

5. The crew and passengers may, at the discretion of the Health Officer, be subjected to surveillance in the manner described in the Rule VI (8) for a period of ten days from the date on which the ship left an infected port.

6. When these rules have been fully complied with, the Health Officer shall, by an order in writing under his hand, to be delivered to the commander, permit the yellow flag to be hauled down.

VIII.—*Ships carrying a doctor or stove.*—In exercising the discretion vested in him by Rules V, VI, and VII the Health Officer shall take into consideration the presence of a doctor or existence of a disinfecting apparatus (stove) on board the ship in question.

IX.—*Crowded and insanitary ships.*—Crowded ships, ships carrying emigrants or returned pilgrims, and ships which appear to be in an insanitary state, may, at the discretion of the Health Officer, be treated as suspected ships under Rule VI.

X.—*Right of ships to put back to sea.*—Any ship objecting to submit to the obligation imposed by these rules shall be permitted to put back to sea. Such objection shall be notified immediately on arrival.

XI.—*Rules applying to ship claiming right to put back to sea.*—Ships which claim the right to put back to sea, but desire to disembark passengers or land goods, shall submit to the rules relating to suspected ships.

XII.—*Provisions and stores.*—It shall be the duty of the Port Officer to facilitate the conveyance to all vessels in quarantine of such supplies of provisions, stores and other articles as may be required by those on board. Such supplies shall be placed on the boats of the vessels in quarantine, to be subsequently removed by members of their crews.

By order,

J. B. WINGATE,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of Burma.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 473.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognise HUGO SILVESTRI as in temporary charge of the Austro-Hungarian Consulate during the absence from the Colony of MAX KUTSCHERA or until further notice.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th August, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 474.

The following letter from the Consul-General for the United States of America is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th August, 1899.

CONSULAR SERVICE, U.S.A.,
HONGKONG, 25th August, 1899.

SIR,

I have the honour to transmit, for your information, the following Order issued by the War Department on May 22nd, 1899:—"No merchandise shall be brought, under penalty of forfeiture thereof, into Cuba, Porto Rico, or the Philippine Islands, from the United States or any Foreign Country, in any vessel measuring less than 30 Tons Gross, in capacity."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ROUNSEVELLE WILDMAN,
Consul-General.

Honourable J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, C.M.G.,
Colonial Secretary,
HONGKONG.