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Coming to the President
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rule framed by the Govt of Bengal for
the inspection of vessels leaving the
port of Calcutta.

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To the

The Resdt in D.C. (Secy)

with 2 additional S.C.

Plague

Proceedings, Local and Municipal Department, embodying the revised rules framed by the Government of Bengal for the inspection of vessels leaving the port of Calcutta, communicated to the officers and departments concerned; and the notification of the Government of Bengal ordered to be republished in Maritime District Gazettes.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

G.O., Mis. No. 491 P., dated 29th March 1899.

Notification of the Government of Bengal, Municipal Department (Medical), dated Calcutta, 1st March 1899, Plague Regulation No. 14.

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 Regulation No. 14, dated the 10th October 1898, the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal is pleased to declare that all vessels and persons leaving the port of Calcutta for ports out of India or for the ports of Rangoon and Aden or any of the ports of the Madras Presidency shall be subjected to the rules in the Regulation hereinafter set forth:—

RULES.

1. *Medical inspection and bill of health.*—No vessel shall leave the port of Calcutta for any port out of India or for the ports of Rangoon and Aden or any of the ports of the Madras Presidency until she has been inspected by the Health Officer, 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 on shore at the time of embarkation, and are free from infectious disease dangerous to life and from the bubonic plague.

2. *Removal of infected persons.*—Should the Health Officer be of opinion that any person so inspected is suffering from the bubonic plague or is not free from the infection of the plague, such person shall be removed to a plague hospital or place of observation appointed by Government.

3. *Disinfection.*—All contaminated or suspected articles shall be thoroughly disinfected on shore, under the supervision of the Health Officer in the manner prescribed in appendix I.

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 clauses (b) and (c) of this rule, no port clearance shall be delivered to any vessel bound from Calcutta to any port out of India, or to the ports of Rangoon and Aden, or any of the ports of the Madras Presidency, 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 the Collector of Customs 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 to any vessel on the Agent giving a guarantee that he will, within 48 hours after the departure of the vessel, produce to the Collector a duplicate copy of the bill of health, as finally granted, signed by the Health Officer,

(c) If any Agent of a vessel who has given a guarantee under clause (b) fails to produce a duplicate copy of the bill of health as aforesaid, he shall be bound to cause the vessel to be remoored in the port of Calcutta within 48 hours after her departure.

6. *Health Officers.*—In these rules "Health Officer" means the Health Officer of the port of Calcutta, and includes an Assistant Health Officer and any person appointed by name or in virtue of his office to perform the duties of an Assistant Health Officer.

E. N. BAKER,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

ENCLOSURE.

BILL OF HEALTH.

This is to certify that the ship (or steamer) sailing under the flag and under the command of as Master, of tons, bound for 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 by day on shore at the time of embarkation.

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

† Or as the case may be.

APPENDIX I.

Under clothing, bedding, wearing apparel, mattresses, carpets, &c., which are contaminated or suspected, and other articles to be disinfected should be exposed for fifteen minutes to saturated steam—under pressure, if possible—at a temperature of not less than 100° C. (212°F.), care being taken that the steam shall reach all parts of each article to be disinfected.

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 free from tar oils in a warm solution of soft soap.

The carbolic solutions will be useful, more particularly for disinfecting articles, such as metals, instruments, &c., 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.

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| (1) The Bengal Chamber of Commerce | _____ |
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for information.

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Copy forwarded to the Sanitary Commissioner for information. He is requested to report the arrangements made for giving effect to the Regulation.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,)

(Signed) B. FOLEY,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

CALCUTTA,
3rd March 1899.

4 No. 324, MARINE, 11TH APRIL 1899.

ORDER—No. 324, Marine, dated 11th April 1899.

Communicated to the officers and departments concerned in supersession of the notifications contained in G.Os., No. 567, Marine, dated 1st July 1898, and No. 786, Marine, dated 13th September 1898.

2. The notification will also be republished in Maritime District Gazettes.

(True Extract.)

A. S. K. M. S.

Under Secretary to Government.



To the Presidency Port Officer.
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To, the Local and Municipal Department.
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