

(H. 7526.)
Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, October 10, 1893.

THE Board of Trade have received from Her Majesty's Consul at Alexandria the following Telegram, dated 8th instant, viz. :—"Ships from Naples admitted to free pratique after completing five full days."

(H. 7527.)
Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, October 10, 1893.

THE Board of Trade have received from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Madrid the following Telegram, dated 8th instant, viz. :—"Arrivals from Philippeville, Algeria, which left after 8th September declared foul. Free pratique granted to arrivals from Rotterdam which left after October 4, and to arrivals from Rio de Janeiro and Santos, in Brazil, which left after 27th September, and from Jersey City, United States, which left after 10th September."

(H. 7528.)
Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, October 10, 1893.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Colonial Office, the following Quarantine Notice, issued by the Governor of Malta, viz. :—

Government Notice. No. 159.

His Excellency the Governor, having heard the opinion of the Board of Health, has been pleased to revoke Government Notice, No. 146, of 7th September, 1893, and to direct that the following regulations be observed, viz. :—

1. Exclusion from the Harbour (Sfratto) with provisions for coaling under such restrictions as may in each case be directed by the Collector of Customs.

The following shall not be permitted to enter the Harbour, but may be allowed to coal and take provisions in strict quarantine, with the least delay, and subject to the orders of the Collector of Customs; and, shall in all cases be ordered, after coaling, to quit with all dispatch.

(a.) Vessels with pilgrims from the east;
(b.) Vessels having cases of cholera on board;
(c.) Vessels which have had on board a case of diarrhoea, cholera, or any disease with symptoms resembling cholera either among the passengers or the crew.

(d.) Vessels from North or South America when cases of yellow fever have occurred on board during the voyage;

(e.) Vessels arriving from Arabian ports in the Red Sea, which have not been admitted to free pratique at Suez and Port Said.

2. Quarantine for fifteen days to be reckoned from the commencement of the voyage with provision for handling cargo in quarantine.

The following shall be subject to a period of fifteen days' quarantine, but shall be permitted, under the directions of the Collector of Customs, to discharge goods (which are not susceptible of communicating contagion) by means of the vessel's crew on lighters, or to employ for handling cargo local labourers subject to fifteen days' quarantine, viz. :—

(a.) Vessels arriving from any port without a clean bill of health.

(b.) Vessels arriving from any German port in the North Sea, from Belgium, Holland, France, Kingdom of Italy, Austro-Hungary, Turkey in Europe in the Black Sea, Roumania, Russia in the Black Sea and Sea of Azov, ports in the

Dardanelles, Sea of Marmora, and the Bosphorus, Smyrna, Scio, Chesmé, Vilayet of Tripoli, Regency of Tunis and Algeria; should such vessels produce a certificate to the effect that they have been thoroughly disinfected at an intermediate port the said period shall be reduced to eleven days.

3. Medical Inspection.

All vessels arriving at Malta shall undergo strict medical inspection.

4. Passengers.

Passengers arriving by any vessel subject to quarantine are required to undergo the same restrictions as the vessels on which they arrive.

Passengers will not be permitted to land at Malta unless they declare on oath to the Port Authority that they have not resided or been in any German Port in the North Sea, Belgium, Holland, France, Kingdom of Italy, Austro-Hungary, Turkey in Europe in the Black Sea, Roumania, Russia in the Black Sea and Sea of Azov, Ports in the Dardanelles, Sea of Marmora and the Bosphorus, Smyrna, Scio, Chesmé, Vilayet of Tripoli, Regency of Tunis and Algeria for fifteen days previous to their arrival.

Passengers arriving direct from England on vessels having a duly qualified medical officer on board, are to be allowed to land without medical inspection, provided that the medical officer in charge on board shall declare on oath that during the voyage there has not been on board a case of dysentery, diarrhoea, cholera, or any disease with symptoms resembling cholera either among the passengers or the crew.

The declaration above referred to shall be countersigned by the master of the vessel.

No pilgrims travelling eastward are allowed to land.

5. Susceptible Goods.

The importation of cotton seed from any port subject to quarantine is forbidden.

Such article may continue to be imported from non-infected ports provided the same be accompanied by a British Consular Certificate, stating the place of origin, and the fact that cholera is not prevailing nor has prevailed of late in that place.

The importation of rags, raw silk, hair, and feathers is prohibited.

The importation of soiled wearing apparel before disinfection is prohibited.

The importation of vines, vine shoots, vine leaves or roots from any port of the Mediterranean is prohibited.

The importation of grapes, poles, or supports used in the cultivation of vines, vegetable earth, vegetable or mixed manure, is prohibited, unless the importation is accompanied by a sworn declaration, made by the shipper before the British Consular Authority of the place of its origin, to the effect that the shipment does not contain vine plants or cuttings, or that its contents come from nurseries, hothouses, fields, or gardens which are at least 200 yards distant from the nearest vines or vineyards, and that moreover the Phylloxera is not known to exist at the place of origin.

Provided, however, that the Collector of Customs may grant permission for the importation of plants, and vegetable produce under proper restrictions when application has been made and the precautions necessary are established before the shipment leaves the place of origin.

By command,

G. CARBONE,

Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

Palace, Valletta, October 3, 1893.