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[Despatch Abstract.]

Plague Letter from the Bengal Govt forwarding
Copy of revised - Notification No 3 of 17 August 1897
issued by that Govt and prescribing rules for the
inspection of vessels leaving the ports in that province
for non-Indian ports, revised.

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PLAGUE NOTIFICATION—No. 3.

Calcutta, the 17th August 1897.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act III of 1897, and by the Notification of the Government of India in the Home Department, No. 302, dated the 4th February, and in supersession of Plague Notification No. 3, dated the 25th May 1897, which is hereby cancelled, the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal is pleased to declare that all vessels and persons leaving the undermentioned ports in Bengal for ports out of India shall be subjected to the rules in the Regulation hereinafter set forth:—

Calcutta.	Balasore.	False Point.
Chittagong.	Chandbally.	Puri.

RULES.

1. *Medical inspection and bill of health.*—No vessel shall leave any such port for any port out of India until she has been inspected by the Health Officer of the port, and the Master or person in charge of such vessel has obtained from such Officer a bill of health in the form given below, stating that the Master or person in charge, Officers, crew and passengers (if any) of such vessel have been inspected by him by day at the time of embarkation, and are free from infectious disease dangerous to life and from the bubonic plague. Provided that in the case of passengers, a Certificate in the form annexed as Appendix I, by a Commissioned Medical Officer appointed for this purpose, and dated not more than 12 hours before the departure of the vessel, shall be accepted in lieu of examination by the Port Health Officer. Such Certificates shall be annexed to, and form part of, the bill of health.

2. *Removal of infected persons.*—Should the Health Officer of the port be of opinion that any person on board of any vessel so inspected is suffering from the bubonic plague or is not free from the infection of the plague, such person and all his relations and non-medical attendants shall be removed from the vessel to a plague hospital or place of observation appointed by Government, and such parts of the vessel as have been frequented by such person or his relations and attendants shall be disinfected to the satisfaction of the Health Officer. When a case which is ascertained or believed to be plague is discovered on board, the fact shall be stated in the bill of health, as well as the precautionary measures adopted.

3. *Disinfection of suspected articles.*—All contaminated or suspected articles shall be thoroughly disinfected on shore, or in the disinfection lighter, under the supervision of the Port Health Officer, in the manner prescribed in Appendix II.

4. *Fresh bill of health when necessary.*—After the Master or person in charge of the vessel has obtained a bill of health under the provisions of these rules, no person shall be admitted on board such vessel before she leaves the port, unless such vessel is again inspected by the Health Officer of the port, and another bill of health obtained from such officer by the master or person in charge of such vessel.

5. *Port Clearance.*—(a) Except as provided for in clause (b) of this rule, no port clearance shall be delivered to any vessel bound from any such port to any port out of India, unless and until the Master or person in charge thereof shall produce the bill of health so to be obtained as aforesaid; and it shall be the duty of Customs Officers to refuse delivery of the port clearance, without the production of such bill of health.

(b) Provided that the Collector of Customs may grant port clearance under section 66 of the Sea Customs Act on a guarantee being given by the Agents of a vessel, that within 48 hours of departure they will produce a duplicate copy of the bill of health as finally granted, signed by the Port Health Officer or an additional Port Health Officer, and that if for any reason the Health Officer should refuse to grant the bill of health, they will bring the vessel back to her moorings.

6. *Health Officers.*—The duties of Health Officers under these rules shall be discharged by the Medical Officers named below, or by such other Medical Officer or Officers as may from time to time be appointed for such purpose by the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Health Officers.	
Calcutta	... Port Health Officer and Additional Port Health Officers.
Chittagong	... Civil Surgeon.
Narayanganj	... Civil Hospital Assistant, Narayanganj.
Balasore	... Civil Surgeon.
Chandbally	... Civil Hospital Assistant, Chandbally.
False Point	... Ditto, Jambu.
Puri	... Civil Surgeon.

G. E. A. W. OLDHAM,
Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

Bill of Health.

This is to certify that the ship (or steamer) sailing under the flag
and under the command of
Master, of tons, bound for
with a crew of persons* and

passengers, is at the time of leaving this port in a satisfactory sanitary condition, and that no case of infectious disease dangerous to life, or of bubonic plague, exists among her Officers, passengers, or crew, all of whom have been inspected by me, with the exception of the persons named below, by day at the time of embarkation.

It is further certified that the town and port of
are at present† free from plague, epidemic cholera, yellow fever and all other dangerous epidemic disease.

† Or as the case may be.
The persons named below, who are personally known to me, or whose identity has been proved to my satisfaction, have produced the annexed Certificates from Medical Officers duly appointed in this behalf.

APPENDIX I.
CERTIFICATE.

I do hereby certify that I have examined _____, a passenger on the ship _____, not more than twelve hours before the departure of the ship from the port of _____, and find him in good health, except as noted in the margin, and free from any symptoms of bubonic plague.

Rank,

Official designation.

Specially appointed under Rule 1 of Plague Notification No. 3, dated the 17th August 1897, to examine passengers leaving the port of _____ by sea.

APPENDIX II.

UNDER-CLOTHING, bedding, wearing apparel, mattresses, carpets, etc., which are contaminated or suspected, should be disinfected in stoves at normal pressure, or at a pressure of from one and-a-half to two degrees, with or without the presence of steam.

Before a stove is passed as efficient for the purposes of disinfection, it should be subjected to a test, with the aid of a signal thermometer, showing the moment when the temperature in the middle of a mattress rises to at least 100° (centigrade).

To ensure that the disinfection is effective, this temperature must be maintained for from 10 to 15 minutes.

Disinfecting solutions—

(a) Solution of corrosive sublimate, of 1 part in 1,000, with the addition of 10 parts of chloride of soda.

The solution should be coloured with aniline dye or indigo. It should not be placed in metal vessels.

(b) A 5 per cent. solution of pure crystallized carbolic acid, or 5 per cent. of crude commercial carbolic acid, in a warm solution of soft soap.

The carbolic solutions will be useful, more particularly for disinfecting articles, such as metals, instruments, etc., which can neither be subjected to a temperature of 100° centigrade, nor placed in contact with corrosive sublimate. They may also be used at ports not provided with a disinfecting stove of the prescribed pattern.

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL.
No. 4342Medl.



CALCUTTA, THE 21ST AUGUST 1897.

FROM C. E. A. W. OLDHAM, Esq.,

Offg. Secretary to the Government of Bengal,

TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

SIR,

UNDER instructions contained in the letter from the Government of India in the Home Department, No. ^{6-Sany.}/₆₀₄, dated the 20th February 1897, I am directed to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, a copy of revised Plague Notification No. 3, dated the 17th August 1897, which has been issued by this Government, prescribing rules for the inspection of vessels leaving the ports in this Province for non-Indian ports.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C. E. A. W. Oldham".

Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.