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Recording G.O. No. 823, 21.9.97 from the Marine Dept. observing that the interpretation placed by the Govt. of India on Rule 15(3) of the Revised Quarantine Regulations issued vide G.O. No. 714 Marine d/23.8.97, is in accordance with the intention of the Madras Govt., & directing that the modifn of rule 15(5) proposed by that Govt. be adopted & notified.

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Revised Quarantine Regulations

Observing that the interpretation placed by the Government of India on rule 15 (3) of the — issued with G.O., No. 745, Marine, dated 23rd August 1897, is in accordance with the intention of the Madras Government, and directing that the modification of rule 15 (5) proposed by that Government be adopted and notified.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper :—

From J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Go vernment of India, Home Department (Sanitary), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Marine Department, dated Simla, 8th September 1897, No. 2091.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement, No. 746, Marine, dated the 23rd August, forwarding a copy of the notification of the Government of Madras, No. 745, Marine, of the same date, prescribing temporary regulations to be observed in all ports of the Madras Presidency to prevent the introduction of plague.

2. The regulations appear to the Government of India to be generally well adapted for the protection of the ports in the Madras Presidency, on the principles laid down in the Venice Sanitary Convention of March 1897. I am to make the following observations with regard to two of the rules: (i) rule 15 (3) provides that the healthy persons on board an infected ship shall, if possible, be disembarked for the purpose of being kept under *observation* or *surveillance*, and rule 15 (4) describes the manner in which the *observation* should be carried out on shore or on board the vessel. In paragraph 11 of my letter, No. 1624, dated the 1st June, stress was laid on the importance of landing the persons from an infected ship instead of detaining them on board. The Government of India understand that rule 15 (3) is intended to prohibit the detention of healthy persons on board an infected ship except when, through stress of weather or some other cause, it is absolutely impossible to land them. (ii) rule 15 (5) authorizes the Port health officer to place under observation persons from a *healthy* or *suspected* vessel for a term not exceeding ten days from the arrival of the vessel in port. This authorization goes beyond the provisions of the Venice Convention, which limit the medical supervision of the crew and passengers of a healthy ship to ten days from the date of departure from the infected port. The first portion of rule 15 (5), which deals with the subject of the surveillance of passengers, prescribes the period authorized by the Convention, and the Government of India consider that the second portion of the rule should be modified in the sense of the first portion. The modification could be effected by substituting for the words "for a term not exceeding ten days from such vessels arriving at the port," the words "for the above-mentioned terms" or other words to a like effect.

Order—No. 823, Marine, dated 21st September 1897.

His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that the interpretation placed by the Government of India on rule 15 (3) is in accordance with the intention of the Madras Government. Under the rule in question, all persons on board an infected vessel are, if possible, to be landed.

2. The proposed modification of rule 15 (5) will be adopted, and the rule amended accordingly.

Ordered that the following notification be published :—

NOTIFICATION.

Erratum.

In rule 15 (5) of the temporary regulations to prevent the introduction of plague into the ports of the Madras Presidency, and published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 31st August 1897, Part I, pages 1117 to 1119—

For the words "for a term not exceeding ten days from such vessel's arrival at the port",
Read "for the above-mentioned terms."

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent, Government Press.
„ the Surgeon-General with Government.
„ the Presidency Port Officer.
„ the Sanitary Commissioner, through the Public Department.
„ Collectors of Maritime Districts.
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