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EXTRAORDINARY.

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Part I.—Minutes, Proclamations, Appointments, &c.

Separate paging is given to each Part in order that it may be filed separately.

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR J. WEST RIDGEWAY, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Ceylon, with the Dependencies thereof, has quitted this Colony on leave of absence: It is hereby proclaimed that by virtue of HER MAJESTY'S Commission, bearing date the First day of December, 1890, directed to SIR EDWARD NOEL WALKER, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, he has this day assumed the Administration of the Government of this Island, of which all persons concerned are required to take due notice.

Given at Colombo, in the said Island of Ceylon, this Twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Ninety-nine.

By His Excellency's command,

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint Captain WILLIAM FRANCIS GEORGE WYNDHAM, King's Royal Rifle Corps, to be his Aide-de-Camp.

By His Excellency's command,

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, March 20, 1899.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint Lieut. JOHN CRUM GRAHAME, Highland Light Infantry, to be his Private Secretary and Extra Aide-de-Camp.

By His Excellency's command,

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, March 20, 1899.

APPOINTMENTS.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint the Hon. Mr. W. T. TAYLOR, C.M.G., to act as Colonial Secretary from the 20th March, 1899.

By His Excellency's command,
E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, March 18, 1899.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to make the following appointments, with effect from the 20th March, 1899, viz. :—

The Hon. Mr. LIONEL F. LEE to act as Auditor-General, Accountant-General, and Controller of Revenue of this Colony.

Mr. C. E. D. PENNYCUIK to act as Treasurer and Commissioner of Stamps, and while so acting to be Chief Commissioner of the Loan Board.

Mr. J. D. MASON to act in the Office of Postmaster-General and Director of Telegraphs and Director of the Ceylon Savings Bank.

Mr. H. H. CAMERON to act in the Office of Government Agent and Fiscal, North-Western Province; Additional District Judge, Kurunegala; Superintendent of the Prison at Kurunegala; Visitor of the Prisons at Puttalam and Chilaw; Local Authority under the Petroleum Ordinance; and a Visitor of the Post Offices in the North-Western Province.

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary's Office, Colonial Secretary.
Colombo, March 18, 1899.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to make the following appointments :—

Mr. K. W. B. MACLEOD to act in the office of District Judge, Commissioner of Requests, and Police Magistrate, Kurunegala; Visitor of the Prison at Kurunegala; Additional District Judge, Additional Commissioner of Requests, and Additional Police Magistrate, Puttalam; and Additional District Judge, Kegalla, with effect from the 1st April, 1899, or until further orders.*

Mr. G. SCHOKMAN to act as Additional Police Magistrate, Kurunegala, and Commissioner of Requests and Police Magistrate, Galagedara, from the 5th April, 1899, for ten days, during the absence of Mr. W. DUNUWILLE from the station.

Mr. F. H. PRINS to act as Commissioner of Requests and Police Magistrate, Matale, and Commissioner of Requests and Police Magistrate, Panwila and Urugala, from the 31st March to 4th April, 1899, and on 12th April, 1899, during the absence of Mr. T. B. PANABOKKE from the station.

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, March 18, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following additional (Plague) regulations made by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, under section 12 of the Ordinance No. 3 of 1897, are published for general information.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, March 16, 1899.

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Additional (Plague) Regulations under "The Quarantine and Prevention of Diseases Ordinance, 1897."

A.—IMPORTATION BY RAILWAY.

Part I.

1. Should plague appear in Ceylon, places of observation will be constructed at or near Railway Stations to be appointed by the Governor. Medical Officers will be placed at such stations, whose duty it will be to watch the trains arriving and to observe the passengers who may travel thereby.

2. The Railway authorities shall allow sufficient time for the medical examination of the passengers, and shall make such arrangements as may be necessary for the purpose.

3. On the arrival of a train at any one of these stations no passenger shall alight from the train without the permission of a Railway, Police, or Medical Officer.

4. Every passenger shall, on being requested to do so by any Railway, Police, or Medical Officer, alight from the train and proceed for the purpose of medical inspection to a spot to be indicated by such officer. A passenger shall not depart from the spot so indicated without the permission of the Medical Officer.

5. Subject to any orders issued by the Proper Authority, the Medical Officer shall be empowered to detain any passenger coming from an infected area or from an area suspected to be infected whom he regards as suspicious by reason of his appearance, symptoms, or the dirty condition of his clothes and effects, or who belongs to a class of persons who cannot readily be traced, or who cannot be relied on to give information of the occurrence of plague among them, or who travel in bodies. The Medical Officer shall remove any person so detained to the observation shed erected in the vicinity of the railway station, and shall arrange for the detention, dieting, and medical treatment of such person in the observation shed for so long as may be considered necessary.

6. If on inspection and after due observation the Medical Officer is satisfied that a passenger is suffering from plague, or that his condition is such as to justify the suspicion that he may be suffering from plague, the Medical Officer shall immediately remove such person to a temporary hospital established for the purpose, and shall arrange for the detention, dieting, and medical treatment of such person therein for so long as may be considered necessary.

7. No person who has not actually developed plague shall be detained under observation for a longer period than ten days.

8. If in any case a person removed to a temporary hospital is accompanied by a companion or attendant, the Medical Officer shall require such companion or attendant to live in the immediate neighbourhood of the temporary hospital in a segregation hut or tent provided for the purpose, and to remain in such place for so long as may be considered necessary.

