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Resolving Marine Dept. memo explaining that the quarantine rules published with G.O. No. 344 of 1897 are not inconsistent with the notice in G.O. No. 323 of 1897.

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G.O., No. 493, 28th May 1897.

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Quarantine Rules

Observing that the rules printed with G.O., No. 344, Marine, dated 8th April 1897, rendering inspection compulsory in the case of all vessels leaving for any port "out of India" and paragraph 2 of the notification printed with G.O., No. 323, Marine, dated 1st April 1897, directing Health officers to exercise their powers of inspection on all outward vessels for "whatever destination such vessels may be declared" are not inconsistent and should be acted on.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From A. E. CASTLESTUART STUART, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated Vriddhachalam, 19th May 1897, No. 1862.

I have the honour to request the favour of an authoritative ruling by Government on the following point:—

Is a vessel calling at the port of Cuddalore and bound thence for Bombay *via* Negapatam and Colombo liable to be inspected by the Port Health officer for the purposes of Act III of 1897 (the Epidemic Diseases Act)?

2. Under paragraph 2 of the notification ordered to be published by Government in G.O., No. 323, Marine, dated 1st April 1897, "all other officers appointed Health officers under the said Act or otherwise will exercise their powers in the case of all vessels leaving the ports for which they have been appointed, *for whatever destination such vessels may be declared.*"

3. In obedience to the terms of this notification which are printed in italics, the Health officer at the port of Cuddalore inspected the British India Steam Navigation Company's S.S. *Chanda* on 5th May 1897 before she left the port bound for Bombay *via* Negapatam and Colombo. The Commander took exception to this inspection, urging that as his vessel was not bound for "any port out of India" from Cuddalore, but directly for Negapatam—another port in India—no such inspection was necessary.

4. The notification ordered to be published by Government in G.O., No. 344, Marine, dated 8th April 1897, apparently lends support to the Commander's objection, though it would seem to be contradictory to the notification referred to in paragraph 2 *supra*. By the later notification—the former being also in force—His Excellency the Governor in Council was pleased "to declare that all vessels and persons leaving certain ports in the Madras Presidency, of which Cuddalore is one, *for ports out of India* shall be subjected to the regulations" therein formulated. Paragraph 2 of these regulations runs: "No vessel shall leave any such port *for any port out of India* until she has been inspected by the Health officer of the port," &c. The words which are printed in italics might be taken to mean that a vessel leaving Cuddalore directly for Negapatam—which is *not* "a port out of India"—need not be inspected by the Health officer, whereas the former notification makes it clear that Health officers are to exercise their powers "in the case of all vessels leaving the ports for which they have been appointed, *for whatever destination such vessels may be declared.*"

5. I venture to submit that, during the continuance of the plague epidemic, it is desirable that all vessels should be inspected at each of the ports specified in the later notification before leaving such ports for whatever declared destination.

ORDER—No. 493, Marine, dated 28th May 1897.

His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that the rules printed with G.O., No. 344, Marine, dated 8th April 1897, render inspection compulsory in the case of all vessels leaving for any port "out of India," and paragraph 2 of the notification printed with G.O., No. 323, Marine, dated 1st April 1897, directs Health officers to exercise their powers of inspection on all outward vessels for "whatever destination such vessels may be declared." There is nothing inconsistent in the rules as they stand, and as one rule is not declared to have superseded the other, both are in force, and should be acted on. The intention is to extend the power of inspection prescribed in the rules printed with G.O., No. 344, Marine, dated 8th April 1897. The order of dates of the two notifications was accidental.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
 „ Collectors of Maritime Districts.
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 „ the Local and Municipal Department.
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