

Marine (1899) Department.

*Urgent*

G.O., No. 587 Mar

DATED 28<sup>th</sup> June 1899

20/6/99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Quarantine

Reendorsement of the Govt of India on Despatches from the Secretary of State for India embodying a letter from the Colonial Office relative to the — in the Straits Settlements against Coolie ships arriving from Calcutta, recorded, with reference to G.O. 493 and 580 Marine dated 3<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June 1899, respectively.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

Endorsement of the Government of India, Home Department (Sanitary—Plague), dated Simla, 20th June 1899, No. 1984.

Read—the following paper :—

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, 8th May 1899, No. 115, Revenue.

In continuation of my telegram of 22nd March, I forward, for Your Excellency's information, a copy of a letter from the Colonial Office relative to the quarantine in the Straits Settlements against coolie ships arriving from Calcutta.

ENCLOSURE.

From H. BERTRAM COX, Esq., to the Under Secretary of State, India Office, dated Colonial Office, Downing Street, 8th May 1899, No. 8825/99.

With reference to your letter R. & S.-801 of the 1st ultimo, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India, that the Governor of the Straits Settlements has reported that the vessels arriving from Calcutta, to which the quarantine regulations have been applied, are emigrant ships within the meaning of section 268 of the Merchant Shipping Act of 1894, and are, as a rule, very crowded.

The passengers are only detained for a period long enough to complete the incubation period of plague from the date of leaving the infected port. For instance, the "Sin Sang," of a nett tonnage of 1,776 tons, arrived at Penang on the 12th of March, eight days out of Port at Calcutta, landed 48 out of 73 passengers at the Jerejak quarantine station and obtained pratique on the 13th of March.

Mr. Chamberlain has accordingly informed Sir C. Mitchell that he has no objection to a continuance of these regulations, provided that they only apply to such emigrant ships, but that other vessels should be treated according to the rules of the Venice Sanitary Convention.

No. 1984.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras, for information, in continuation of Home Department letter No. 1697, dated the 16th May 1899.

(By order.)

SIMLA,  
20th June 1899.

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

ORDER—No. 587, Marine, dated 28th June 1899.

Recorded with reference to the undermentioned orders :—

G.O., No. 493, Marine, dated 3rd June 1899.  
" " 580, " " 27th "

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.  
" Public Department.  
" Political Department.  
" Local and Municipal Department.

Exd. A. Rungasawmy Aiyangar.

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Marine (1899) Department.

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*28.5.87 Mar of 28 June 1899*

Recorded with From The Govt of India  
reference to the under- (Home Dept.)  
mentioned orders

G.O. 493, Marine, dated 3rd June 1899 No. 1984  
580 " " 27 " "

*R.S.*  
The S.S.O. ✓ *W.H.D.*  
" Public Dept. 28.6.99  
" Political " "  
" L.M. " "  
Dated 20-6-99  
Received } 27-6-99  
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SUBJECT.

*R.K.*  
Kindly put a copy of the  
Merchant Shipping Act  
of 1894.  
I am forwarding a copy of a letter  
from the Colonial Office relative  
to the quarantine in the  
Straits Settlements against  
Coolie Ship arriving from  
Calcutta.

*H.C.*  
O.  
Please answer the query  
put by the Press as no copy  
of the Merchant Shipping  
Act is available here.  
3/7/99  
W. 20.  
15-39-0.

*H.C.*  
Query answered  
28.6.99  
W.H.C.  
27.6.99

Mar. 4-2-99: 113  
 112 of 4-2-99  
 17-1-99: 52  
 16-1-99: 49  
 17-12-98: 10249  
 10-11-96: 775

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Revenue,  
No. 115.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor General of  
India in Council.

MY LORD,

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I have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servant,

GEORGE HAMILTON.

8825/99.

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I am, &c.'\*

H. BERTRAM COX.

The Under Secretary of State,  
India Office.

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HOME DEPARTMENT,  
SANITARY ;  
PLAGUE

Simla, the 20<sup>th</sup> June 1899.

By order,

*Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.*

To The Gent. Galladras.