

SECTION V.—Duties.

ART. 13.—The following shall be the duties of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Port Sanitary District for which he is appointed :—

- (1.) He shall inform himself as far as practicable respecting all influences affecting or threatening to affect injuriously the health of crews and other persons on ship-board within the District.
- (2.) He shall inquire into and ascertain by such means as are at his disposal the causes, origin, and distribution of diseases in the ships and other vessels within the District, and ascertain to what extent the same have depended on conditions capable of removal or mitigation.
- (3.) He shall by inspection of the shipping in the District keep himself informed of the conditions injurious to health existing therein.
- (4.) He shall be prepared to advise the Port Sanitary Authority on all matters affecting the health of the crews and other persons on ship-board in the District, and on all sanitary points involved in the action of the Port Sanitary Authority; and in cases requiring it he shall certify, for the guidance of the Port Sanitary Authority or of the Justices, as to any matter in respect of which the certificate of a Medical Officer of Health or a Medical Practitioner is required as the basis or in aid of sanitary action.
- (5.) He shall advise the Port Sanitary Authority on any question relating to health involved in the framing and subsequent working of such byelaws and regulations as they may have power to make.
- (6.) On receiving information of the arrival within the district of any ship or other vessel having any infectious or epidemic disease of a dangerous character on board, or of the outbreak of any such disease on board any ship or other vessel within the District, he shall visit the vessel without delay and inquire into the causes and circumstances of such outbreak, and advise the persons competent to act as to the measures which may appear to him to be required to prevent the extension of the disease, and, so far as he may be lawfully authorised, assist in the execution of the same.
- (7.) On receiving information from the Inspectors of Nuisances that his intervention is required in consequence of the existence of any nuisance injurious to health, or of any overcrowding in a ship or other vessel, he shall, as early as practicable, take such steps authorized by The Public Health Act, 1875, in that behalf, as the circumstances of the case may justify and require.
- (8.) He shall perform all the duties imposed upon him by any byelaws and regulations of the Port Sanitary Authority, duly confirmed, in respect of any matter affecting the public health, and touching which they are authorised to frame byelaws and regulations.
- (9.) He shall attend at the office of the Port Sanitary Authority, or at some other appointed place, at such stated times as they may direct.
- (10.) He shall from time to time report in writing to the Port Sanitary Authority his proceedings, and the measures which may require to be adopted for the improvement or protection of the health of crews or other persons on ship-board in the District. He shall in like manner report with respect to

the sickness and mortality of persons on ship-board within the District, so far as he has been able to ascertain the same:

- (11.) He shall keep a book or books, to be provided by the Port Sanitary Authority, in which he shall make an entry of his visits, and notes of his observations and instructions thereon, and also the date and nature of applications made to him, the date and result of the action taken thereon, and of every action taken on previous reports; and shall produce such book or books, whenever required, to the Port Sanitary Authority.
- (12.) He shall also prepare an annual report, to be made to the end of December in each year, comprising tabular statements (so far as he shall have been able to obtain the necessary information) of the sickness and mortality of persons on ship-board within the District, classified according to diseases, ages, and vessels; and a summary of the action taken during the year for preventing the spread of disease. The report shall also contain an account of the proceedings in which he has taken part or advised under The Public Health Act, 1875, so far as such proceedings relate to conditions dangerous or injurious to health and also an account of the supervision exercised by him or on his advice for Sanitary purposes, over places and vessels that the Port Sanitary Authority has power to regulate, with the nature and results of any proceedings which may have been so required and taken in respect of the same during the year.
- (13.) He shall give immediate information to the Local Government Board of any outbreak of infectious or epidemic disease of a dangerous character on ship-board within the District, and shall transmit to the Board a copy of each annual and of any special report.
- (14.) Where any vessel within his District has had dangerous infectious disease on board, he shall give notice thereof to the Medical Officer of Health of any Port within the United Kingdom whither such vessel is about to sail.
- (15.) He shall observe and execute, so far as they may be applicable to his office, the rules and regulations of the Local Government Board in force for the time being, and any instructions of the said Board, and the lawful orders and directions of the Port Sanitary Authority.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this nineteenth day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

L. S.

Charles W. Dilke,
President.

Hugh Owen, Secretary.

GENERAL ORDER of the Local Government Board.—Port Sanitary Authorities: Regulations with respect to Medical Officers of Health, no portion of whose Salaries is paid out of Moneys voted by Parliament.

To all Port Sanitary Authorities constituted as herein-after mentioned;—

And to all other persons whom it may concern.

WHEREAS by Provisional Orders made by the Local Government Board under Section 267