

Marine (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 244 Marine

DATED 22 March 1898.

[Despatch Abstract.]

*Epidemic Diseases Act: Pro Local and Municipal
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with reference to Co. No. 169 dated 8 March 1898.*

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Bombay forwarding copies
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GENERAL DEPARTMENT (PLAGUE).

Bombay Castle, 15th February 1898.

No. 943—1148-p.—In continuation of Government Notification No. 1204—702-p, dated the 5th March 1897, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to prescribe the following additional rule for the City and Island of Bombay under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897:—

The Plague Committee or any Plague Authority specially authorized by them in this behalf may take possession of and occupy any vacant ground or empty building for the purpose of any camp, hospital, latrine, deposit of sweepings, warehouse or office: such monthly rent or other compensation being afterwards paid to the owner or tenant of such land or building as may be fixed by the Plague Committee.

By order of His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council,

A. WINGATE,
Secretary to Government.

Abstract published in the Gazette vide No. 169 dated 8.3.98

Notification.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT (PLAGUE).

Bombay Castle, 18th February 1898.

No. 1049—1272-P.—In exercise of the powers delegated by the Governor General in Council under Section 2 (3) of the Epidemic Diseases Act III of 1897, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to prescribe as a temporary measure the following rules for quarantine against plague applicable to vessels arriving at Aden, and to direct that they be substituted for the rules prescribed in Government Notification No. 6450—4275-P., dated the 20th November 1897:—

Rule I.—The commander of every vessel, including buggalows or other native craft arriving at Aden from an infected port shall, before entering the harbour, hoist a yellow flag (or if entering the port at night-time, exhibit two red lights one above the other at the main) and indicate by signal the port from which such vessel has come, and shall keep such flag and signals flying until permitted to take them down. The pilot on going alongside a vessel from an infected port shall direct the flag prescribed above to be hoisted if it has not been already done.

Rule II.—Such commander shall not, except as hereinafter provided, allow any communication, except orally, with the shore or with any other vessel or boat except the pilot boat, with which communication shall be limited to receiving the pilot who shall proceed straight to the bridge.

Rule III.—(1) All vessels passed as "healthy" according to the procedure prescribed in these rules, and carrying a qualified Medical officer shall be given 'pratique' even though ten days may not have elapsed since their departure from an infected port; provided that, in the case of a "healthy" vessel which has been in an infected port within ten days of its arrival in Aden, the following measures are to be taken before the crew or passengers are allowed on shore or mix with the local population:—

(a) The persons on board should be medically inspected.

(b) The soiled linen and personal effects of the crew and passengers which, in the opinion of the officer appointed for the purpose by the Resident, may be regarded as contaminated, should be disinfected.

(c) A watch should be kept over the health of the crew and passengers (until 10 days from the date of departure from the infected port).

(d) The crew should not be permitted to land except on duty and subject to such precautions as the officer appointed for the purpose by the Resident deems necessary.

(e) The bilge-water should be pumped out after disinfection and good drinking water should be substituted for the water stored on board.

(2) A vessel which carries no qualified Medical officer shall not be given pratique until ten days from the date of its arrival in Aden. Until the ten days' period has expired, such vessel shall, during its stay at Aden, remain at the quarantine anchorage appointed from time to time by the Resident by general or special order in this behalf. Until a vessel has been given pratique, it shall have no communication with the shore.

Rule IV.—On the arrival of a vessel whose destination is Aden, an officer appointed for the purpose by the Resident shall go alongside and ascertain whether ten days have or have not expired since its departure from an infected port.

(a) If ten days have expired since its departure from an infected port, and if it carries a qualified Medical officer, the officer appointed for the purpose shall board the vessel and make such inquiries and inspection as he thinks necessary and may require a declaration on oath from the

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Medical officer of the vessel or the captain, or both, as to the existence of plague or suspected plague on board the vessel either during the voyage or before its departure. He shall then declare whether the vessel is "healthy," "suspected" or "infected," as defined in Rule VII. If he is satisfied that the vessel is "healthy," it shall be given *pratique* forthwith. If he declares it to be "suspected" or "infected," it shall be dealt with in the manner prescribed in Rule VII.

(b) If on the arrival of a vessel it is ascertained that ten days have not expired since its departure from an infected port, the procedure to be followed will depend on the fact whether the vessel carries a qualified Medical officer or not. If it carries such an officer, the officer appointed for the purpose shall make such enquiries as he thinks necessary, and if he comes to the conclusion that the vessel is "healthy" he shall give it *pratique* subject to the measures prescribed in Rule III (1). If the vessel carries no qualified Medical officer it shall be detained at the quarantine anchorage until ten days have expired since its arrival* at Aden, after which the officer appointed for the purpose shall take the measures specified in clause (a) of this rule, and classify the vessel.

Provided, however, that the officer appointed for the purpose may, at any time before the expiration of the aforesaid period of ten days, make such inquiries and inspections as he thinks necessary, and if, as the result thereof, he comes to the conclusion that the vessel is "infected," he shall forthwith, and without waiting for the expiration of the ten days' period, order it to be treated as infected.

Rule V.—On the arrival of a vessel, which is onward bound, and which uses Aden as merely a port of call, the officer appointed for the purpose by the Resident shall go alongside and ascertain whether ten days have or have not expired since its departure from an infected port.

