

British Consular Authority, by the local Government Authority of the places of origin and embarkation.

5. Vessels arriving in this Island, having on board more than 150 head of cattle (bovine), are to go into the quarantine harbour, and the cattle are to be inspected in the cattle enclosures of the lazaretto.

6. The importation of cattle from the Black Sea, Sea of Azov, Roumelia and Algeria, not otherwise prohibited, and the importation of horses, mules, and asses from the ports mentioned in Article 3, may be permitted, subject to the undermentioned conditions; provided that, in the opinion of the Chief Government Medical Officer, such cattle are not affected with disease so that they may be admitted in the lazaretto without detriment to cattle already in the Island:—

(a.) Cattle from the Black Sea, Sea of Azov, and Roumelia, shall only be admitted to the enclosures which may be assigned or approved for that purpose at the lazaretto, and they shall be subjected to isolation and observation for three months, and those from Algeria for fifteen days.

(b.) Application must be made for leave to import, and permission is to be obtained in writing from Government in each case before shipment, stating the approximate number of the animals intended to be shipped. No cattle shall be allowed to be landed unless the consignee has obtained such leave from Government and agreed to abide by any regulations which may be established.

(c.) The application referred to in the preceding Article shall imply that the applicant has consented to pay the usual fees for entrance into the lazaretto and for guards and extraordinary expenses on each head of cattle, besides 2s. 6d. on each head of cattle per month or part thereof in cases in which it is found necessary to keep cattle in the lazaretto for a longer period than fifteen days.

(d.) That such cattle, if slaughtered at the lazaretto, will be subject to the regulations which may from time to time be made by the Port Authorities.

(e.) The owners of cattle in the lazaretto shall be subjected to such regulations as to slaughtering of cattle, disposal of offal, blood, &c., as may from time to time be made by the Port Authorities.

(f.) The period of quarantine for horses is reduced to twenty-one days in the lazaretto, provided that the owners undertake to keep the said animals in a place approved by the Collector of Customs and also undertake to cause them to be inspected by a Government Medical Officer or Veterinary Surgeon twice a week for nine weeks.

7. Swine arriving from Albania and Greece may be imported subject to twenty days' quarantine at the lazaretto or in private pens, and to any restrictions which the Chief Government Medical Officer may consider necessary.

8. The importation of dogs is subjected to three months' quarantine.

By command,

G. STRICKLAND,

Chief Secretary to Government.

Palace, Valletta, December 8, 1897.

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Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),
London, December 14, 1897.

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 Panama, intimating that quarantine of observation will be imposed on all arrivals at Colon from

Jamaica, so long as yellow fever continues to exist in that island, but that ships will suffer but little detention so long as they do not bring passengers or cargo, and if no illness exists on board.

Admiralty, 16th December, 1897.

Staff Surgeon Standish Thomas O'Grady has been promoted to the rank of Fleet Surgeon in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 6th December, 1897.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Sub-Lieutenant Frederick Marsh Sergeant has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Dated 16th December, 1897.

LIGHT RAILWAYS ACT, 1896.

THE Board of Trade have, after modification, confirmed an Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, and entitled the Basingstoke and Alton Light Railway Order, 1897, authorizing the construction of Light Railways between Basingstoke and Alton, in the county of Southampton.

Board of Trade, December 14, 1897.

ORDER of the Local Government Board: Amending Regulations with respect to Remuneration of Vaccination Officer:—

Atherstone Union.

To the Guardians of the Poor of the Atherstone Union;—

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS We, the Local Government Board, by a General Order dated the thirty-first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, made rules and regulations relating to the appointment of Vaccination Officers by Guardians of the Poor of certain Unions and Parishes, including the said Atherstone Union; and by Article 9 of that Order it was provided as follows:—

“The Guardians shall pay to any Vaccination Officer such salary or remuneration, and such only, as the Local Government Board may direct or approve, whether for ordinary duties or for occasional services; and such salary or remuneration may be increased or reduced as that Board may from time to time direct or approve.”

And whereas it is expedient to amend the said Order as hereinafter mentioned, so far as regards the said Atherstone Union:

Now therefore, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by the Statutes in that behalf, We hereby order that with respect to the said Atherstone Union, the above-cited Article shall be amended by the addition of the following proviso:—

Provided that the Guardians, with the approval of the Local Government Board, may pay to any Vaccination Officer a reasonable compensation on account of extraordinary services or other unforeseen circumstances connected with his duties or the necessities of the said Union.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this fourteenth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.



Henry Chaplin,
President.

S. B. Provis, Assistant-Secretary.