

Letter from the Government of India forwarding a copy of certain correspondence regarding the imposition of — in the Straits Settlements against arrivals from Calcutta, ordered, with remark, to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From R. NATHAN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India (Home Department—Sanitary P.), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Marine Department, dated Simla, 16th May 1899, No. 1697.

Telegram to the Secretary of State, No. 823, dated 28th February 1899.

Telegram from the Secretary of State, dated 22nd March 1899.

Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 71, dated 13th April 1899, and enclosures.

I am directed to forward, for the information of the Governor in Council, a copy of a correspondence with Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India regarding the imposition of quarantine in the Straits Settlements against arrivals from Calcutta.

ENCLOSURES.

Telegram from His Excellency the Viceroy, Calcutta, to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, London, dated 28th February 1899, No. 823.

(1) Straits Settlements have imposed nine days' quarantine against Calcutta. This is opposed to Venice Convention. Kindly have the order rescinded.

Telegram from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, London, to His Excellency the Viceroy, Calcutta, dated 22nd March 1899.

(2) Your telegram of 28th February last. Nine days' quarantine at Straits applies only to coolie ships in accordance with Venice Convention. A despatch on the subject will follow.

Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 13th April 1899, No. 71, Revenue.

(3) With reference to your Excellency's telegram, dated 28th February, and to my telegraphic reply of 22nd March, I forward, for the information of your Excellency, a copy of correspondence with the Colonial Office* regarding the imposition of quarantine in the Straits Settlements against arrivals from Calcutta.

Quarantine in the Straits Settlements.

* To Colonial Office, dated 9th March 1899.

From " " 16th " "

To " " 1st April " "

2. It will be seen that the special precautions referred to in your telegram relate only to coolie emigrant ships.

From A. GODLEY, Esq., to the Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office, dated India Office, 9th March 1899, No. R. and S. 622.

(4) I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to inform you that the following telegram has been received from the Government of India: "The Straits Settlements have imposed nine days' quarantine against Calcutta. This is opposed to Venice Convention. Kindly have the order rescinded."

Lord George Hamilton gathers from this telegram that a quarantine of nine days has been imposed by the Government of the Straits Settlements upon all arrivals from Calcutta, even though they be not either infected or suspected; and as that Government were informed by the Colonial Office Circular of 24th May 1897 that the Venice Convention would, after ratification, apply at once to that Colony, I am to request that you will move Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to take such action as he may see fit on the Viceroy's telegrams.

From C. P. LUCAS, Esq., to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated Colonial Office, Downing Street, 16th March 1899, No. 6176/99.

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, R. and S. 622, of the 9th instant, on the subject of quarantine in the Straits Settlements against arrivals from Calcutta.

2. On receipt of this letter a telegram was addressed to the Governor of the Straits Settlements calling for a report on the subject, and I am to enclose a copy of Sir C. Mitchell's reply.

3. It would appear from this telegram that the measures complained of are only applied to coolie emigrant ships (or crowded vessels), which, as the Secretary of State for India is doubtless aware, are specially exempted by section 8 of Chapter II of the Venice Sanitary Convention from the regulations therein laid down, and are left to be dealt with at the discretion of the Government concerned.

4. Mr. Chamberlain proposes, unless His Lordship sees any objection, to telegraph to Sir Charles Mitchell to the effect that the measures to be taken with regard to coolie emigrant ships can be left to his discretion, on the understanding that other vessels are dealt with strictly in accordance with the terms of the Convention. He will also be requested to furnish a full report on the regulations adopted with regard to arrivals from Calcutta.

5. Mr. Chamberlain will be glad to be favoured with an early answer to this letter.

Telegram from Governor Sir C. B. H. MITCHELL, to Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, Colonial Office, 13th March.

(6) Referring to your telegram of 11th March, Venice Convention allows extraordinary precautions for coolie emigrant ships like those from India and China. Surveillance of passengers landed absolutely impossible present. Extraordinary precautions have during four years successfully excluded bubonic plague, though other countries surrounding contaminated. Beg earnestly that Her Majesty's Government may adopt my interpretation of convention, but otherwise, increased danger this huge entrepôt becoming contaminated.

From HORACE WALPOLE, Esq., to the Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office, dated India Office, 1st April 1899, No. R. and S. 801.

(7) I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th March, and to inform you in reply that Lord George Hamilton approves of the telegram which Mr. Secretary Chamberlain proposes to send to the Governor of the Straits Settlements on the subject of quarantine against Calcutta, and that the Government of India will be informed accordingly.

ORDER—No. 493, Marine, dated 3rd June 1899.

Ordered to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. It will now be seen that the nine days' quarantine at the Straits Settlements, imposed in the notification of that Government re-published with Marine Department notification No. 13 on page 191, Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 14th February 1899, applies only to coolie ships.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. P. Seetharam.

READ the following:—

Letter from the Government of India, Home Department,
No. 1697 Sanitary, dated 16 May 1899.

No. 493 heard 3 June 88

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Circulated to

H.E. the Governor.

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To the & a.o.
" Public Dept
" Political Dept
" Lt & M. Dept
" Supdt. Fort Messy

Home (189 9) Department.

CURRENT No. 691.

From The Govt of India

No. 1697.

Dated 16 May 99.

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Enclosures (75c)

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding Copies of Certain
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imposition of quarantine
in the Straits Settlements
against arrivals from
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Received Colonial Office, 7 A.M., 13th March.

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HORACE WALPOLE.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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From

R. Nathan, Esq.,
Under Secy: to the Govt: of India.

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The Secretary to the Government of Madras.
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Sir,

Your most obedt. Servant.

Nathan

Under Secy: to the Govt: of India.

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6/9/99