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under the Epidemic Diseases Act declaring
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out of India shall be subjected to the
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

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

ORDER—No. 790, Marine, dated 11th September 1897.

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

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Act III of 1897, the Epidemic Diseases Act, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to declare that all vessels out of India direct, shall be subjected, as a temporary measure, to the regulations hereinafter contained, and that the duties of health officers under these regulations shall be discharged by the medical officers named below, or by such other medical officer as may from time to time be appointed for the purpose by the Government or "Sanitary authority" as defined in the regulations published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 31st August 1897, the definitions contained in which are applicable to the regulations herein contained. These regulations will supersede those now in force for the inspection of outward bound vessels:—

Ports.	Health Officers.
Gopalpur	...Civil Apothecary.
Calingapatam	...do.
Baruva	...Hospital Assistant, Sompéta.
Bimlipatam	...Civil Apothecary.
Vizagapatam	...District Medical and Sanitary Officer, or, in his absence, the Assistant Surgeon of the District.
Cocanada	...Civil Surgeon, or, in his absence, the Assistant Surgeon in charge.
Masulipatam	...District Medical and Sanitary Officer, or, in his absence, the Assistant Surgeon of the District.
Madras	...Port and Marine Surgeon, and Officer in subordinate charge of the Port and Marine Dispensary.
Cuddalore	...District Medical and Sanitary Officer, or, in his absence, the Assistant Surgeon of the District.
Negapatam	...Civil Surgeon.
Tranquebar	...Civil Apothecary
Tuticorin	...do.
Pamban	...do.
Kilakarai	...Hospital Assistant.
Calicut	...District Medical and Sanitary Officer, or, in his absence, the Assistant Surgeon of the District.

Ports.	Health Officers.
Cochin	...Civil Surgeon, or, in his absence, the Assistant Surgeon in charge.
Tellicherry	...Civil Surgeon, or, in his absence, the Assistant Surgeon in charge.
Cannanore	...Civil Surgeon, or, in his absence, the Medical Officer in charge of the Central Jail.
Mangalore	...District Medical and Sanitary Officer, or, in his absence, the Assistant Surgeon of the District.

Regulations.

1. No person shall be permitted to embark on board a vessel within any such port bound direct for any port out of India who has within the preceding ten days resided in a part of India believed by the Health Officer of the port to be infected with plague. Any port may be declared "infected" by the Government or by the "Sanitary authority."

2. No deck passenger who appears to the Port Officer to belong to the labouring classes shall be permitted to embark on board a vessel at the port of Tuticorin bound for a port in Ceylon, until he or she has satisfied the Medical Officer of the Government of that Colony stationed at Tuticorin that he or she has not within the preceding ten days resided in a part of India infected by the plague and that he or she is free from infection with the plague and until the said Colonial Officer has so certified in respect of such passenger. The Health Officer of the port of Tuticorin shall not deliver a bill of health in respect of any such vessel, if there be on board any such passenger in respect of whom the Colonial Officer has not certified as aforesaid.

3. No vessel shall leave any such port for any port out of India, direct, until she has been inspected by the Health Officer of the port, and the master or person in charge of such vessel has obtained from such officer a bill of health or certificate in the form given below that the officers and crew of, and also the passengers (if any) by, such vessel are free from the bubonic plague:—

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 _____ with a crew of _____ persons* and passengers and laden with a cargo of _____ is at the time of leaving this port in a satisfactory sanitary condition and that no case of bubonic plague exists among her officers, passengers, or crew, all of whom have been inspected by me.

* Including officers and able-bodied seamen.

It is further certified that the town and port of _____ are at present free† from plague.

† Or as the case may be.

Provided that—
(i) a vessel which has obtained a clean bill of health at any port of the Madras Presidency shall not be liable to further inspection during the same voyage if there has been no case of plague on board meanwhile, and the vessel has not subsequently touched at any port which has been declared infected, or taken up passengers at other than inspection‡ ports; and

‡ proviso (1) does not apply to vessels sailing for Burma which must not be allowed to leave the port of Madras without medical inspection as prescribed in these regulations

(ii) all vessels belonging to the Ceylon Government which may leave ports in the Madras Presidency with emigrants for Ceylon shall be exempted from medical inspection.

4. The medical inspection of passengers and other persons prescribed in these regulations must be made of each individual by day, on shore, at the time of embarkation; provided that

* (i) in the case of vessels anchored in the Madras roadstead (i.e., outside the enclosed harbour) and at out-ports the inspection of officers and crew may be conducted on board; and

* In the case of the officers and crew of a vessel being brought on shore for inspection they may come in batches

(ii) in the case of a vessel starting from Calcutta and calling at Madras or any other port in the Madras Presidency on her way to Europe, neither the crew nor the passengers already on board need be brought on shore and inspected there. The form of bill of health under this proviso and under proviso (i) to Regulation 3 will be as follows:—

Bill of Health.

This is to certify that no case of bubonic plague exists among any of the passengers or other persons embarked at the port of _____ on board the ship (or steamer) _____ under the command of _____ as master bound for _____

† Or as the case may be.

It is further certified that the town and port are at present free from plague.

5. Vessels not leaving port before 6 A.M. of the day following the medical inspection may not leave without re-inspection and the grant of a fresh bill of health.

6. Should the Health Officer of the port be of opinion that any person on board of any vessel so inspected is suffering from the bubonic plague or from any illness which he suspects may prove to be plague, he shall refuse to give a bill of health as aforesaid unless and until such person together with his or her attendants and relatives and their baggage and personal effects have been removed from the vessel and such parts of the vessel as have been frequented by such persons shall have been disinfected to the satisfaction of the Health Officer. Such removal and disinfection shall be noted on the bill of health. The baggage and effects of such persons as are removed from or prevented from sailing in any vessel under this rule shall be disinfected on shore in such manner as the Port Health Officer directs before such baggage and personal effects are permitted on board any vessel.

7. All persons so removed shall be detained in a plague hospital or place of observation appointed by the Sanitary authority, as the case may be; and shall not leave such hospital or place until the Chief Medical officer present at the spot shall have certified that they are free from the infection of the plague.

8. After the master or person in charge of the vessel has obtained a bill of health under the provisions of these regulations no person or cargo† or goods of any kind shall be embarked or disembarked before the vessel leaves the

† Note—Mail bags are included in "cargo" under this Regulation.

port unless such vessel is again inspected by the Port Health Officer and another bill of health obtained from such officer by the master or person in charge of such vessel. If the necessity of a fresh inspection by the Port Health Officer under this regulation arises from any default or act of the master or agents of the vessel, of which the Port Officer shall be the sole judge, such fresh inspection shall not take place until after the payment to the Port Officer by the master or agents of such vessel of such fee for such inspection, not being less than five nor more than fifty rupees as the Port Officer in his sole discretion may order.

9. No port clearance shall be delivered to any vessel bound from any such port to any port out of India unless and until the master or person in charge thereof shall produce a bill of health obtained as aforesaid; and it shall be the duty of the Customs Officer to refuse delivery of the port clearance without the production of such bill of health.

10. 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.)

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