

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 496.

With reference to Government Notification No. 385 of the 2nd September last, the following letter from H. B. M. Minister Resident and Consul-General for Siam, with its enclosure, is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st November, 1898.

H. B. M. LEGATION,  
BANGKOK, *October 18, 1898.*

SIR,—With reference to my letter of the 18th of August last, I have the honour to forward to Your Excellency herewith copies of a Quarantine Regulation, which I issued on the 14th instant, in substitution of previous Regulations and Amendments.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

WM. J. ARCHER,  
*for H. B. M. Minister Resident.*

His Excellency

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT  
OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

Whereas Bubonic Plague has now ceased to be epidemic in Swatow, but whereas the disease is now endemic in Hongkong and several Chinese ports;

The undersigned, Her Britannic Majesty's Consul-General, under and by virtue of the powers in that behalf conferred upon him by Section 84 of Her Majesty's Order in Council, 1889, has ordained that the Quarantine Regulation of April 9, 1898, together with the amendments thereto of May 7, and August 16, 1898, shall be repealed, and has made in their place the following Regulation for the peace, order and good Government of Her Majesty's subjects being within the dominions of the King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. For the purposes of this Regulation the Inspection Station shall be in the river Menam Chow Phya, opposite the Custom House at Paknam.
2. Any vessel, which having cleared from Hongkong or any Chinese port, arrives in Siamese waters on or after the date of the present Regulation, shall drop anchor at the said Inspection Station, and shall stay there until such a time as the Medical Officer shall have boarded her and have given pratique.
3. 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.
4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Any vessel which shall be so loaded as to be unable to pass over the bar at the entrance of the river Menam Chow Phya, shall, in order to obtain permission to lighten or load at the outside anchorage of Koh-si-chang or of Anghin ;—

(a) Give, through the ship's agent in Bangkok, to the health officer of the Local Government Board previous written notice of the ship's expected arrival at such outside anchorage :

(b) Deliver, to the Customs Officer stationed at such outside anchorage, a written declaration stating that no death from or case of bubonic plague has occurred on board from port of departure.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

Given under my hand and Seal, this 14th day of October, 1898.

(Signed) Wm. J. ARCHER,

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

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 497.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th November, 1898.

No. 21.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 20th day of October, 1898.

PRESENT :

The Principal Civil Medical Officer, (Dr. JOHN MITFORD ATKINSON), President.

The Captain Superintendent of Police, (The Honourable FRANCIS HENRY MAY, C.M.G.), Vice-President.

The Acting Registrar General, (JAMES DYER BALL, Esquire).

The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).

EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.

**Minutes.**—The minutes of a meeting held on the 6th day of October, 1898, and of confidential meetings held on 30th day of September and 6th day of October, 1898, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

**Bye-laws.**—Certain draft Bye-laws for the regulation of Cattle Diseases, Markets and Slaughter-houses were read and considered.

The President moved—

*That the draft Bye-laws be forwarded to the Colonial Secretary for the approval of the Governor in Council, after revision by the Attorney General.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.