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REGULATIONS AS TO CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER, AND PLAGUE: SEABOARD LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

To all Local Authorities in Scotland, within whose District there is a Port or Harbour ;
 To all Officers of Customs ;
 To all Medical Officers of Health of the Local Authorities aforesaid ;
 To all Masters of Ships ;
 To all Pilots ;
 And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS, We, the Local Government Board for Scotland, by an Order bearing date the 7th day of November 1896, did make certain Regulations ;

And whereas the Public Health Act, 1896, 59 and 60 Victoria, chapter 19, under which the aforesaid Order was made, has been repealed (except the repeals therein contained) in so far as it relates to Scotland, by the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, 60 and 61 Victoria, chapter 38 ; and the said Order ceased to have any effect or force from and after the 1st day of January 1898 ;

And whereas We are empowered by Section 78 of the aforesaid Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, from time to time to make, alter, and revoke such Regulations as to Us may seem fit, with a view to the treatment of persons affected with any epidemic, endemic, or infectious disease, and preventing the spread of such diseases as well on the seas, rivers, and waters of Scotland, and on the high seas within three miles of the coast thereof, as on land ; and may declare by

what authority or authorities such Regulations shall be enforced and executed ;

And whereas by Section 85 of the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, it is enacted that Regulations of the Local Government Board for Scotland, in pursuance of Part IV. of the said Act, may provide for such Regulations being enforced and executed by the Officers of Customs and the officers and men employed in the Coastguard, as well as by other authorities and officers, and without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by Part IV., may provide for—

- (a) The signals to be hoisted by vessels having any case of epidemic, endemic, or infectious disease on board ; and
- (b) The questions to be answered by masters, pilots, and other persons on board any vessel, as to cases of such disease on board during the voyage or on the arrival of the vessel ; and
- (c) The detention of vessels and of persons on board vessels ; and
- (d) The duties to be performed in cases of such disease by masters, pilots, and other persons on board vessels ;

Provided that the Regulations shall be subject to the consent—

- (a) So far as they apply to the Officers of Customs, of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs ; and
- (b) So far as they apply to officers or men employed in the Coastguard, of the Admiralty ; and
- (c) So far as they apply to signals, of the Board of Trade.