(a) If ten days have expired since its departure from an infected port and if it carries a qualified Medical officer, and if the officer appointed for the purpose is permitted to make such inspection as he thinks necessary, and, as the result thereof and as the result of any inquiries he may make, is satisfied that the vessel is "healthy," the vessel shall be given "*pratique*." Otherwise it shall remain in quarantine at the anchorage appointed for the purpose by the Resident during its stay in port: no persons shall be landed therefrom except at the quarantine camps appointed by the Resident, and no communication with the shore or with other vessels shall be allowed except the landing of mails in quarantine and the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers in quarantine.

(b) If ten days have not expired since its departure from an infected port, the procedure to be followed will depend on the fact whether the vessel carries a qualified Medical officer or not. If it carries such an officer the officer appointed for the purpose shall make such enquiries as he thinks necessary, and if he comes to the conclusion that the vessel is "healthy" he shall give it *pratique* subject to the measures prescribed in Rule III (1), provided that such a vessel may instead of seeking free *pratique* remain in quarantine at the quarantine anchorage appointed for the purpose during its stay in port. If the vessel carries no qualified Medical officer it shall be detained at the quarantine anchorage during its stay in port.

N.B.—No inspection of a vessel under Rules IV and V shall ordinarily be made except by day-light.

Rule VI.—These rules shall not prevent the transshipment, in quarantine, of passengers or other persons or mails or cargo from a vessel in quarantine to another, provided that thereafter the latter vessel shall be in quarantine.

* NOTE.—Cf. Rule III (2).

Rule VII.—For the purposes of these rules a "healthy" vessel means—

"A vessel,* even though coming from an infected port, which has had no death from, or case of, plague on board, either before departure, during the voyage, or on arrival."

A "suspected" vessel means—

"Any vessel, on board which there has been a case of plague at the time of departure or during the voyage, but on which no fresh case has occurred for twelve days."

An "infected" vessel means—

"Any vessel with plague on board, or on board which one or more cases have taken place within twelve days."

The only measures which the authorities of the port of arrival may enforce with regard to "healthy" vessels are those which are prescribed for "suspected" vessels (medical inspection, disinfection, pumping out the bilge-water and the substitution of good drinking water for the water on board), except that the measures prescribed for the disinfection of the vessel itself may not be enforced in the case of healthy vessels.

The following treatment is prescribed for "suspected" and "infected" vessels, respectively:—

Suspected vessels are subject to the following measures, which will be carried out under the orders and supervision of the officer appointed for the purpose:

- 1.—Medical inspection.
- 2.—Disinfection; the soiled linen and personal effects of the crew and passengers, which in the opinion of the officer appointed for the purpose may be regarded as contaminated, should be disinfected.
- 3.—Pumping out the bilge-water after disinfection and the substitution of good drinking water for the water stored on board.
- 4.—Disinfection of all parts of the vessel which have been inhabited by plague patients, and any other measures of disinfection that may be ordered by the officer appointed for the purpose.

A watch should be kept over the health of the crew and passengers for ten days from the date of arrival of the vessel; and the crew should not, without the special permission of the officer appointed for the purpose, be allowed to land, except on duty, and subject to such precautions as he deems necessary.

Infected vessels are subject to the following rules:—

- 1.—The sick will be immediately disembarked and isolated.
- 2.—The other persons on board should also, if possible, be disembarked and kept under observation or surveillance† for a period varying according to the sanitary condition of the vessel and the date of the last case, but which must not exceed ten days.
- 3.—The soiled linen and personal effects of the crew and passengers, which in the opinion of the sanitary authority of the port may be considered as *infected*, will be disinfected.
- 4.—The bilge-water will be pumped out after disinfection, and good drinking water will be substituted for the water stored on board.
- 5.—All parts of the vessel which have been inhabited by plague patients should be disinfected, and such other measures of disinfection shall be taken as may be ordered by the officer appointed for the purpose.

* NOTE.—Vide Chapter II, Section VII of the Venice Convention Regulations.

† The expression 'observation' means segregation of the passengers, either on board a vessel or in a lazaretto, till they have obtained *free pratique*. The expression 'surveillance' means that the passengers will not be isolated; they will at once obtain *free pratique*, but on arriving at their destination they will be kept under medical surveillance.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

*From the Government of Bombay, General
Deptt. No. 1407, dated 23^d Feby. 1898, for-
warding for information copies of noti-
fications issued under the Epidemic
Diseases Act of 1897.*

Order No. 203 P. Mis. of 14th March 1898.

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(True Extract)

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for ag. Secretary to Govt.
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*The Marine Deptt.
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Rule VIII.—The Resident shall have full power, subject to any orders that may be issued by the Government of Bombay, to make regulations or pass orders regarding the detention under observation of persons who are open to suspicion as likely to carry infection of plague and who in the event of plague developing might be difficult to find, as also regarding persons who are merely passing through Aden *en route* for African ports, and regarding the administration of quarantine camps and hospitals, whether ashore or afloat, and regarding quarantine anchorages, and all persons concerned shall be bound to obey such regulations and orders. Any vessel objecting to submit thereto, or to any of the measures indicated in these rules, shall, however, be free to put back to sea.

Rule IX.—Any mails or cargo which may be brought by any vessel arriving from an infected port shall be landed under such precautions as the officer appointed for the purpose may deem necessary to prevent the spread of the disease.

Rule X.—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.

Rule XI.—All vessels arriving at Aden, which may have communicated with vessels coming from an infected port, shall be subjected to the same rules as vessels arriving at Aden from an infected port.

Rule XII.—All vessels which have undergone medical inspection and quarantine in the manner above prescribed should have the fact clearly stated on their bills of health.

By order of His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council,

A. WINGATE,

Secretary to Government.

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