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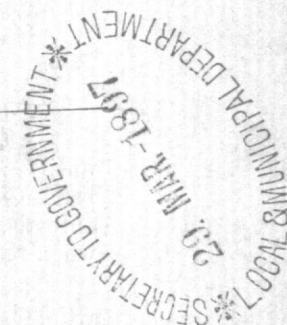
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Importation of rags, &c., into France

Government of India endorsement on letter from the Secretary of State forwarding copy of papers relative to the prohibition against the — from Bombay and the notification issued by the Natal Government that Bombay is an “infected” city, ordered to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 4th February 1897, No. 24, Revenue.

I forward herewith, for the information of your Excellency's Government, copy of papers noted in the margin, relative to (1) the prohibition against the importation of rags, old clothes, bedding, raw

hides, etc., from Bombay into France, (2) notification issued by the Natal Government that Bombay is an "infected" city, and fixing the period of quarantine on arrivals from Bombay at twelve days after disinfection of the vessel.

From Foreign Office, 22nd January (212) 1897.
From Colonial Office, 21st January 1897.

ENCLOSURES.

From the Right Honourable GEORGE OURZON, M.P., Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated Foreign Office, London, 22nd January 1897.

With reference to my letter of the 21st instant, I am directed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to transmit to you, to be laid before the Secretary of State for India, the accompanying decree forbidding the transit through France and Algeria of rags, etc., from Bombay or other plague-infected locality in India.

The President of the French Republic.

On the report of the Ministers of the Interior and of Finances.

Read article 1 of the law of the 3rd March 1822 on Sanitary Police.

Read the decree of the 15th January 1897.

Read the advice of the Committee of Directors of the Department of Hygiene.

Order.

Article 1.—The importation into France and Algeria (of the following articles) is forbidden until further orders: Rags, torn clothing, wearing apparel, clothes, dress, and articles of bedding in actual use (not carried as luggage), as well as raw hides, fresh skins, fresh remains of animals, claws, hoops, etc., coming from Bombay or any other locality in the (East) Indies when the plague has declared itself.

Article 2.—The prohibition likewise extends to the transit across France or Algeria of the articles specified in article 1, as often as this transit gives room for landing or manipulation of any kind.

Article 3.—The order of the 15th January 1897 is repealed.

Article 4.—The Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Finances are charged, in so far as they are concerned with the execution of this decree, which will be inserted in the Bulletin of Laws and published in the *Official Journal*.

PARIS,
19th January 1897.

(Signed) FÉLIX FAURE.

From the Honourable Sir ROBT. H. MEADE, K.C.B., Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated Colonial Office, Downing Street, 21st January 1897.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to transmit to you, for the information of Lord George Hamilton, with reference to previous correspondence, a copy of a despatch from the Governor of Natal relating to bubonic plague.

A similar communication has been made to the Foreign Office, Admiralty, Board of Trade, Local Government Board, and Board of Customs.

From the Honourable Sir WALTER HELY-HUTCHINSON, K.C.M.G., Governor of Natal, to the Right Honourable JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN, M.P., etc., dated Pietermaritzburg, Natal, 24th December 1896, No. 176.

With reference to my telegram of to-day, I have the honour to forward copy of a proclamation which was issued on 18th instant notifying that Bombay is a place infected with a contagious disease, together with a report from the Medical Committee, which has been adopted by the Government, fixing the period of quarantine on arrivals from Bombay at twelve days after disinfection of the vessel.

Proclamation No. 135, 18th December 1896.
Medical Committee Report, 23rd December 1896.

Report of the Medical Committee.

We the undersigned, in answer to the request of the Honourable the Attorney-General, to express an opinion on the period of quarantine necessary in cases of ships from a port infected with bubonic plague, hereby state that the period of incubation of the disease being sometimes as much as twelve days, the quarantine should be of that period after all chances of infection have been destroyed.

We are also of opinion that the principal cause of danger is in the old clothing of the immigrants. Therefore, we recommend that they and their clothing be thoroughly disinfected and that all old rags and dirty clothing be burnt.

(Signed) D. BIRTWELL, L.R.C.P., etc.,
Acting Officer of Health, Durban.

DURBAN, NATAL,
23rd December 1896.

{ " } H. AYLMEYER DUMAT, M.B.
{ " } ARCH. MCKENZIE, M.D.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency the Honourable Sir Walter Francis Hely-Hutchinson, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Natal, Vice-Admiral of the same, and Supreme Chief over the Native Population.

WHEREAS by Section 1 of Law No. 4, 1882, intituled "Law to amend the Law No. 3, of 1858, relating to quarantine and to give power to the Governor to declare an infected port or ports," it is enacted that as often as the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, shall by Proclamation notify that any place or places, whether on this Continent or beyond the seas, is or are infected with any contagious or infectious disease dangerous to the public health, and that it is probable that such disease may be brought from such place or places to the Colony of Natal, then and immediately from and after such notification, all ships and vessels whatever arriving from or having touch at any such place or places shall be and be considered to be liable to quarantine within the meaning of the Law No. 3, 1858, and of any order made or thereafter made by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council, and notified by Proclamation concerning quarantine and the prevention of infection:

AND WHEREAS I have been informed that the disease known as the "Bubonic Plague" is now prevalent in the City of Bombay, in India:

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, and with the advice of my Executive Council, I do proclaim and notify that the City of Bombay, in India, is a place infected with a contagious or infectious disease dangerous to the public health, and that it is probable that such disease may be brought thence to the Colony of Natal.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Pietermaritzburg, Natal, this eighteenth day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-six.

(Signed) HARRY ESCOMBE,
Attorney-General.

No. 882 (Sanitary).

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras, for information.

(By order.)

HOME DEPT., CALCUTTA,
9th March 1897.

(Signed) R. NATHAN,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 318, Local and Municipal.

Transferred to the Marine Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
15th March 1897.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

ORDER—No. 255, Marine, dated 17th March 1897.

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C. H. S. Burton.
Under Secretary to Government.

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