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Recording Pross, Marine Deptt., issuing
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Quarantine Regulations under the
Epidemic Diseases Act in all ports
of the Madras Presidency in supersession
of those now in force

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Forwarding Copy of Proceedings ordering the publication, in the Fort Saint George and all Maritime District Gazettes, of the notification prescribing the—under the Epidemic Diseases Act in all ports of the Madras Presidency, in supersession of those now in force.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O. No. 601, Marine, dated 6th July 1897.

ORDER—No. 745, Marine, dated 23rd August 1897.

Ordered that the following notification be published in the Fort St. George and all Maritime District Gazettes:—

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers delegated to him by the Governor General in Council under section 2, sub-section (3) of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to prescribe, under the said Epidemic Diseases Act, the following temporary regulations to be observed in all ports of the Madras Presidency. These regulations will supersede those now in force and which are published on pp. 601—604, Part I of the Fort St. George Gazette of the 11th May 1897.

1. In these regulations—

Definitions.

(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 Collector of the district, and the Municipal Council or Local Board, the area under whose jurisdiction includes or abuts on any part of a customs port. Where a customs port is included within or abuts on the jurisdiction of more than one of the authorities above mentioned, the Governor in Council shall appoint which of them shall be the Sanitary authority for the purpose of these regulations, or he may distribute among them, in such manner as he may deem fit, the duties imposed by these regulations. The jurisdiction of every Sanitary authority shall, for the purposes of these regulations, 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 a Sanitary authority or by the Local Government to act in the execution of these regulations.

(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.

2. (1.) "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.

(2.) "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.

(3.) "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 the Madras Presidency, 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 sun-rise and sun-set. 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. Regulations.

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, and 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 regulations 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 in India, Burma or Ceylon to which the vessel is bound or at which she is next about to call.

6. While a vessel shall be so detained, no person shall leave the same.

7. The Port Officer, on the approach to the port of any vessel displaying the flag or flags or light or lights aforesaid, or on his detaining any vessel as aforesaid, shall forthwith give notice thereof and of the cause of such detention to the Sanitary authority of the port, and also to the Port Health Officer.

8. The detention by the Port Officer of a vessel under Regulation 5 shall cease as soon as the vessel shall have been, as hereinafter provided, duly visited and examined by the Port Health Officer or, if the vessel shall, upon such examination, be found to be *infected* or *suspected*, as soon as the same shall be moored or anchored in pursuance of Regulations 9 and 13.

9. The Sanitary authority shall, as speedily as practicable, with the approval of the Port Officer, fix some place where vessels may be moored or anchored for the purpose of Regulation 13; and shall make provision for the reception of plague patients and other persons removed from vessels under these regulations. The place to be fixed as aforesaid, where any vessel may be moored or anchored for the purpose of Regulation 13, shall be some place within the jurisdiction of the Sanitary authority, unless the local Government otherwise orders, in which case the place so fixed shall, for the purposes of these regulations, be deemed to be within such jurisdiction.

10. On receiving the notice prescribed by Regulation 7 the Port Health Officer shall forthwith visit and examine the vessel, in regard to which such notice shall have been given, for the purpose of ascertaining whether she is *infected*,

suspected or *healthy*. He shall also do so if he have reason to believe that any vessel which has arrived or is within the jurisdiction of the Sanitary authority, whether detained by the Port Officer or not, is *infected* or *suspected* or has come from or touched at a port where plague prevails. The master of such vessel shall permit it to be so visited and examined and shall afford all reasonable facilities for such examination as the Port Health Officer may deem requisite.

11. For the purpose of ascertaining the state of the vessel as aforesaid, the Port Health Officer may demand from the doctor of the ship or, failing him, from the master a declaration on oath whether there has been or has not been a case of plague on the ship since her departure, or whether any person suffering or suspected to be suffering from the plague has left or been removed from the vessel prior to or during the voyage, and all particulars relative to any such circumstance; and the Doctor or the Master, as the case may be, shall be bound to make a true declaration to the best of his knowledge and belief.

12. When the Port Health Officer has made such examination as aforesaid, he shall forthwith give a certificate in duplicate in the following form, or to the like effect, and shall deliver one copy to the master and transmit the other to the Sanitary authority. He shall also, if the vessel is *infected* or *suspected*, give immediate information of the fact to the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

Certificate.

I hereby certify that I have examined the vessel _____ day of 189 .
_____, now lying in the port of _____, of
(or detained at _____) and that I find that she is
(a) "infected" with plague,
(b) "suspected," or
(c) "healthy" from an infected port (as the case may be).
(Signed)

Port Health Officer.

