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By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st June, 1898.

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KAISERLICH DEUTSCHES KONSULAT,
HONGKONG, 15th June, 1898.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you the annexed extract of provisions against the infection from plague recently issued by the Governor of the German Possession of Kiautschau.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Dr. F. C. RIELOFF,
Imperial German Consul.

To the Honourable T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary,
HONGKONG.

(Enclosure.)

PROCLAMATION.

Introduction of medical examination of ships.

In consideration of the danger of infection from plague now in Chinese ports I decree:—

1. Every merchant ship calling at the port of Tsintau or Kiautschau Bay must submit herself to an examination by a naval doctor and hoist the quarantine-flag pending his decision respecting permission to land.
2. The arrival of the doctor has to be waited for on the Outer-Road as near as possible to the land, and the ship must, until then, avoid every communication with the shore.
3. The Captain of the ship must provide the naval doctor with a declaration respecting the ports touched, the persons on board and the cargo. If the ship carries a doctor, he should give, moreover, a certificate attesting the condition of health on board.
4. If the doctor forbids communication with the land, the quarantine-flag must remain flying, and until further notification the landing of any one from the ship or delivery of letters is strictly prohibited, also the reception of persons from the shore.

The Government reserves in every case the right to decide as to the discharge of cargo.

In the case of men-of-war entering the bay the visiting-officer will request a declaration from the captain respecting the health of the crew.