

Marine (1897) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Quarantine: ordered that the imposition of —
at Calcutta on vessels from Karachi
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MARINE DEPARTMENT.

The 4th January 1897.

No. 1.—*Marine*.—With the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, the following rules for quarantine against plague have been made by the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal in exercise of the power conferred by section 1, Act I of 1870.

These rules have effect as a temporary measure from 6th January 1897 in the Port of Calcutta:—

I. The Commander of every vessel, including buggalows or other native craft arriving from Karachi, shall on arrival at the Sandheads hoist a yellow flag, and indicate by signal the port from which she has come, and shall keep such flag and signal flying until permitted to take it down as hereinafter provided. The pilot on going alongside a vessel from Karachi shall direct the flag prescribed above to be hoisted if it has not already been done.

II. The Commander shall not, without first having obtained permission as hereinafter provided, allow any communication except orally with the shore or any other vessel or boat, excepting only with the boat supplying the Pilots* from the Pilot Brig, and in that case communication shall be limited to receiving on board the Pilot, his Leadsman, servant and baggage.

III. If there is any case of sickness on board, and the Pilot has reason to believe that it is plague, he shall telegraph to the Port Officer from Saugor, and not proceed beyond Diamond Harbour without the permission of the Port Officer.

IV. If the Pilot has no reason to believe that there is any one suffering from plague on board, he shall bring the vessel up the river to Matecabrooj, and shall anchor it there till the Health Officer has visited it.

V. The Health Officer, as soon as he has received information of the arrival of the vessel at Matecabrooj, shall visit it, and ascertain by enquiry from the Commander or the Medical Officer on board, or other sources of information, whether any person on board is suffering or has suffered from plague.

VI. If the Health Officer is satisfied that no one is suffering from plague, or has suffered from plague since the vessel left Karachi, and if the vessel has been allowed pratique at any intermediate port including Colombo, he shall allow the passengers to land, but shall detain the vessel at Mateabrooj till such measures have been taken for the disinfection of the mails and cargo and hold as he may consider necessary.

VII. When he is satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken for the disinfection of the mails, cargo and hold, he shall allow the mails and cargo to be landed, and shall by writing under his hand, to be delivered to the Commander, permit such vessel to haul down the yellow flag, and to proceed upwards in the Port, and to hold free communication with the shore and with vessels and boats in Port.

VIII. If the vessel has not been allowed pratique at Colombo or other intermediate ports, or if through her not carrying a qualified Medical Officer, or for other reasons, the Health Officer is not satisfied that no one on board has suffered during the voyage from plague, he shall direct the Commander to take the vessel to the quarantine anchorage at Mateabrooj or elsewhere duly appointed by the Port Officer, there to remain for a period of eight days from the date of arrival in harbour. The Health Officer shall also direct the Commander to prohibit, during the period for which the vessel remains at the quarantine anchorage as aforesaid, all communication, except such as is hereinafter provided for, between such vessel and the shore or other vessels or boats in the harbour.

IX. If the Health Officer, as the result of the enquiry made under paragraph V above, shall have reason to believe, at the time when the vessel arrives in the harbour, that any person on board is suffering from plague, or if during the time the ship is in quarantine at Mateabarooj under Rule VIII, any case of the disease breaks out, he shall direct the Commander to take the vessel to the quarantine anchorage at Diamond Harbour or elsewhere duly appointed by the Port Officer, there to remain for a period of fifteen days from the day of arrival in the harbour; and shall further direct that during such fifteen days, intercourse between the vessel detained under this Rule, or Rule III, and the shore or other vessels or boats in the harbour, shall be prohibited as provided in Rule II.

X. If during the period a vessel is at the quarantine anchorage aforesaid, any case or cases of plague should occur on board, the said vessel shall remain in quarantine for a period of fifteen days from the date of the last case occurring, and be subject to all the prohibitions provided for in Rule IX.

XI. When any vessel has been placed in quarantine as aforesaid, the Health Officer may direct the removal of so many of the passengers and crew as may not be suffering from illness, and whose services may not be required on board the vessel, to such particular spots as may from time to time be selected by the Port Officer as places of quarantine, there to remain for a period of eight days if under Rule VIII, or if the vessel has been placed in quarantine for fifteen days, for a period of fifteen days. If a case of plague occurs among such passengers and crew during any such period, they shall remain in a place of quarantine for a period of fifteen days from the date of the occurrence of the last case of such illness.

XII. It will be the duty of the Port Officer to facilitate the conveyance to all vessels in quarantine of such supplies of provisions, stores and other articles as may be required by those on board. Such supplies will be placed on the boats of the vessels in quarantine, to be subsequently removed by members of their crews.

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Marine Department.

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From

O. C. Lees, Esq.,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of Madras.

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras.

Calcutta, the 5th January 1897.

Sir,

I am directed to forward,
for your information, the enclosed
copy of a Notification N^o 1 Marine
dated the 4th instant, issued by this
Government imposing quarantine
rules in the Port of Calcutta against
vessels arriving from Karachi.

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Yours faithfully,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant;

O. C. Lees

Under Secretary.

Enclosed

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