13. The master of any vessel certified by the Port Health Officer to be "*infected*" or "*suspected*" shall thereupon moor or anchor her if he has not already done so at the place fixed for that purpose under Regulation 9 where she shall remain until the requirements of these regulations have been duly fulfilled, and from which she shall not depart without the written or, where communication with the vessel is impracticable owing to stress of weather, the signalled permission of the Port Health Officer.

14. No person shall leave any such vessel until the examination hereinafter prescribed shall have been made.

15. (1) The Port Health Officer shall, as soon as possible after a vessel has been certified as *infected*, *suspected* or *healthy*, examine every person on board the same.

(2) If any person on board any such vessel is found to be suffering from plague, or from any illness which the Port Health Officer suspects may prove to be plague, the Port Health Officer shall certify accordingly. Every person who shall be so certified by him shall, if possible, be immediately disembarked and shall be detained for treatment in a suitable hospital or ward or isolation camp or other place.

(3) If the vessel is certified to be *infected*, all persons on board shall be kept under *observation* or *surveillance*, as the Port Health Officer may determine, and shall, if possible, be disembarked for the purpose.

(4) All persons kept under *observation*, whether on shore or on board the vessel, shall be detained for such period as the Port Health Officer shall in his absolute discretion prescribe with regard to the sanitary condition of the vessel and the date of the last case of plague which has occurred among the crew or passengers, but which shall not exceed ten days from the date of the occurrence of the last case of plague which has occurred on board, or which may subsequently occur among the persons detained in such camp or place as the Sanitary authority shall have appointed for the purpose of their detention or on board the vessel, after which they shall, if certified by the Chief Medical Officer on the spot to be free from the infection of plague, be permitted to proceed to their destination.

(5) If the vessel is certified to be *suspected* or *healthy*, all persons on board who may disembark shall be subjected to *surveillance* either at the port or at their destination as the Sanitary authority may direct, in the case of a *suspected* vessel for a period of ten days from the date of the arrival of the vessel in port, and in the case of a *healthy* vessel for the period necessary to complete a term of ten days from the date of the vessel's departure from the infected port last visited. In either case the Port Health Officer may place under *observation*, instead of *surveillance*, for a term not exceeding ten days from such vessel's arrival at the port any person whom he may consider to be in any way likely to carry the infection of the plague.

16. A clean Bill of Health shall not be granted to an *infected* vessel until all the requirements of these regulations have been complied with, nor until ten days have elapsed from the date of the last case of plague which has occurred on board; nor, if the person attacked has been treated on board, until ten days from the death or recovery of such person.

17. In the case of a vessel certified to be *suspected* or *healthy*, a clean Bill of Health shall be given provided the requirements of these regulations have been complied with and if ten days have elapsed since the vessel's departure from the infected port last visited. If ten days have not elapsed the vessel may be detained in quarantine at the discretion of the Port Health Officer for the time necessary to complete the period of ten days, the crew and passengers being placed during such period under *surveillance*. Free *pratique* granted at Colombo or at an intermediate Indian or Burmese port shall be recognized.

18. No port clearance shall be granted to any vessel which has been subjected to these rules unless with the written concurrence of the Port Health Officer.

19. No person detained for treatment or placed under *observation* shall leave the camp or place or vessel in which he is detained under treatment or *observation*, until the Chief Medical Officer present at the spot shall have certified that such person is free from the infection of the plague.

20. Every person placed under *surveillance* shall present himself for examination by the medical officer appointed for this purpose, by the Sanitary authority, at such times and places as such medical officer may direct.

21. If any person suffering from plague or from any illness which the Port Health Officer suspects may prove to be plague cannot be disembarked under

Regulation 15, he may be detained on board the vessel, which shall remain subject, for the purpose of this regulation, to the control of the Port Health Officer. Such person shall not be removed from or leave the vessel, except with the consent, in writing, of the Port Health Officer; and, if the illness from which such person suffered is, or proves to be, plague, the vessel shall be treated as an *infected* vessel.

22. Any person detained under *observation* or placed under *surveillance* who is certified by the Port Health Officer or by the medical officer appointed under Regulation 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 regulations 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 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 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 contained in the Appendix to these Regulations. 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 regulations 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 regulations 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. All expenses incurred by any Sanitary authority in carrying out these regulations shall be defrayed from Municipal or District or taluk Funds in such proportions as the District Collector may, subject to the orders of the Local Government, direct.

30. Any person disobeying or contravening any of the foregoing regulations shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under Section 188 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.

(True Extract.)

J. R. P. S. S. S. COLONEL, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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The Superintendent, Government Press, with Notification.
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