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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 351.

The following Order in Council is published.

By Command.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th June, 1901.

QUARANTINE REGULATIONS

Made this 17th day of June, 1901, by the Governor in Council under section 25 of Ordinance 26 of 1891, in lieu of the Regulations published in Government Notification No. 124 of the 10th April, 1897.

The following Quarantine Regulations shall take effect from the 20th day of June, 1901, in lieu of those published in Government Notification No. 124 of 10th April, 1897:—

QUARANTINE REGULATIONS.

Under Section 25 of Ordinance 26 of 1891.

1. In these regulations, the term "Health Officer" means the Health Officer of the Port, or any other medical officer, duly authorised to act for or assist him, or in charge of any place set apart for the detention and seclusion of persons actually suffering from disease; the term "Vessel" includes steamers, sailing ships, junks, and lorchas, and British and Foreign ships of war, as well as merchant ships of all kinds; the term "boat" includes any rowing-boat, sailing-boat, launch or pinnace; the term "port or place at which any infectious or contagious disease prevailed" means a port or place proclaimed to be such by order of the Governor in Council published in the Gazette, from the date of such proclamation. The words "infectious or contagious disease" shall, for the purposes of these regulations, mean cholera, choleraic diarrhœa, small-pox, typhus fever, yellow fever, bubonic plague, and any such other epidemic disease as the Health Officer may consider to imperil the safety of the passengers or crew. The term "infected vessel" shall mean any vessel which has a case of any of the above mentioned diseases on board or on which one or more cases of any such diseases shall have occurred within a period of twelve days previous to the date of arrival of the vessel in the waters of this Colony, except in the case of cholera when such period shall be seven days instead of twelve; the term "suspected vessel" shall mean any vessel on which one or more cases of any of the above mentioned diseases shall have occurred at the time of departure or during the voyage, but on which no fresh case has occurred within a period of twelve days, or in the case of cholera seven days,

previous to the date of arrival of the vessel in the waters of this Colony; the term "healthy vessel" shall mean any vessel which, having come from a port or place at which an infectious or contagious disease prevailed, has had no death from, and no case of any such disease on board while at such port or place or during the voyage therefrom, or on arrival.

2. Every "infected", every "suspected" and every "healthy" vessel arriving in the waters of this Colony shall immediately on entering the Harbour limits of Victoria fly a yellow flag (letter Q in International Code of Signals) and shall not communicate with the shore until granted pratique by express written order of the Health Officer who shall, in every case, board and examine all the passengers and crew of such vessel. But with the written consent of the Health Officer any such vessel which is on a voyage to any other place may be allowed to proceed on such voyage or to tranship her passengers for the purpose of completing such voyage: Provided that no communication has been held with the shore except as permitted by these regulations.

3. Every "infected", every "suspected" and every "healthy" vessel shall proceed at once to the Quarantine Anchorage and shall not remove therefrom, except from stress of weather, until released by order of the Health Officer. No vessel having to leave the Quarantine Anchorage from stress of weather shall communicate with the shore, or with any other vessel, and such vessel shall return to the Quarantine Anchorage immediately such stress of weather has subsided: Provided that in case of stress of weather involving probable actual danger to the vessel, the vessel may remove for a time, but shall be deemed nevertheless for all purposes to be subject to all other regulations applicable to such vessels.

No such vessel shall enter the Harbour limits of Victoria before 6 a.m. or after 6 p.m.

4. The Quarantine Anchorage shall be within the following boundaries, and the master of every vessel shall remove his vessel to any part of the Quarantine Anchorage as and when required by the Harbour Master:—

Western Boundary.—A line drawn from the west side of Stone Cutters' Island to west side of Green Island (on Admiralty Chart marked as harbour boundary).

Southern Boundary.—That part of a line having the Naval Coal Sheds at Kaulung bearing E. by S., commencing where it meets the eastern boundary, and terminating where it meets the western boundary.

Eastern Boundary.—A south line drawn from a white mark on south side of Stone Cutters' Island until it reaches the southern boundary.

Northern Boundary.—Five fathom line of soundings.

5. The master or other person having the control of any vessel shall give the Health Officer or Boarding Officer such information about the vessel and the voyage and the health of the crew and passengers and otherwise as the Health Officer or Boarding Officer may require, and shall answer truly and fully all questions put to him by the Health Officer or Boarding Officer.

