

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, April 9, 1904.*

H. 5168.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a Despatch, dated March 21, from the Governor of Jamaica, stating that he has withdrawn his notification declaring the Islands of Trinidad and Tobago to be infected with small-pox.

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H. 5078.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Quarantine Proclamation, dated March 5, which has been issued by the Governor of Louisiana:—

Quarantine Proclamation for the year 1904.
Published by the Louisiana State Board of Health.
State of Louisiana, Executive Department.

At the request of the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana, embodied in a resolution adopted by that body at a regular meeting held March 1, 1904, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I, William Wright Heard, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby issue this, my proclamation, to take effect on and after the first day of April, 1904 (all vessels arriving at the mouth of the Mississippi River after six o'clock P.M., March 31, to be included).

That all vessels arriving at the several quarantine stations of Louisiana, together with their cargoes, crews, passengers and baggage, shall be subjected to inspection and sanitation according to the following schedule:

First Class.—Vessels which are not included in the following classes shall be subjected to necessary maritime sanitation without detention of either vessels or persons longer than may be necessary to place such vessels in good sanitary condition.

Second Class.—Vessels arriving from suspected ports (Intertropical, American and West Indian and Brazilian ports) which, in the absence of satisfactory information to the contrary, are considered suspicious, and other ports which may be decided suspicious by the Board of Health, shall be subjected to full sanitation at the Mississippi River Quarantine Station, together with detention of the vessel and persons for such length of time as the Board of Health may determine.

Third Class.—Vessels arriving from ports known to be infected shall be subjected to full sanitation at the Mississippi River Quarantine Station, and shall be detained for observation, together with their crews, cargoes and passengers, for such length of time after completion of disinfection as the Board of Health may determine.

Fourth Class.—Vessels which, without regard to Ports of Departure, are infected, that is to say, vessels which have yellow fever, cholera or other contagious or infectious diseases on board at the time of arrival, or have had same on voyage, shall proceed at once to the lazaretto to land their sick, and they shall proceed to the Mississippi River Quarantine Station there to undergo thorough disinfection and be detained, together with passengers, crews and cargoes, for such length of time as the Board of Health may determine.

All vessels arriving from ports known or suspected to be infected with cholera, or bubonic

plague, shall be subjected to maritime sanitation and such detention as the Board of Health may determine.

Vessels arriving from ports and places belonging to the second, third, and fourth classes, as set forth in the above schedules, shall not be allowed to pass the Rigolets, Lake Borgne Canal, Atchafalaya or Calcasieu Quarantine Stations, or other Quarantine Stations which may be hereafter established, without having undergone proper maritime sanitation at the Mississippi River Quarantine Station.

Vessels engaged in the Tropical Fruit Trade, whose sanitary condition and health record are satisfactory may be allowed to pass the Mississippi River Quarantine Station after inspection under such regulations and sanitary treatment as the Board of Health may prescribe.

Quarantine Officers at the several Stations of this State are especially charged and required to strictly enforce the articles of this proclamation.

The State Board of Health is requested to prosecute vigorously all violators of the same, as well as of the Quarantine Laws and Regulations of this State.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana at the Capitol in the City of Baton Rouge, on this the 5th day of March, A.D. 1904.

[SEAL.]

W. W. HEARD,
Governor of Louisiana.

By the Governor:

EUGENE J. MCGIVNEY,
Assistant Secretary of State.

Resolution adopted April 24th, 1895, and still in force.

Hereafter full quarantine restrictions will be imposed on all vessels whose officers wilfully attempt deception in regard to any case of sickness, or material capable of carrying infection, or wilfully disregard the rules and regulations of the Board of Health; and such detention will be imposed thereafter on every vessel on which any officer who has previously attempted to practise deception is found in any official capacity.

Special Instructions to Owners, Agents, Masters of Vessels, and Passengers.

The Louisiana State Board of Health recommends the following suggestions to agents, owners, masters of vessels, and passengers, for the purpose of facilitating the work of quarantine officers and reducing the period of detention to a minimum.

1. That vessels should be stripped during the quarantine seasons of all woollen hangings, carpets, curtains, and such like materials, and upholstered furniture as far as practicable. Hair or moss mattresses to be replaced by wire or wicker beds.

2. That, as far as possible, vessels trading with tropical ports should be manned with acclimated crews.

3. Drinking water for use on vessels should not be taken from rivers or streams in inter-tropical countries.

4. Masters of vessels, ship and consular agents, are earnestly requested to instruct passengers from quarantinable ports to dispense, as far as possible, with baggage which may be injured by wetting or heat (250° F.) while undergoing disinfection. Such passengers are specially