

**THE COLONIAL AUXILIARY FORCES OFFICERS' DECORATION
WARRANT.**

VICTORIA R.I.

WHEREAS it is Our desire to recognize the long and meritorious services of Commissioned Officers of Our Colonial Auxiliary Forces, and of others who shall be eligible under the conditions herein laid down. We do hereby constitute and create, as a reward for these services, a new Decoration, which shall be designated "The Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration."

IT IS OUR WILL AND PLEASURE that this Decoration shall be conferred on the Commissioned Officers of all organized Military Forces, except the Permanent Forces, serving in Our Colonies and Dependencies, or raised for Our Service in countries under Our protection, whether designated as Militia or Volunteers, or otherwise, subject to the following rules:—

The period of service requisite to qualify for this Decoration shall be 20 years' commissioned service. Half the time served in the ranks of any such forces shall be reckoned as qualifying service. Service on the West Coast of Africa shall reckon double as qualifying service.

Service rendered partly in the Local Forces of one Colony or Protectorate, and partly in the Local Forces of another Colony or Protectorate, or partly in the Local Forces of one or more Colonies or Protectorates, and partly in the Volunteer Force of Great Britain, shall be reckoned as qualifying service for the Decoration, provided that no Officer shall be eligible unless at least half of his qualifying service has been rendered in the Militia or Volunteer Forces of one or more Colonies or Protectorates, service on the West Coast of Africa counting double.

Service on the Permanent Staff shall not reckon as qualifying service for this Decoration.

Service qualifying for this Decoration shall also count towards the qualifying service necessary for "The Volunteer Officers' Decoration," provided that no Officer shall be eligible for such decoration, unless 10 years' commissioned service, or the equivalent thereof, has been spent in the Volunteer Force of Great Britain

IT IS OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE that this Decoration shall be conferred under such regulations as to grant, forfeiture, and restoration, as may from time to time be submitted by the Governor-General of Our Dominion of Canada, or by the Governors of Our Colonies and Dependencies, or by Our representatives in countries under Our protection, and as may be approved by Our Principal Secretary of State for War upon the recommendation of Our Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies. The regulations aforesaid shall as far as possible correspond with those laid down for "The Volunteer Officers' Decoration."

Our Warrant of the 24th May 1894, save and except so much of it as relates to Our Indian Empire, is hereby cancelled.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, this 18th day of May 1899, in the 62nd year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

LANSDOWNE.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.— No. 574.

With reference to Government Notification No. 529 of 30th ultimo, the following Letter with its enclosure is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th October, 1899.

BANGKOK, *September 29, 1899.*

SIR,—With reference to my telegram of to-day's date, I have the honour to transmit herewith to Your Excellency copies of a Quarantine Regulation issued by me to-day stating that the medical inspection against arrivals from Hongkong and Swatow has been removed from Koli Phai to Paknam.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient,
humble Servant,

GEORGE GREVILLE,
*H. M. Minister-Resident and
Consul-General.*

His Excellency

Sir HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, G.C.M.G.,
Governor of Hongkong.

NOTICE.

Whereas Bubonic Plague has now ceased to be epidemic in Swatow and Hongkong, but whereas the disease is 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 May 31, 1899, shall be repealed, and has made in its 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 purpose 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 had 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.

10. Any cost incurred by the Siamese Government, in the maintenance of the 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 29th day of September, 1899. }*

H.B.M. Consul-General.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 575.

The following Returns of Deaths are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st October, 1899.