. should be requested to take such measures as may be feasible to prevent the issue of tickets at an uninfected port to passengers who have already voyaged from an infected port.

2. A copy of this Resolution should be forwarded to the Government of Madras for information with reference to their letter, No. 520, dated 17th June 1898.

(Signed) H. S. LAWRENCE,
Under Secretary to Government.

Unofficial note from the Presidency Port Officer, dated 18th January 1899, No. 25 G.

ORDER—No. 133, Marine, dated 9th February 1899.

The Presidency Port Officer having brought to notice that there was a difficulty in ascertaining the number of passengers and crew brought by Messrs. Shepherd and Co.'s steamers from Bombay and intermediate ports in the Bombay Presidency, it was suggested to that Government in letter, No. 520, Marine, dated 17th June 1898, that the bills of health granted to these steamers at Bombay should be amended at each port of call so as to show distinctly the number of persons on board; rigid scrutiny being necessary to prevent the introduction of plague into the uninfected ports of the Madras Presidency.

2. In reply the Government of Bombay forward a copy of a Resolution in which they approve of an arrangement by which passengers embarking at infected ports are to be provided with clipped tickets; the agents of the steamers being also requested to take such measures as may be feasible to prevent the issue of tickets at an uninfected port to passengers who have already voyaged from an infected port.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that if, in addition, to prevent the transfer of tickets, the following precautions be adopted, there should be no difficulty in identifying passengers from infected ports:—

(1) The name of each passenger to be written on his ticket.
(2) A way bill in the appended form to be furnished to the master of the vessel by the booking agents at infected ports, such bill to contain the name and description of *all* passengers embarking from the port.
(3) The clippers of each infected port to have some distinguishing characteristic.

4. The way bills would be filled up at the office issuing the tickets, and be handed over to the master of the vessel, who would present them to the officer on duty at the port of destination.

5. These suggestions will be brought to the notice of the Bombay Government.

[Here enter No. 134, Marine, dated 9th February 1899.]

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Collector, South Canara.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Appendix to G.O., No. 133, Marine, dated 9th February 1899.

Port of _____ .

Way Bill of passengers proceeding by S.S. _____
on the _____ 1899.

Number.	Name.	Sex.	Caste.	Age.	Occupation.	Destination.

(Signed) _____,
Shipping Agent.

*When given for copying*_____
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