

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 Perim and Aden);
- (b.) China;
- (c.) Egypt;
- (d.) India;
- (e.) *Odessa*.

2. And the following ports :—

- (a.) Ports in the Persian Gulf.

Infected vessels.

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 symptoms of the said diseases.

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

4. Infected vessels.

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, when arriving within 10 days from departure.

10. Vessels with pilgrims 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 inspecting Medical Officer is satisfied that they are in good health.

17. Passengers not otherwise provided for are subjected 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, except 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 infected.

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, August 5th, 1902.

N.B.—*Odessa* has been included among the "Infected Places" for the purposes of the above Government Notice.

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, August 11, 1902.

H. 12311.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated August 1, from His Majesty's Representative at Christiania, enclosing the following copy and translation of a Circular issued by the Norwegian Government respecting the outbreak of cholera in Egypt :—

Until further notice Egypt is to be considered infected by cholera.

Vessels for Norwegian ports with persons on board suffering from cholera should be referred by pilots to the quarantine station on Odderøen, near Christiansand. In other ports masters of vessels are liable to be required to retain persons suffering from cholera on board, and meanwhile to remain in quarantine.

Copies of this circular are enclosed herewith for distribution.

SOREN ARSTAD.

H. HEGGEN.

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, August 11, 1902.

H. 12312.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated August 2, from His Majesty's Representative at San Sebastian, enclosing the following copy and translation of an Official Notice, issued in the Madrid Gazette of July 31st, respecting the outbreak of cholera in Egypt :—

According to information received by this Department from the Spanish Consul at Alexandria, ninety-six cases of cholera have occurred in the interior of Egypt from the 15th to the 18th instant, followed by fifty deaths.

A few cases of bubonic plague are still being officially registered at Alexandria.

These facts are published for the information of the directors of sanitary stations and shipping houses to whom goods may have been consigned in vessels touching at Spanish ports.

The Director General,

A. PULIDO.

Madrid, July 29th, 1902.