

on arrivals from French ports and from the Mediterranean. None received from infected ports.

(H. 6354.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, August 7, 1884.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of the Decree, of which a translation is annexed, which has been issued in Algeria on the subject of quarantine. Her Majesty's Consul-General at Algiers reports that, since the promulgation of this Decree, the quarantine on arrivals from Cette has been reduced to five days.

The Governor-General of Algeria, having regard to the Law of the 3rd March, 1882 :

Having regard to the Decree of the 25th May, 1878, which has given executive force in Algeria to the Decree of the 22nd February, 1876, containing General Regulations for Maritime Sanitary Police :

Having regard especially to Article 3 of this Decree, by virtue of which the Governor-General of Algeria exercises the functions in this matter of the Minister of Commerce :

Having regard to the opinion given by the Maritime Sanitary Council of Algeria, at its sitting of to-day's date : Decrees :—

ART. 1. Vessels from all French or other ports of the Mediterranean (including Gibraltar and Tangier), other than those of Algeria and Tunis, shall be subject on arrival in Algeria to be treated as if with foul bills of health and liable to a rigorous quarantine of which the duration is fixed as follows :—

Ten days, without counting the voyage, for vessels from Toulon, Marseilles, and Cette.

Five days, without counting the voyage, for vessels from all other ports.

Vessels from French or foreign ports not in the Mediterranean will, until further orders, be admitted to free pratique after the regular examination and interrogation.

ART. 2. The rigorous quarantine prescribed by Article 1 shall be undergone in one of the four lazarets of Matifou (Algiers), Mars-el-Kebir (Oran), Fort Génôis (Bona), or Ravin du Lion (Philippeville).

Merchandise classified by Article 53 of the Decree of the 22nd February, 1876, as in the 1st and 2nd Classes shall be unshipped at the lazaret and disinfected. Merchandise comprised in the 3rd Class can remain on board, but on condition that it there undergoes the measures of aération prescribed by the Sanitary Authority. Free pratique will not be allowed except after disinfection of the ship and of the effects of those remaining on board.

Done at Algiers, the 22nd July, 1884.

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*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, August 7, 1884.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the following copy of a Notice issued by the United States Government respecting quarantine, viz. :—

Treasury Department,

Washington, D.C., July 19, 1884.

IN view of the presence of an epidemic of cholera, the existence of yellow-fever, and the Oriental plague, abroad, the safety of the public health in this country demands the enforcement of rigid quarantine against the introduction of these diseases through vessels arriving at our ports. Therefore, in order to assist local authorities in the maintenance of quarantine as provided in

section 4792, Revised Statutes, the un repealed portion of the Act of April 29, 1878, and recent appropriation Acts authorizing the President to maintain quarantine at points of danger, the President has determined to establish, by means of the vessels of the Revenue Marine, a national patrol of the coast of the United States, so far as it may be practicable under existing law and consistent with the performance of the other duties confided to that service.

You are accordingly directed to cruise actively with the Revenue Steamer under your command upon the outer lines of your cruising grounds, and to exercise especial vigilance in speaking all vessels arriving from foreign ports, directing your inquiries, first, as to the port from which the vessel sails, and, secondly, as to the health of those on board at the time of departure, during passage, and at the time of hailing; and should the information gained indicate a condition of contagion or infection in the vessel or crew, or that the vessel has left a port at which contagious or infectious diseases were prevailing, her master will be directed to proceed for examination to the outer quarantine station provided for her port of destination.

The following regulations will be observed relative to the inspection of vessels :

If a vessel be found with sickness on board, or in a foul condition, she will be directed to proceed to the quarantine station hereinbefore indicated, and the revenue-marine officer will immediately notify the proper quarantine officer. In such case no person will be permitted to board the vessel until the medical officers in charge of the quarantine shall have given the usual permit.

Should the pilot or master of a vessel when hailed report cases of recent or present sickness on board, the revenue officer will not board, but will send her immediately to quarantine.

Quarantine officers will be recognized as follows, viz. :

Medical officers or acting assistant surgeons of the Marine Hospital Service, in charge of Gulf, South Atlantic, or Cape Charles quarantines, or any officer of said Service, on duty at any port on the interior rivers or the great lakes; and all quarantine officers acting under proper state or local authority.

Herewith is transmitted a list of the ports and places where contagious diseases exist at the date of this circular. This list will be amended from time to time and furnished by the Marine Hospital Service for your information.

Special regulations to aid local quarantine authorities will be promulgated hereafter, should occasion require. CHAS. J. FOLGER, Secretary.

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*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, August 7, 1884.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at Athens, dated the 6th instant, reporting that a quarantine of eleven days is imposed on arrivals from Italian peninsula, and five days observation on arrivals from French Atlantic ports.

*Science and Art Department, London,
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THE Lords of the Committee of Council on Education have received information through Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign