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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

REGULATIONS made by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, under the provisions of "The Quarantine and Prevention of Diseases Ordinance, 1897" :—

Every vessel or boat coming to any port or place in this Island from any port or place on the West Coast of India shall be subjected to quarantine for a period not exceeding fifteen days.

No person shall at any time within such period of fifteen days land at any place in this Island from any such vessel or boat.

No person shall at any time within such period of fifteen days carry, take, or convey any goods from any such vessel or boat to any place in this Island.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, March 2, 1897.

By His Excellency's command,
E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

REGULATIONS made by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, under the provisions of the Ordinance No. 3 of 1897 :—

1. The term "proper authority" in the following sections shall mean—

(a) Wherever there shall be established a Municipality, the Chairman of the Municipal Council, or the Principal Civil Medical Officer, or the Colonial Surgeon of the Province, or the Health Officer of the Municipality, or any officer appointed by the Governor to perform the duties of the proper authority.

(b) Wherever there shall be established a Local Board, the Chairman of the Local Board, or the Assistant Government Agent of the District, or the District Judge, or the Police Magistrate, or the Chief Medical Officer resident within the Local Board limits, or any officer appointed by the Governor to perform the duties of the proper authority.

(c) Wherever there shall be no Municipality or Local Board established, the Government Agent of the Province, or the Assistant Government Agent of the District, or the Police Magistrate of the Division, or the Colonial Surgeon of the Province, or the Chief Medical Officer of the District or place, or any officer appointed by the Governor to perform the duties of the proper authority.

2. The term "health officer" shall mean any person appointed by the Governor to exercise authority in regard to sanitary matters in any port, or where no such person has been appointed the Medical Officer of the district or place.

3. The master or person in charge of any vessel or boat in which there shall have been any disease not less than fifteen days previous, or which shall have come from any port or place in which at the time of her leaving there was disease, or on which there shall be any person affected with disease, or which shall have communicated otherwise than by signal with any vessel, boat, or place in which disease existed or might be reasonably supposed to have existed, shall not enter any port or harbour, and shall not allow any person to land from such vessel or boat, or to leave such vessel or boat, save by the order in writing of the proper authority.

4. The master or person in charge of such a vessel or boat shall, without entering the port or harbour, hoist at the fore a yellow flag, and in the night time two lighted lanterns one above the other; and after the hoisting of such flag or lanterns, such vessel or boat shall be deemed in quarantine.

5. The master or person in charge of such a vessel or boat shall anchor or moor such vessel at such a place as shall be pointed out by the Master Attendant or some person acting on his behalf, and shall not leave such place without the permission in writing of the Master Attendant or some person acting on his behalf; and until the master or person in charge of such vessel or boat has received such permission, such vessel or boat shall be deemed in quarantine.

6. The master or person in charge of any vessel or boat in quarantine shall keep a yellow flag constantly flying at the foremast of such vessel or boat, or in some conspicuous place on such vessel or boat from sunrise to sunset, and from sunset to sunrise shall exhibit two lighted lanterns one above the other. The display of such flag and such lanterns shall be sufficient notice that such vessel or boat and the land or sea surrounding the same to a distance of one hundred yards are in quarantine.

7. The master or person in charge of any vessel or boat, and every person on board such vessel or boat, shall answer truly every question put to him by the Health Officer.

8. The master or person in charge of any vessel or boat, and if there be a Surgeon on board such vessel or boat, the Surgeon, shall, before the Pilot or Health Officer shall come on board such vessel or boat truly and fully inform such Pilot or Health Officer if there shall have been any disease on board such vessel or boat not less than twenty days previous; or if such vessel or boat shall have come from any port or place in which there was disease, or if there be any person affected with disease on board such vessel or boat, or if such vessel or boat shall have communicated otherwise than by signal with any vessel, boat, or place in which disease existed, or might be reasonably supposed to have existed.

9. The master or person in charge of a vessel shall not allow any boat of such vessel to be lowered, or any boat whatsoever to lie, alongside such vessel, before such vessel shall have obtained pratique, except for the purpose of saving life, or for the purpose of mooring such vessel. The master or person in charge of a vessel which has lowered a boat for the purpose of saving life or of mooring such vessel shall cause such boat to be hoisted up immediately thereafter.

10. No person shall approach within one hundred yards of a vessel or boat not admitted to pratique. No person shall leave any vessel or boat not admitted to pratique. No person shall transmit or receive any article or thing from any vessel not admitted to pratique.

