

(H. 6549.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, September 7, 1885.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the following translation of an Italian Government Ordinance:—

Ordinance of Maritime Health, No. 9.

The Minister of the Interior, with reference to the Law of March 20, 1865, cap. C, on public health, and to the Ministerial Instructions of December 26, 1871, in view of some cases of illness of a suspicious nature which have occurred during the past few days in a small commune of the Kingdom on the Mediterranean Coast, decrees:—

ART. 1. Sailing vessels and steamers which leave the Italian mainland or the surrounding islands which are in free communication with it on or after to-morrow (September 1st), for Sicily, Sardinia, and the smaller adjacent islands, must undergo five days' observation in the Port of Augusta for Sicily, and in the Gulf of Aranci for Sardinia, in which places two quarantine stations have been established for the anchorage of vessels under observation, under the direction of a special Sanitary Commission, and under the guard of ships of war. The disinfection of postal correspondence directed to those islands will also be provided for.

ART. 2. From henceforward sailing-vessels arriving from Spain, the French Mediterranean Coast, Algeria, Corsica, Tunis, and Gibraltar directed to the islands of Sicily or Sardinia, and the adjacent islets will also pass their period of quarantine in the Port of Augusta, or in the Gulf of Aranci.

This regulation is not applicable to ships already undergoing quarantine in the first-class ports of these islands.

ART. 3. In the event of any case of cholera or suspicious illness appearing on any vessel of the class mentioned in the preceding articles, that vessel shall be at once despatched to the quarantine station at Asinara, there to undergo strict quarantine of 21 days, the sick persons being transferred to the floating hospital.

ART. 4. No change is made by this Ordinance in the treatment of steamers from the places mentioned in Art. 2, whatever may be their destination. They shall continue to undergo quarantine in the Gulf of Asinara.

ART. 5. The Islands of Sicily, Sardinia, and the adjacent islets in which the above provisions come into force shall remain in free communication between themselves.

ART. 6. The parcels post for the Islands of Sicily, Sardinia, and the adjacent islets from the Italian mainland and the islands in free communication with it, will be suspended from to-morrow's date (September 1st), except for those parcels which contain disinfectants or medicines, provided they are packed in wooden boxes with straw or shavings.

The delivery of these parcels in the islands will take place under the regulations laid down for the postal correspondence.

ART. 7. Until further orders, consignments of rags, scraps, unwashed old clothes for commercial purposes, used bed linen, lint, and selvages from any point of the Italian mainland, as above laid down, to the Islands of Sicily, Sardinia, and the adjacent islands will also be prohibited.

ART. 8. Vessels engaged in coral fishing on the Sicilian banks will from henceforward break off all communication with the Italian mainland and islands in free communication with it, as well as with ships from the above-mentioned infected

places, and will draw all their supplies from the Island of Sicily.

ART. 9. In order to guarantee the observation of the preceding Article, each vessel must, within five days from the date of this Ordinance, take on board, at their own expense, a sanitary guard, who will be assigned to them by the harbour office nearest to the fishing bank.

ART. 10. Any vessels which disobey the regulations of the two preceding Articles will be compelled to retire from the fishing bank, with the application of the extreme penalties that can be imposed under the Penal Sanitary Law of July 31st, 1859, relative to all infractions of quarantine rules.

The Prefects of the Maritime Provinces of the Kingdom, the Harbour Postal Authorities, and the Custom House Officers, are charged with the execution of this Ordinance, as far as each department is concerned. For the Minister,

Rome, August 31, 1885. MORANA.

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*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, September 8, 1885.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Notice issued by the Portuguese Government, declaring the port of Singapore infected with cholera morbus.

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*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, September 8, 1885.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul-General at Odessa, reporting that all vessels arriving at Black Sea and Sea of Azoff ports from Japan and Sakhalin are to be subjected to a quarantine of fourteen days, and that all vessels arriving from Italy are to be subjected to a quarantine of observation of 24 hours.

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THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the following Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at Athens:—"Greek Government have imposed eleven days' quarantine on arrivals from the entire Italian Peninsula."

Admiralty, 4th September, 1885.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 22nd February, 1870—

Captain Sir Lambton Loraine, Bart., has been placed on the Retired List of his rank. Dated 31st August, 1885.

Staff Commander John James Atkins Gravener has been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank and title of Retired Captain. Dated 4th September, 1885.

Admiralty, 5th September, 1885.

THE undermentioned Engineers have been promoted to the rank of Chief Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet:—

Charles Rudd. Dated 12th August, 1885.

Robert Mayston. Dated 21st August, 1885.

Admiralty, 7th September, 1885.

Assistant-Paymaster Joseph William Chaster has been promoted to the rank of Paymaster in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 3rd September, 1885.