

and general duties in assuring the health of the public.

5. At the frontier stations through which a direct movement of passenger carriages passes into Austria, as soon as the presence of cholera in the neighbouring country is confirmed, care should be taken to arrange as much as possible that there should be a change of carriages made in those direct trains.

6. The expenses of the salaries of physicians and the carrying out of the disinfection of articles of clothing, so far as they are not paid by the travellers themselves, will be paid out of the State Treasury, and applications for the same must be made by the revising physician through the Minister of the Interior.

7. With regard to the travelling packages not examined at the frontier stations, the regulations of the 7th of September, 1884, p. 14,155, are to be followed.

8. The sanitary examination of vagrants arriving from foreign countries is to be specially attended to in accordance with the Decree of the 6th of August, 1884, No. 12,815.

The authorities are empowered and directed to carry out the articles of these regulations with the greatest exactitude as soon as the breaking out of cholera in a neighbouring country appears to be confirmed.

The Ministry of Trade and the Ministry of Finance have promised to give their active support to the local authorities, to help them to contend against the threatened peril with the greatest possible energy.

As soon as it appears desirable that these Regulations should come into force, notice must be sent to this office with as little delay as possible, with a request for particulars how best to protect the frontier of the Empire on the side of Russia (with Poland) and Roumania from a spread of the epidemic.

This is a correct copy,
SCHILLNOR, Director of the Department.
Vienna, August 15, 1885.

Copy of a Decree of the Ministry of the Interior to :—

1. The Viceregency in Innsbruck.
 2. The Viceregency in Trieste.
 3. The Local Government in Klagenfurt.
- on the 3rd of September, 1885, No. 14,514.

To all :—

From information received by the Ministry of the Interior from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the disquieting condition of health in certain parts of Italy, especially as made public in the latest Decree of the 1st of September of the Italian Ministry of the Interior, by which a quarantine is ordered for ships arriving in Sicily and Sardinia from the continent of Italy, it seems to be beyond dispute that the cholera epidemic has spread to the continental part of Italy.

In view of the greatly increased danger of cholera to which the Austro-Hungarian monarchy is thus exposed, it is necessary very strictly to carry out all the regulations for protection against it which were recognized as desirable last year.

It has therefore been decided, in connection with the Decree of the 4th of August last year, No. 12,717, to extend the powers of that Decree to arrivals from Italy, and to include under the regulations of the Decrees of the 29th of July, 28th of August, and 7th of September, 1884, Nos. 12,087, 13,921, and 14,155, referring to the medical examination of travellers from Italy and their luggage, the following railway stations :—

1. Ala.

2. Görz.
3. Pontafel.

To all :—

The revision of luggage not examined on the frontier, nor kept in the custody of the custom-house, and the surveillance of freight in connection with the arrival of dirty clothes, bedding, &c., soiled with the results of cholera, is to be performed in the same mode and with equal exactness as last year, in communication with the Ministry of the Interior.

By order of the revising physicians, the local authorities are desired to be careful to see that the disinfectants and the utensils are properly ready, and that they are used for the purpose to which they are destined, and not wasted.

To 2. In the case that later on it should be found necessary to order a change of waggons from this place, it may perhaps be desirable to alter the point of medical revision and customs-examination from Görz to Cormons, in which case the instructions given above will apply to Cormons.

To 1, 2, and 3. The greatest care is to be shown in the performance of these duties.

This is a correct copy.

(Signed)

Vienna, September 3, 1885.

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Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, September 22, 1885.

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Representative at Madrid, enclosing the following translation of a notice respecting quarantine issued by the Spanish Government, viz. :—

Circular.

To regulate the system of disinfection of vessels arriving from suspected or foul ports, His Majesty the King has been pleased to ordain the following :—

1. Suspected ports are those situated in infected provinces, though no case of cholera may have occurred in them within their municipal limits.
2. Infected ports are those where cholera cases have occurred within their municipal limits.
3. The appreciation of suspected and infected ports is to be made in view of the official statements contained in the Madrid Gazette.
4. Arrivals from suspected ports shall be subject to three days' observation in accordance with the hygienic measures given in Rule 2. of the Royal Order of 5th June, 1872. Noxious (contumez) cargo and luggage destined for the port of arrival must be discharged and disinfected at a convenient spot, selected in conjunction with the Board of Health. At other ports of call, whilst the vessel has on board noxious goods of suspected origin, these are to be disinfected at the spot selected for the purpose, as stated. Goods which are liable to deteriorate owing to the action of gases, are to be aired for a certain time, as ordered by the Director of the Port.

5. The expenses for the establishment of the stores necessary for disinfection and fumigation, and expenses incurred in airing, are to be defrayed by the Provincial Boards, the Municipalities, and the merchants interested. Where no such places can be permanently established, owing to the impossibility of finding a proper spot, or because the corporations and merchants will not give their consent, the consignees of vessels will defray the expenses incurred in obtaining a proper place, where, in accordance with the instructions of the