

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 197.

With reference to Government Notification No. 174 of the 12th instant, the following Regulation is published for information.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th April, 1898.

NOTICE.

Whereas, an epidemic of bubonic plague has broken out in Hongkong, and it appears desirable, as a matter of urgency, to take precautions in order to prevent the spread of the same to the Kingdom of Siam, until such time as that port shall have been declared free from plague :

The undersigned, Her Britannic Majesty's Consul-General for Siam, under and by virtue of the powers in that behalf conferred upon him by Section 84 of Her Majesty's Order in Council, dated the 26th day of November, 1889, has made the following Regulation for the peace, order, and good government of Her Majesty's subjects being within the dominions of the King of Siam :—

REGULATION :

1. The island of Koh Phai shall be, and is hereby declared the Quarantine and Inspection Station for the purposes of the present Regulation.
2. Any vessel which, having cleared from Hongkong, arrives in Siamese waters, on or after the date of the present Regulation shall call at the said station, and shall, before receiving pratique, stay there until a period of nine full days shall have elapsed from the time of her leaving Hongkong.
3. Any vessel which, having cleared from any Chinese port, arrives in Siamese waters on or after the date of the present Regulation shall call at the said station, and shall stay there until such time as the Health Officer shall have boarded her and given her pratique.
4. No person other than the Health Officer, or one of his Assistants, shall communicate from any ship coming from Hongkong, or any Chinese port with the land, or from the land with such ship, or from such ship with other ships, before she has received pratique.
5. The Master, or other person having the control of any vessel in quarantine, shall give the Health Officer such information about the vessel and the voyage, and the health of the crew and passengers and otherwise as the Health Officer may require, and shall answer fully and truly questions put to him by the Health Officer, and shall if required by the Health Officer furnish the necessary boats and appliances for the landing of passengers or crew at the Quarantine Station, and shall, in a general way, give the Health Officer all necessary assistance to enable him to grant pratique to the vessel.
6. The Health Officer may board any vessel arriving in Siamese waters and inspect every person in the vessel. He may, if he thinks necessary, call for inspection of the ship's bills of health, emigration papers or other documents which he may require to enable him to grant pratique, and he shall use every lawful means which to him may seem expedient for ascertaining the sanitary condition of the vessel and persons therein.
7. No Customs Officer on duty at Koh-si-Chang or at Paknam shall allow any ship coming from Hongkong, or any Chinese port, either to lighten at Koh-si-Chang or to proceed to Bangkok without producing the Certificate of Health delivered at Koh Phai, but all said ships which shall produce such certificates shall be at liberty to lighten at Koh-si-Chang, and to proceed to Bangkok or elsewhere without any further examination.
8. The Health Officer shall be, and is hereby empowered to deal with all infected vessels and persons as he may think proper to prevent the spreading of the disease.
9. Any and all persons committing a breach of the present Regulation or assisting in any way in the commission of such breach and the Master, Captain or other person having the control of any vessel or boat, on board of which such breach has been committed or which has been in any way engaged in the commission of such breach, shall be severally liable to a fine not exceeding £100, or to imprisonment not exceeding three months, or to both such punishments.
10. Any cost incurred by the Siamese Government, in the maintenance of any person removed to the Quarantine Station at Koh Phai, shall be repaid by the Agents of the vessel.

GEORGE GREVILLE,
H.B.M. Consul-General.

Given under my hand and Seal, this Ninth day of April, 1898.