9. If a person is attacked with plague while so segregated he shall be removed to the temporary hospital, and any companion or attendant who may have been with such person shall be kept under observation in a segregation hut, tent, or other suitable structure for a period of ten days from the date of such removal.

10. Upon the death of the sick person all persons who may have been in attendance upon him shall be detained for ten days, or for such further time as may be deemed necessary by the Medical Officer, in segregation huts, tents, or other suitable structures established for the purpose in the neighbourhood.

11. Any person travelling in a compartment of a train with a person found to be suffering from plague, or suspected to be suffering from plague, shall be removed to an observation shed or other place of segregation, and shall be detained in the manner above indicated for so long as may be considered necessary, provided that no person shall be detained under this regulation for a longer period than ten days, unless he shall be suspected to be suffering from plague.

12. The luggage and clothing of passengers coming from areas infected or suspected to be infected shall be disinfected in the manner provided; or may be destroyed at the discretion of the inspecting officer. In cases where it is considered necessary that the clothes, bedding, &c., of a traveller should be burnt, the Proper Authority may, if the person is poor or for other sufficient reason, arrange for providing articles in substitution at the expense of Government or for payment of compensation.

13. The Medical Officer shall immediately report to the Proper Authority and to the Colonial Surgeon the case of any person removed under his order to an observation shed, temporary hospital, or place of segregation, and the occurrence of any death or the discovery of a dead body in a train or on railway premises.

14. In the event of a death occurring in a case where the existence of plague was known or suspected, or of a corpse being found in a train, the Medical Officer shall arrange for the disposal of the body in accordance with the following regulation :—

Disposal of Corpses.—The corpse of a person dead of plague should be entirely enveloped in a shroud, which should be saturated with perchloride of mercury solution, the necessity for so doing having been carefully explained to the relatives. Cremation is the preferable method of disposal, but great care should be taken before burning a corpse to ascertain whether there are caste or race objections to this being performed. If there be reasonable objection, the corpse should be buried not less than 6 ft. deep, and be covered with a layer of chloride of lime. (In this case 2 ft. of earth may be interposed between the lime and the corpse, so that the lime shall not come into contact with the corpse.) It is advisable to select a place for cremation or burial in reasonable proximity to the plague hospital, so as to prevent corpses being carried through inhabited parts. If plague corpses are to be buried, the burial ground should be specially selected by a medical officer after careful examination.

Part II.

15. The Station Master or other Railway Official appointed for the purpose shall at all stations take down the names and addresses of passengers coming from areas infected or suspected to be infected with plague, with particulars of the places whither they are bound and the length of time they mean to stay there.

16. The Station Master shall forthwith communicate the particulars so obtained to the Proper Authority and to the Medical Officer of the district, and shall inform the officer in charge of the police station within whose jurisdiction the destination of the traveller may be situated.

17. Every such Police Officer shall for the space of ten days next following the arrival of the traveller within his jurisdiction satisfy himself by inquiry as to the state of health of such traveller, and in case of the illness of any such traveller shall forthwith notify the same to the Proper Authority and to the Medical Officer of the district.

18. Every such traveller shall report himself daily for ten days following his arrival at his destination to the Government Medical Officer nearest to his dwelling-place or to the officer in charge of the police station nearest to his dwelling-place.

19. In the event of a traveller from an infected area alighting at an intermediate station with the object of obtaining a fresh ticket, so as to conceal the fact that he is from an infected area, the Station Master shall take down his name and the number of the fresh ticket issued, and shall telegraph information to the nearest inspection station forward and to his station of destination, so that he may on alighting be brought under observation.

B.—IMPORTATION BY ROAD.

20. Persons travelling from an infected area along roads notified by order of the Proper Authority for the purposes of this regulation shall be liable to inspection by Medical Officers at stations appointed by the Proper Authority, and travellers by roads other than those so notified may be required to proceed to such places for the purpose of examination. If any traveller appears to the Inspecting Officer to be suspicious by reason of his appearance, symptoms, or the dirty condition of his clothes and effects, or to belong to classes who cannot readily be traced, or who cannot be relied on to give information of the occurrence of plague among them, or who travel in bodies, such a traveller may be required to proceed without delay to such place of observation as may be appointed for this purpose, a report of the facts being addressed to the officer in charge and sent by the hand of the constable or peon under whose escort the traveller proceeds. Any traveller shall on being so required forthwith proceed to the station appointed under the provisions of this regulation.

21. No traveller may be detained for inspection for a longer period than half an hour, unless the Medical Officer shall see fit to direct his further detention.

22. Such travellers as may prefer to be examined at the place of observation may be escorted thither.

23. Passengers sent to a place of observation under the preceding regulations shall be dealt with as if they were passengers arriving by train at an inspecting station.

C.—IMPORTATION BY CANAL.

24. A canal boat shall be subject to all the regulations applicable to buildings; and passengers by a canal boat shall be subject to interrogation, inspection, and detention in the same manner as passengers by Railway.

25. In order to prevent the spread of the infection of the plague either by or to a canal boat, the Proper Authority or any officer generally or specially empowered by him in this behalf may require such boat to alter its moorings or to stop during its passage and moor in such position as such officer may indicate, or direct that it desist from plying until such time as may be stated in a notice placed on a conspicuous position of the boat.

THE Annual General Meeting of Depositors of the Ceylon Savings Bank will be held at the Council Chamber on Thursday, the 30th instant, at 3 P.M.

Ceylon Savings Bank.
Colombo, March 20, 1899.

E. DE KRETZER,
Acting Secretary.