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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 336.

The following despatch from His Britannic Majesty's Acting Consul-General at Bangkok, and its enclosure, are published.

- By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th June, 1901.

H. B. M. LEGATION, BANGKOK, *May* 28th, 1901.

SIR

With reference to my telegram of the 24th instant, I have the honour to enclose a Regulation issued by me enforcing, against British vessels from Hongkong, the provisions of a Siamese Quarantine Decree.

I have the honour to be.

Sir.

Your Excellency's most obedient Servant,

WM. J. ARCHER, II. B. M. Acting Consul-General.

His Excellency

THE GOVERNOR,

&c.,

oc., Hongkong. &c.,

SIAM.

NOTICE.

The following Regulations made by the Acting British Consul-General, and hereby declared to be urgent, are published for general information.

(Sd.) Wm. J. ARCHER, Acting British Consul-General.

King's Regulations under Articles 84 and 85 of the Siam Order in Council 1889.

No. 5 of 1901.

QUARANTINE.

1. The Decree of His Majesty the King of Siam, set forth in the Schedule to these Regulations, is hereby made binding upon and shall be observed by all British subjects in Siam.

- 2. Any British subject contravening the said Decree shall on conviction before a District Court be liable to a fine not exceeding £100; or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding three months or to both such punishments.
- 3. These Regulations shall continue in force during such time as the said Decree remains in operation and no longer.
- 4. The Regulations made by the Acting Consul-General on the 13th day of May, 1901, are hereby revoked.
 - 5. These Regulations may be cited as the Quarantine Regulations of May 28th, 1901.

(Sd.) Wm. J. ARCHER,

Acting British Consul-General.

SCHEDULE I.

ROYAL DECREE ON QUARANTINE.

Whereas bubonic plague has broken out in Hongkong and elsewhere and it is desirable to take measures to prevent its spread to this Kingdom, it is hereby decreed:

- 1. The Island of Koh Phai shall be and is hereby declared the Quarantine and Inspection station for the purposes of the present Decree.
- 2. Any vessel which, having cleared from Hongkong, Hainan or Manila arrives in Siamese waters on or after the date of the present Decree 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 port, or until released by the Health Officer.
- 3. Any vessel which, having cleared from any port in China, arrives in Siamese waters on or after the date of the present Decree, 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, Manila or any port in China with the land or from the land with such ship or from such ship with other ships or from other ships with such ship, before she has received pratique.
- 5. The Master or other persons 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 the 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 Paknan shall allow any ship coming from Hongkong, Manila or any port in China 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 Decree 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 two thousand ticals or to imprisonment not exceeding six months or to both such punishments.
- 10. Any cost incurred by the Government, in the maintenance of any person removed to the Quarantine station at Koh Phai, shall be repaid by the agents of the vessel.
- 11. The execution of the present Decree shall be and is hereby entrusted to the Minister of the Local Government, with the full assistance of the Naval Department.
 - 12. Our former Decree of 23rd September, 1900, is hereby repealed. Done at Bangkok, May 16th, 1901.