issued by the Officer Administering the Government of Malta :--

No. 180. Government Notice.

His Honour the Officer Administering the Government, having heard the opinion of the Council of Health, has been pleased to repeal Government Notice No. 171 of the 10th July, 1902, and to direct that the following regulations be observed as regards vessels and passengers, viz. :-

Infected places.

1. The following countries are, for purposes of quarantine, to be treated as infected :

(a.) Arabia (excepting Persia and Aden); (b.) China;

(c.) Egypt;

(d.) India;

2. And the following ports :-

(a.) Ports in the Persian Gulf.

Infected vessels.

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3. Infected vessels are vessels which have, or have had, on board, during the voyage or the preceding 20 days, cases of cholera, yellow fever, plague, or any disease with symptoms which, in the opinion of the Chief Government Medical Officer, resemble the symptons of the said discases.

Vessels which are not allowed to enter the harbour, but are allowed to communicate with Quarantine Establishments.

4. Infected vessls.

5. Vessels with pilgrims from the East, when not carrying a recognized Medical Officer. 6. Vessels from infected places, when not

carrying a recognized Medical Officer.

Vessels allowed to load in quarantine.

7. Vessels arriving at Malta without a clean bill of health.

8. Infected vessels when carrying a recognized Medical Officer and not having on board an actual case of the diseases mentioned in paragraph 3 on board.

9. Vessels from infected places not having on board an actual case of the diseases mentioned in paragraph 3, on arriving within 10 days from departure.

10. Vessels with pilgrins from the East when carrying a recognized Medical Officer.

Vessels from infected places admitted to

pratique.

11. Vessels without a clean bill of health, or from infected places, will be admitted to pratique after 10 days from date of departure, except vessels from Egyptian Ports which will not be admitted to pratique before the lapse of 21 days from date of arrival.

Medical Inspection.

12. All vessels and passengers on arrival are subject to medical inspection.

Passengers.

13. Passengers, before landing, must declare on oath before a Marine Police Officer that they have not been in, or have not communicated with Egypt within the last 21 days. Otherwise they shall remain in quarantine to complete 21 days from departure on board the vessel by which they shall have arrived.

14. Passengers, before landing, must also declare on oath before a Marine Police Officer that they have not been in, or have not communicated with the infected places mentioned in Article 1, except Egypt, within 10 days. Otherwise they shall remain in quarantine to complete 10 days from departure.

15. Passengers arriving on vessels without a clean bill of health shall complete 10 days quarantine from departure.

16. Passengers arriving from infected places, except Egypt, more than 10 days after departure are allowed to land in free pratique after strict medical inspection and thorough disinfection of their persons, effects, and luggage, if the inspect-ing Medical Officer is satisfied that they are in good health.

17. Passengers not otherwise provided for aresubjected to the restrictions applicable to the vessels on which they arrive.

18. When 20 days have elapsed from the last case of plague, cholera, or other disease against which restrictions have been in force with regard to a country or place declared to be an infected place, ercept Egypt, a notice will be issued by the Collector of Customs to the effect that the place or port is no longer to be dealt with as intected.

N.B.-Vessels that carry a doctor and pass through the Suez Canal without taking on board either cargo or passengers, will not be considered infected by contact with Canal Pilots taken on board from a disinfecting station, or by coaling and provisioning at Port Said under restrictions approved by the Chief Government Medical Officer.

The word "passengers," as used in this Notice, includes the crew.

By command,

F. C. FULLER,

Acting Chief Secretary to Government. Palace, Valletta, July 28, 1902.

N.B.-Government Notice No. 171 of the 10th July, 1902, has been amended as shown in italics in paragraphs 11, 13, 14, 16, and 18 of this Notice.

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, August 7, 1902. H. 12221.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from His Majesty's Representative at The Hague, intimating that the prohibition on the importation and carriage in transit of rags from places situated in the Belgian Provinces of Antwerp and East Flanders has been raised from August 4.

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, August 7, 1902. H. 12222.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated August 6, from His Majesty's Representative at Galatz :--- "At Sulina ten days' quarantine imposed on arrivals from Alexandria and whole of Egypt. Article 4 of Venice Convention applied to imports."

LIGHT RAILWAYS ACT, 1896.

The Board of Trade have, after modification, confirmed the following Light Railway Orders made by the Light Railway Commissioners :--1. Doncaster Corporation Light Railways (Deviation, &c.) Order, 1902, authorizing the deviation and extension of Light Railways authorized by the Doncaster Corporation Light Railways Order, 1899, and for other purposes. 2. Llanelly and District Light Railway Order, 1902, authorizing the construction of Light Rullways in the Urban District of Llanelly and in the Rural District of Llanelly, in the county of Carmarthen. 3. Derwent Valley Light Railway Order, 1902, authorizing the construction of Light Railways in the city of York, and in the North and East Ridings of the county of York, from Foss Islands to Cliffe