

Marine (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 335 Marine

DATED 4 May 1898

[Despatch Abstract.]
Quarantine. Pros: Political Dept. counting for
necessary action, letter from the Resident in Travancore
& Cochin forwarding copies of the rules for — against plague
passed by the ^{Travancore} Dubar and requesting to send them to
certain Port Officers, copied to the Presidency Port Officer.

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From

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to the Presidency Port
office.

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SUBJECT.

Communicating for the necessary
action as regards port officers
in the Madras Presidency rules
for quarantine against plague
passed under Section 2 of
Regulation II of 1873.

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Rules for quarantine against plague passed under
section 2 of Regulation II of 1073.

1. These Rules shall come into force at once in all the ports of the Travancore State and shall cancel all previous Rules on the subject.
2. In these Rules (1) "Vessel" includes anything made for the conveyance by water of human beings or of property.
 - (2) "Port Officer" includes any person acting under the authority of Government in charge of Port discipline.
 - (3) "Master" when used in relation to any vessel means any person (except a pilot or harbour master) having for the time being the charge or control of the vessel.
 - (4) "Sanitary authority" means the Division Peishcar or the President of every Town Improvement Committee, the area under whose jurisdiction includes or abuts on any part of a customs port; and the jurisdiction of every Sanitary authority shall for the purposes of these Rules extend to seaward for a distance of three miles beyond low-water mark on all parts of the coast-line bounding the area ordinarily under its jurisdiction.
 - (5) "Port Health Officer" includes any duly qualified medical practitioner appointed by Government to act in the execution of these rules.
 - (6) "Observation" means segregation either on board a vessel, or in an isolation camp or place.
 - (7) "Surveillance" means that the persons subjected to it will not be isolated; they will at once obtain free pratique, but will be kept under medical supervision.
 - (8) "Infected" used with reference to a vessel denotes any vessel with plague on board, or on board which one or more cases have taken place within twelve days.
 - (9) "Suspected" used with reference to a vessel denotes 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.
 - (10) "Healthy" used with reference to a vessel denotes any vessel which has come from or which during the voyage has touched at an infected port, but which has had no death, or case of plague on board, either before departure, during the voyage or on arrival.
3. The master of every "infected," "suspected," or "healthy" vessel shall, when within three miles of the coast of any part of Travancore, cause to be hoisted at the foremast head the Commercial Code flag Q being a yellow flag, and shall keep the same displayed during the whole time between sunrise and sunset. If any person on board such vessel be at the time suffering or suspected to be suffering from the plague, the master shall also hoist the Commercial Code flag R below the yellow flag Q. Any such vessel arriving at a port after dark shall hoist on coming to an anchor one *white* light at the foremast head and one *red* light at the mainmast head.
4. The master of any such vessel shall before arriving at an anchorage pump out the bilge water, if possible after disinfection, and pass fresh sea-water over the parts that have been in contact with the bilge water. The bilge water shall not be discharged within port limits.
5. The Port Officer on the arrival of any vessel displaying the flag or flags or light or lights aforesaid, or if he ascertains from the master of such vessel, or otherwise has reason to believe, that the vessel is *infected*, *suspected* or *healthy* from an infected port, shall detain such vessel, or order the master forthwith to moor or anchor the same in such place as may be fixed by him, and the master shall moor or anchor accordingly. Provided that in the case of any ship which has not communicated with the shore, the master, if he objects to submit to the obligations imposed by these Rules shall be free to put back to sea. In such case the Port Officer shall send immediate information to the Sanitary authorities of the Port.
6. While a vessel shall be so detained, no person shall leave the same.