11. No goods shall be removed from any vessel in quarantine, save to such place and under such restrictions and subject to such detention and disinfection as shall be prescribed by the Principal Officer of Customs of the Port.

12. The proper authority may order the destruction of any goods brought from any vessel in quarantine. No compensation shall in such case be paid to any person. The owner and consignee of the goods and the master or person in charge of the vessel by which they were carried shall pay the cost of the destruction thereof.

13. A diseased person may, in the discretion of the Health Officer, be removed from any vessel to a quarantine station or hospital.

14. Whenever there are found on board any vessel coming with a clean bill of health from an Indian port persons who are unable to satisfy the Health Officer as to their place of origin, but who are in good health, such vessel shall not be placed in quarantine; but such persons shall be kept on board under surveillance, and shall not be allowed to land, but shall be compelled to return by the same vessel.

15. The Principal Civil Medical Officer shall fix the number of days, not exceeding thirty days, during which a vessel shall remain in quarantine.

16. No person shall approach within one hundred yards of a vessel in quarantine, and no person shall leave a vessel in quarantine, save with the permission in writing of the Health Officer, and under such restrictions as shall be by him prescribed.

17. The proper authority shall wherever expedient establish a quarantine station, a hospital, and a place of observation, and shall affix thereto a notice setting out that the same is a quarantine station, hospital, or place of observation. Such place shall thereafter be deemed to be a quarantine station, hospital, or place of observation, as the case may be within the meaning of these regulations.

18. No person shall approach within one hundred yards of any quarantine station or hospital. Any person approaching within one hundred yards of any quarantine station or hospital, or of any

vessel or boat in quarantine may be removed to a quarantine station in addition to any penalty imposed for a breach of the regulations.

19. Whenever in any place there shall be any person affected with plague, the proper authority shall cause the removal of such person to some building set apart as a hospital.

Whenever in any building there shall be any person affected with plague, it shall be lawful for the proper authority, after the removal of such person, to cause the building and its contents, either wholly or in part, to be destroyed, or the roof to be removed and the contents, either wholly or in part, to be destroyed, and such process of cleaning and disinfection to be carried out as the proper authority may see fit: provided that compensation shall be paid to the person whose property is destroyed, and such compensation shall be assessed as may by a regulation be directed.

Whenever in any building there shall be any person affected with plague, any other persons found in such building shall be removed by the proper authority to a place of observation. Every person on being ordered by the proper authority shall proceed to a place of observation. No person removed to a place of observation or who has proceeded to a place of observation shall leave such place without permission of the proper authority.

Any medical practitioner or person professing to treat disease attending any diseased person shall within three hours of such attendance give information in writing to the proper authority, stating the name of the diseased person, his residence, and the nature of his disease.

Every occupant of any building in which there shall be any person affected with any serious illness shall forthwith inform the proper authority thereof.

20. No person shall, without the written permission of the proper authority, enter or go away from any quarantine station, hospital, or place of observation.

21. Whenever it shall appear to him expedient, the proper authority shall give notice by beat of tom-tom and by affixing written notice in conspicuous places, requiring that the walls of any buildings in any town, village, or place shall be whitewashed and cleaned and disinfected, and the drains, sewers, pits, and cesspits cleaned and disinfected. The owner and occupant of any building and of any land upon which there shall be any building, drains, sewers, pits, or cesspits shall whitewash, clean, and disinfect the same within forty-eight hours of the giving of such notice.

22. Whenever it shall appear expedient, the proper authority may give notice to the owner or occupant of any land to fill up or disinfect any well upon such land. The owner or occupant of such land shall thereupon fill up or disinfect, as the case may be, such well.

23. Whenever there shall be found at any time to be in any building a larger number of persons than should in the opinion of the proper authority be found to be dwelling there, it shall be lawful for such authority to order the departure from such building of the number of persons in excess of the number which in the opinion of such authority should be found dwelling there; and if at any time after the giving of such order there shall be found in any such building any number of persons in excess of the number who should be found dwelling there, the owner of such building shall be guilty of an offence.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, March 2, 1897.

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

WITH reference to the above regulations, it is hereby notified that the Chairmen of the Municipal Councils of Colombo, Galle, and Kandy are the Local Authorities for the enforcement and execution of the said regulations within the limits of their respective Municipalities.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Cofombo, March 2, 1897.

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

HEADS of Departments are authorized to accept the signature of Mr. J. D. MASON on behalf of the Hon. F. R. ELLIS, Acting Government Agent, Western Province, until further orders.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

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Colombo, March 2, 1897.

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