

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

(Rules Under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, Precautions against the Importation of Plague into Villages and non-Municipal Towns.)

No. 103

Dated Rangoon, the 25th June 1898.

No. 103.- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 2, sub-section (1) of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, and by the notification of the Government of India in the Home Department, No. 302, dated the 4th February 1897, the Lieutenant-Governor prescribes the following rules for preventing the importation of bubonic plague into villages and non-municipal towns:-

Precautions against the Importation of Plague into Villages and non-Municipal Towns.

- 1. Date of taking effect.**- These rules shall come into force at once.
- 2. Subdivisional and Township Health Officers.** - In any subdivision or township, where it is considered necessary, the Deputy Commissioner may, with the sanction of the Commissioner, appoint any medical officer or any qualified medical practitioner to be Subdivisional or Township Health Officer, and may fix his pay, or, where he is already a salaried officer of Government, may, with the approval of Government, fix a reasonable deputation allowance to be paid to him for this extra duty. Subdivisional Health Officers and Township Health Officers shall be subordinate to the Civil Surgeon of the district.
- 3. Report by village headmen and others.**- Every village headman and rural policeman appointed under the Upper Burma Village Regulation, 1887, or the Lower Burma Village Act, 1889, every person employed in the collection of revenue by Government, and every Revenue Surveyor, Taiksave and Vaccinator shall report to the Subdivisional Health Officer or Township Health Officer, or to the Township Officer, any case of unusual fever accompanied by glandular swellings that may occur in his neighbourhood among persons who have arrived within the preceding ten days from an infected area or in a house where any such person may be or may have been staying. The officer to whom the report has been made shall at once inform the Subdivisional Magistrate or Deputy Commissioner (if there be no Subdivisional Magistrate) of the receipt of any such report.
- 4. Inquiry by Subdivisional Magistrate, Subdivisional or Township Health Officer, or Township Officer.**- On receiving information of a case of fever of the kind described in the last preceding rule, the Subdivisional

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Magistrate or Township Officer, or the Subdivisional or Township Health Officer, shall at once go to the place indicated and shall make an enquiry into the nature of the case.

5. Right of entry and examination.- If the Subdivisional Magistrate or Subdivisional Health Officer, or the Township Officer or Township Health Officer, considers the case to be a suspicious one, the owner or occupier of the house shall permit him or them to enter it and to examine the patient. In case of resistance or refusal the Subdivisional Magistrate or Subdivisional Health Officer, or the Township Officer or Township Health Officer, may call in any police officer who may arrest without warrant any person offering resistance and shall take such other steps as may be necessary to give effect to the rule.

6. Examination of women.- If the patient is a female, any examination that may be necessary shall be made in the presence of a female and, if possible, by female agency.

7. Procedure in case of plague.- If the case is found to be one of plague, the Subdivisional Magistrate or Subdivisional Health Officer, or Township Officer or Township Health Officer, shall take action under the rules contained in General Department Notification No. 104 of this date, which will then come into force as far as may be necessary for the purposes of the particular case.

8. District headquarters subdivisions.- In the case of district headquarters subdivisions and townships, the duties of the Subdivisional or Township Health Officer under these rules shall be discharged by the Civil Surgeon or by any subordinate medical officer whom the Deputy Commissioner may empower in this behalf.

9. Control.- All powers conferred upon any officer by these rules shall be exercised subject to the general control of the Deputy Commissioner.

10. Delegation of powers.- The Deputy Commissioner may confer upon any gazetted officer of Government all or any of the powers of a Subdivisional Magistrate or Township Officer under these rules within any specified local area. He may also confer upon any medical practitioner all or any of the powers of the Subdivisional Health Officer or Township Health Officer within any specified local area.

11. Registration of burial and burning grounds.- In any town or village where the Deputy Commissioner considers it necessary the Subdivisional Magistrate or Township Officer may require the owner of any place used as a burial or burning ground for corpses to register it in his office, and no place which has not been so registered shall be used by the inhabitants of such town or village as a burial or burning ground.

12. Expenses.- All expenses incurred under these rules shall be paid from the District Fund or the District Cess Fund as the case may be.

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