

Marine (1897) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Quarantine: ordered that the intimation
that — has been imposed at Rangoon
against arrivals from Karachi
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GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATION.

Dated Rangoon, the 1st January 1897.

No. 1.—In exercise of the power conferred by Act I of 1870, the following Rules for Quarantine against Plague have been made by the Chief Commissioner of Burma, with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council: they have effect from this date in the Port of Rangoon as a temporary measure:—

I.—The commander of every vessel, including junks or other native craft, arriving from Karachi, shall, on arrival at the pilot brig, hoist a yellow flag and indicate by signal the port from which she has come.

II.—Such commander shall not, except as hereinafter provided, allow any communication either with the shore or with any other vessel or boat except with the boat supplying a pilot from the pilot brig, and in that case communication shall be limited to receiving on board the pilot, his servant, if any, and baggage.

III.—The pilot shall not take such vessel higher than Elephant Point, but shall anchor it there until the Health Officer of the Port has visited it and ascertained by enquiry from the commander whether any person on board is suffering, or has during the voyage suffered, from plague. If the Health Officer is satisfied by such enquiry that no person on board is suffering, or during the voyage has suffered, from plague, the Health Officer *may*, by writing under his hand to be delivered to the commander, permit such vessel to haul down the yellow flag and proceed upwards in the port and hold free communication with the shore and with vessels and boats in port. Provided that, if the vessel has undergone since leaving Karachi a quarantine, which is properly proved, for not less than eight days at Colombo, or some other British Port, the Health Officer *shall* grant such permission as aforesaid.

If the vessel has not undergone eight days' quarantine at Colombo or some other British port since leaving Karachi, the Health Officer *may* direct the commander to take the vessel to the quarantine anchorage and there to remain for a period of eight days from the date of arrival in the harbour. In such case 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 and boats in the harbour.

IV.—If the Health Officer shall have reason to believe at the time when the vessel arrives in the harbour that any person on board is suffering, or during the voyage has suffered, from plague, he shall direct the commander to take the vessel to the quarantine anchorage as aforesaid, and 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 said vessel and the shore or other vessels and boats in the harbour shall be prohibited as provided in Rule III.

V.—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 Rules III and IV.

VI.—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 Chief Commissioner as places of quarantine, there to remain for a period of eight days, 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.

VII.—Any mails or cargo which may be brought by any vessel so arriving shall be landed under such precautions as the Health Officer may deem necessary to prevent the spread of the disease.

VIII.—It will be the duty of the Conservator of the Port to facilitate the conveyance to all vessels in quarantine or 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.

IX.—All vessels arriving at Rangoon, which may have communicated with any vessel coming from Karachi, shall be subjected to the same quarantine as vessels arriving at Rangoon from Karachi unless the communication was held after the vessel from Karachi was released from quarantine.

By order,

F. C. GATES,

Secretary.

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Dated Rangoon, the January 1897.

COPY of the above forwarded to Port Health Officer, Rangoon, for information and guidance.

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FROM

The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, Burma,

TO
CHIEF SECRETARY
14 JAN. 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras
General Department

Dated Rangoon, the 5 January 1897.

SIR,

I am directed to forward for the information of the Government of Madras a copy of the Chief Commissioner's Notification dated the 1st January 1897 imposing quarantine against arrivals from Karachi.

I have the honour to be,
Your most obedient servant,

Audawon
For Secretary
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