22. Any person detained under *observation* or placed under *surveillance* who is certified by the Port Health Officer or by the senior Medical Officer present at the station acting under Rule 19, to be suffering from plague, or from any illness which such Officer suspects may prove to be plague, may be taken to such hospital or ward or observation camp or other suitable place as may be appointed for that purpose by the Sanitary authority of the port or place, and detained there until his recovery, or for such period, not exceeding ten days, as may be necessary for ascertaining whether his illness is, or is not plague. The said person shall be bound to remain in the place where he is detained and to follow such instructions as the sanitary authority may prescribe.

23. The Port Health Officer shall, in the case of every vessel certified to be infected or suspected, give directions for the disinfection of all parts of the vessel which have been inhabited by plague patients and he may also give such other directions for the more thorough disinfection of the vessel as may appear to him to be necessary for preventing the spread of infection. The master of the said vessel shall forthwith carry into execution all such directions.

24. In the event of any death from plague on board such vessel while detained under these Rules the Master shall, as directed by the sanitary authority, or the Port Health Officer, either cause the dead body to be taken out to sea and committed to the deep properly loaded to prevent its rising, or shall deliver it into the charge of the Sanitary authority or the Port Health Officer for disposal, if the former procedure be not in accordance with caste or race customs.

25. The Master shall cause to be destroyed any articles on board his vessel that may have been soiled with plague discharges and he shall also cause to be disinfected or destroyed the clothing and bedding, and other articles of personal use likely to retain infection which are on board his vessel and which have been used by any person who has suffered from plague on board such vessel, or who, having left such vessel, shall have suffered from plague during the stay of any such vessel in the port. If the Master shall have neglected to do so or have done so ineffectually before the vessel arrives in port, he shall forthwith, upon the direction of the Sanitary authority or the Port Health Officer, cause the same to be disinfected or destroyed to the satisfaction of that authority, and in accordance with the instructions as to disinfection that may be laid down for guidance. If the said master neglect to comply with any such directions within a reasonable time, the Sanitary authority or the Port Health Officer shall cause the same to be carried into execution at the expense of the said vessel.

26. Provided facilities exist for obtaining suitable water in the port, the Master shall, on the direction of the Port Health Officer, cause all tanks in an infected or suspected vessel to be completely emptied and cleaned and disinfected in such manner as the Port Health Officer may direct and fresh water to be taken in. The Port Health Officer may also, if he thinks necessary, give like directions in the case of a healthy vessel. The Master of the vessel shall forthwith carry any such direction into execution.

27. Any mails or cargo which may be brought by any vessel subject to these Rules may be landed under such precautions as the Port Health Officer may deem necessary to prevent the spread of the disease.

28. It will be the duty of the Port Officer to facilitate the conveyance to all vessels detained under these Rules of such supplies of provisions, stores or other articles as may be required by those on board. Such supplies will be placed on the boats of the vessel, to be subsequently removed by the crew.

29. Any person disobeying or contravening any of the foregoing Rules shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under section 138 of the Indian Penal Code, and shall be liable on conviction to be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to one thousand Rupees or with both.

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum,
14th October 1897.

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Political Department.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

From the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, Ref.
on C.No.1085, dated 15th April 1898:—

At the instance of the Dewan of Travancore I have the honour to forward herewith 18 copies of the rules for quarantine against plague passed by the Durbar under the date the 14th October 1897 and to request that Government will be pleased to have copies communicated to the Port Officers of the following places:— Bombay, Goa, Mangalore, Cannanore, Calicut, Beypore, Cochin, Calcutta, Tuticorin, Colombo, Mora, Karanja (Bombay), Ponani, Jaffna (Ceylon), Kavalpattam (Tinnevely District), and Kulasakarapatam (Tinnevely District).

O R D E R:—No.298, dated 2nd May 1898.

Communicated to the Marine Department for the necessary action as regards Port officers in the this Presidency.

2. Copies of the rules will also be communicated to the Government of India, Foreign Department, to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, to the Government of Bombay and to other local Governments and administrations.

(True Extract)

To

The Marine Department. (with 18 copies of rules)

Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

for Chief Secretary

Note Spare copies will follow

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