

Marine (1897) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Quarantine & Trade Restrictions, East of India
Notice publishing certain documents regarding
— imposed in other countries on account
of the existence of the bubonic plague in India
ordered to be published in the *Indian Official Gazette*.

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Government of India Notification publishing certain documents regarding — imposed in other countries on account of the existence of the bubonic plague in India, ordered to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

Notification from the Government of India, Home Department (Sanitary), dated Simla, 6th August 1897, No. 1906.

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Letter from the Foreign office, to the Indian Tea Association.

With reference to my letter of the 3rd instant, I am directed by the Marquess of Salisbury to transmit to you a copy of a memorandum* which has been received from Her Majesty's Ambassador at St. Petersburg, in which are set forth the regulations that are now being enforced in respect of tea and other products of Eastern origin by the Russian Customs.

Sir N. O'Connor states that no prohibition against the importation of tea is in existence, and that the process of disinfection, which is described in the memorandum and which is only applied to the outer covering of the chests, could not possibly cause any injury to the tea.

21st May 1897.

(Signed) GEORGE N. CURZON.

[See telegram from Her Majesty's Secretary of State of the 10th March 1897, published in the *Gazette of India* under Home Department Notification No. 932, dated the 12th March 1897.]

Notification by the Board of Trade.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the following copy of a notice issued by the Governor of Malta, viz.:

Government Notice.

His Excellency the Governor, having heard the opinion of the Board of Health, has been pleased to modify Government Notice No. 118 of 7th June 1897, and to direct that the following regulations be observed, viz.:

1. Vessels which are not allowed to enter the harbour, but are allowed to communicate in quarantine with the Islands of Comino and Cominotto under such restrictions as the Collector of Customs may direct—
 - (a) Vessels that have on board, or have had during the voyage, cases of cholera, yellow fever or plague or cases of a disease with symptoms resembling those of cholera, yellow fever or plague.
 - (b) Vessels with pilgrims from the East.
 - (c) Vessels arriving from Arabian Ports in the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf which have not been admitted to free pratique at Suez and Port Said.
2. Vessels which are allowed to enter the Quarantine Harbour to coal and take in provisions under quarantine restrictions—
 - (a) Vessels arriving from Bombay or Kurrachee which have not been admitted to free pratique in any port in the Adriatic or Mediterranean Sea, or which have not, to the satisfaction of the Chief Government Medical Officer, been thoroughly disinfected before being admitted to free pratique at the said port.
 - (b) Vessels arriving from any port without a clean bill of health, which do not fall under any of the preceding regulations.

3. Medical Inspection—

All vessels arriving at Malta shall undergo strict medical inspection.

4. Passengers—

Passengers arriving from Mediterranean ports must, before landing, declare on oath that they have not been in Bombay or Kurrachee within the last thirty days. All passengers who have been within the last thirty days in Bombay or Kurrachee shall be landed at the Lazaretto and remain there, under such restrictions as may be ordered by the Port authority, for a period not less than seven days from the date of disinfection and not less than the number of days required to complete thirty days from the date of departure.

5. Goods—

The importation of coffee coloured with substances injurious to health is prohibited.

The importation of cotton seed from any port subject to quarantine is forbidden.

The importation of rags is prohibited.

The importation is forbidden before disinfection of the following articles, viz., wearing apparel, soiled linen and clothing, bedding materials, hides, feathers, bones and jute goods.

The importation of vines, vine shoots and fruit packed in vine leaves is prohibited. The importation of plants or roots from any port of the Mediterranean is prohibited unless the same are accompanied by a satisfactory certificate that phylloxera is not known to exist at the place of origin.

(By Command.)

LONDON,
9th July 1897.

(Signed) F. VELLA,
Ag. Chief Secretary to Government.

[See the Malta Quarantine Regulations, published in the *Gazette of India*, under Home Department Notification, No. 1775, dated the 2nd July 1897.]

Extract from the "Ceylon Government Gazette" No. 5489 of 23rd July 1897.

REGULATIONS made by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, under the provisions of the Ordinance No. 3 of 1897—

1. The regulations made by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, bearing date the 13th and 26th March 1897, are hereby repealed.
2. The landing at any place in this Island of the following goods, shipped at any port on the West Coast of India, or transhipped to any vessel from any vessel which shall have conveyed such goods from any port on the West Coast of India, is prohibited—
 - (1) Used body linen, clothes, bedding and other personal effects.
 - (2) Rags, including rags compressed by hydraulic pressure and transported in bales as merchandise.
 - (3) Used sackings or bags, carpets and old embroidery.
 - (4) Green and untanned hides and skins.
 - (5) Animal refuse, claws, hoofs, horsehair, hair of animals generally, raw silk, and wool.
 - (6) Human hair.
3. The transhipment within any port of Ceylon of such prohibited goods from one vessel to another is prohibited.
4. The Principal Officer of Customs at any place at which any landing or transhipment shall take place of such prohibited goods shall, unless the Governor shall otherwise direct, cause the destruction of such goods. The cost of effecting such destruction shall be paid by the owner and consignee of such goods and by the Master of the vessel by which such goods were carried. No compensation for such destruction shall be paid to any person.
5. Any vessel having on board any such prohibited goods shall, so long as she shall have any such goods on board, be deemed in quarantine, and such vessel and all persons and goods shall in respect of such vessel be subject to the regulations published on 2nd March 1897, relating to vessels in quarantine.

(By His Excellency's Command.)

COLOMBO,
23rd July 1897.

(Signed) E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

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4. No person shall at any time within such period of ten days carry, take, or convey any goods from any such vessel or boat to any place in this Island.

(By His Excellency's Command.)

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23rd July 1897.

(Signed) **E. NOEL WALKER,**
Colonial Secretary.

[See telegram from the Colonial Secretary, Ceylon, of the 23rd July 1897, published in the *Gazette of India* under Home Department Notification No. 1881, dated the 30th July 1897.]

Telegram from the Secretary of State for India, London, to His Excellency the Viceroy, Simla, dated the 30th July 1897.

My telegram of 1st * June last. *Italy*.—Prohibition to import raw hides withdrawn.

* Published in the *Gazette of India*, under Home Department Notification No. 1649, dated the 5th June 1897.

(Signed) **J. P. HEWETT,**
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 1917 (Sanitary).

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.

(By order.)

HOME DEPT., SIMLA,
11th August 1897.

(Signed) **R. NATHAN,**
for Secy. to the Govt. of India,

No. 888 (Local and Municipal).

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

20th August 1897.

ORDER—No. 737, Marine, dated 20th August 1897.

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(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent, Government Press.
" Presidency Port Officer.
" Local and Municipal Department.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
HOME DEPARTMENT.

SANITARY.

Simla, the 6th August, 1897.

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By order, &c.,

HOME DEPARTMENT;

(Sanitary)

Srinagar, the 11th August 1897.

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for Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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