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G.O., No. 229, 13th March 1897.

MARCH.

Quarantine

Endorsement from the Government of India forwarding copy of letter from the Political Agent and Her Britannic Majesty's Consul, Muscat, regarding the — regulations in force in Muscat and Gwadur, ordered to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper :—

From Captain F. G. BEVILLE, I.S.C., Political Agent and Her Britannic Majesty's Consul, Muscat, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, dated 18th February 1897, No. 56.

I have been directed by the Resident, Persian Gulf, to report to you with reference to your telegram to his address of the 12th instant, in regard to the quarantine regulations in force in Muscat and Gwador.

I have the honour to state that on the 13th January 1897, at the request of the Sultan of Muscat, rules for the imposition of quarantine against arrivals from infected Indian ports were drawn up by myself and the Consular representatives of France and the United States, together with an official representative of the local Government. These rules, a copy of which is attached, after approval by the Agency Surgeon and by the Political Resident who was here at the time, were submitted to the local Government and were thereupon promulgated.

Subsequently the Sultan considered it advisable as a further precaution to prohibit the discharge of cargo by coolies from the shore, and orders were issued that cargo must be worked by the ships' crew, and loaded into lighters alongside.

Under the instructions I have now received from the Resident, I have again consulted the Agency Surgeon as to the possibility of allowing coolies to work the cargo on board vessels, provided such vessels have been found after medical examination to have, or have had no suspicious case or death on board. In reply the Agency Surgeon has stated as his opinion that such would not involve any risk and I have therefore suggested to the Sultan that such might be allowed. His Highness, however, declines to agree to this proposal stating that by such arrangement the quarantine will be a farce.

The period of nine days' quarantine on passengers was decided upon by the Committee, who overruled the Agency Surgeon's opinion that such was too short a period. The Committee's opinion was based on the rules then generally in force at other ports and of the general rules laid down by the last International Sanitary Conference. In view, however, of the opinion of the medical authorities in India, as communicated in your telegram to the Resident in the Persian Gulf, I have suggested to the Sultan the advisability of extending this period to ten days.

In conclusion I have to state that the same rules are in force at Gwador as at Muscat.

ENCLOSURE.

Quarantine Regulations at Muscat and Gwador.

All vessels arriving from an Indian port will be held in quarantine and will be visited by a medical officer, who will, if there is a ship's doctor, take his report on the ship's health.

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In the event of any other goods being considered susceptible of carrying the infection, orders will be issued prohibiting their import.
(The Customs House officers will be held responsible that an immediate report of any rags or waste being fraudulently or inadvertently landed is reported to the local Government who will order the destruction of such goods.)

Should any case of plague or suspicious case have occurred during the voyage, no communication whatsoever will be allowed with the shore except for the purpose of landing mails.

In the event of pratique being given and there being any passengers for Muscat, they will be landed, under supervision, at Haramil, where they will be detained for a period of nine days since the departure from the last infected port.

Should any case occur whilst in the lazaretto, the case will be segregated and the passengers will be required to undergo a further detention of nine days since the case occurred.

No person other than passengers who go to the lazaretto will be permitted to land.

The effects of passengers landing at the lazaretto to be disinfected on landing, and if any case occurs, all effects to be again disinfected.
Each passenger on landing to pay a quarantine fee of Rs. 5.

No. 857 (Sanitary).

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.

(By order.)

HOME DEPT., CALCUTTA,
6th March 1897.

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

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

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To The Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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