

Marine (1897) Department.

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DATED 25 Nov 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

~~Detention~~

Detention of Vessels: Observing that the waiving of the extra period of detention in the case of a vessel less than ten days absent from an infected port is a matter which the Port Health Officer should dispose of under Regulation 17 issued with L.O. R-745 mar 7 23. 8 97

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From

From

The Presidency Post Office,
Madras.

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Order

His Excellency
the Governor in Council
observes that the matter
is one for the Pub. Health
officer to dispose of under
Regulation 17 issued with
R.O. 445 Marine, d/23^d
August 1897.

Dated 18 November 1897

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SUBJECT,

Forwarding copy of a letter
from Messrs Binny & Co and
requesting the views of
Government in respect
to the powers of the Health
officer for the detention
of vessels under Epidemic
diseases act.

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Binnycott
Madras.

B. I. S. N. Coy Ltd.,
Madras, 16th November 1897.

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The Presidency Port Officer,
Madras.

Sir,
With reference to Section 17 of
G.O. No 445, Marine, dated 23rd
August 1897, wherein the following
clause occurs:—

"If ten days have not elapsed
"the vessel may be detained in
"quarantine at the discretion of
"the Port-Health Officer, for the
"time necessary to complete the
"period of ten days, the crew and
"passengers being placed during
"such period under surveillance".

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We have the honor to request
you will be good enough to state
whether in your opinion the
Health officer is at liberty, in
the exercise of the discretion al-
lowed him under above re-
gulation, to waive the extra
period of detention in the
case of a vessel less than ten
days absent from an infected
port, if he is satisfied that
the health of her crew and
passengers is in other respects
satisfactory.

The Health officer, to whom
we

we referred in the first
instance is apparently un-
decided on this point and
as it is one of great importance
to the Company's Steamers,
we request you will, in the
event of your not being prepared
to express an opinion, obtain
the ruling of Government thereon.

We have &c
(S/d) Binny & Co.
Agents.

(True Copy)

H. A. Theet
Commander, R.S.M.,
Presidency Port-officer

No. 949/4009

Heading.

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,

Madras, 18 November 1897.

From

Commander H. A. Street, R.I.M.,
PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,

Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MARINE DEPARTMENT,

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SIR,

Messrs. Binny & Co., Agents B.I.S.N Co.
having with reference to Rule 17 of the
Notification printed with G.O. Marine No.
745, dated 23rd August 1897, raised a
question as to whether the Health Officer
is at liberty, in the exercise of the dis-
cretion allowed him under the said
rule, to waive the extra period of
detention in the case of a vessel less
than 10 days absent from an infected
port, if he is satisfied that the
health of her crew and passengers
is in other respects satisfactory.

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I have the honor to request that the views of Government may be obtained in the matter.

2. A copy of Messrs. Binney & Co's letter to me on the subject is herewith sent.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
H. A. Street
Commander R.N.M.,
Port Officer

Medical inspection
of vessels from
infected ports.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 1479 of 1897.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

SUBJECT.

THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

FOR ORDERS.

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Under
~~the~~ the first clause of Regulation 17 a suspected or healthy vessel is entitled to a clean bill of health after the lapse of ten days; other requirements having been met. When ten days have not elapsed, the Port Health Officer is allowed a discretion under the second clause of the Regulation-i.e. he can ~~not~~ release a vessel; and, it is presumed grant her a clean bill of health. No minimum time is specified. He can thus apparently, give a vessel free pratique after say, five days, and the vessel would then be under no obligation to hoist a yellow flag at the next port of call, and would be free from further medical inspection. It is doubtful whether this effect of the regulations was anticipated. In this connection, please see also para 12(a) of

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Apparently so. This is a matter for the Port Health Officer to decide of his
under Regulation 3. 24/11/97

Government of India letter printed
with G.O. 601 Marine dated 6th July
1897, page 6, in which a vessel techni-
cally classed as suspected or healthy
may be admitted to free pratique in
less than ten days.

2. The Sanitary Commissioner in a
letter now in circulation considers
that a month is the least period
that should elapse before a vessel
is relieved from medical inspection.

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