6. (a.) On the arrival of an "infected" vessel at the Quarantine Anchorage the Health Officer shall medically examine all persons on board such vessel and shall arrange for the removal of any persons suffering from any of the above mentioned diseases, to a Hospital, and the removal of any dead bodies for burial. The passengers and crew shall then be kept under observation either on board such vessel or at an Observation Station to be hereafter appointed by the Governor in Council, or shall be permitted to land, and be kept under surveillance, at their residences on shore, at the discretion of the Health Officer: Provided that such observation or such surveillance shall in no case extend for a longer period than ten days, or in the case of cholera five days, from the date of arrival of the vessel in the waters of this Colony. The Health Officer shall then forthwith proceed with the disinfection of the vessel and with the disinfection or destruction of such of the merchandise on board and of the baggage and personal effects of the passengers and crew as he may deem necessary, and the Master of every such vessel shall comply with any instructions that the Health Officer may give as to the disinfection and pumping out of bilge water, the disinfection of drinking water tanks, and the provision of a proper and adequate supply of fresh drinking water.

Provided that any person certified by the Health Officer to be suffering from any illness which such Officer suspects may prove to be infectious or contagious disease may either be detained on board the ship or may be taken to some hospital or other place appointed for the purpose and detained there for a period not exceeding two days, in order that it may be ascertained whether his illness is or is not contagious: and that during such period the vessel may be treated as an "infected" vessel.

(b.) On the arrival of a "suspected" vessel at the Quarantine Anchorage, the Health Officer shall medically examine all persons on board such vessel. The passengers and crew shall, if found to be free from any infectious or contagious disease, be permitted to land but shall be kept under surveillance at their residences on shore for such period of time as the Health Officer may deem necessary: Provided that such surveillance shall in no case extend for a longer period than ten days, or in the case of cholera five days, from the date of arrival of the vessel in the Harbour limits of

Victoria. The Health Officer shall then proceed with the disinfection of the vessel and with the disinfection or destruction of such of the merchandise on board and of the baggage and personal effects of the passengers and crew as he may deem necessary; and the Master of every such vessel shall comply with any instructions that the Health Officer may give as to the disinfection and pumping out of bilge water, the disinfection of drinking water tanks, and the provision of a proper and adequate supply of fresh drinking water.

(c.) "Healthy" vessels shall be visited and the passengers and crew medically examined by the Health Officer, and if found to be free from any infectious or contagious disease, such vessels shall be admitted to free pratique immediately on arrival, irrespective of the nature of their bill of health. The Master of every such vessel shall comply with any instructions that the Health Officer may give as to the disinfection and pumping out of bilge water, the disinfection of drinking water tanks, and the provision of a proper and adequate supply of fresh drinking water. The passengers and crew may, moreover, at the discretion of the Health Officer, be kept under surveillance for a period of time not exceeding ten days from the time of leaving the infected port.

7. If any vessel in the waters of this Colony is known to have any case of any infectious or contagious disease on board, or is a vessel which, in the opinion of the Health Officer, ought according to these regulations to be placed under observation, the Health Officer shall order such vessel to the Quarantine Anchorage, and the Master or person in charge of such vessel shall thereupon hoist a flag of yellow colour (letter Q in the International Code of Signals) upon such vessel and remove the vessel to the Quarantine Anchorage, and all the regulations applicable to "infected" vessels shall apply to such vessel.

8. In case of a death from any infectious or contagious disease happening on board any vessel, the body shall be disposed of in such manner as may be ordered by the Health Officer; and the Master of the vessel shall carry out such orders as the Health Officer may give him in relation to the disposal of the body.

9. No person shall leave any "infected" or "suspected" vessel, or hold communication from such vessel with the shore, or with any other vessel, or boat, or take or send any person or thing whatsoever out of the vessel, until the express written permission of the Health Officer has been communicated to the Master or other person having the control of the vessel, and such precautions as the Health Officer may require have been observed.

10. No person other than the Health Officer, or persons in his boat, shall approach within thirty yards of any "infected" or "suspected" vessel, or hold any communication with such vessel or with any person on board of it, or receive, or take any person or thing whatsoever, directly or indirectly, from the vessel or from any person on board of it, without having first received the express written permission of the Health Officer, and observing such precautions as the Health Officer may require.

11. No person placed on board the *Hygeia* shall leave the same or hold communication with any vessel or boat, or take or send any person or thing whatsoever out of the *Hygeia* without having first received the express written permission of the Health Officer, or Medical Officer in charge, and observing such precautions as such officer may require.

12. No person other than the Health Officer, or Medical Officer in charge, or persons expressly deputed by them, shall go on board or approach within thirty yards of, or hold communication with, the *Hygeia* or with any person in it, or receive or take anything whatsoever, directly or indirectly, from the *Hygeia* or from any person in it, without having first received the express written permission of the Health Officer, or Medical Officer in charge, and observing such precautions as such officer may require.

13. The Captain Superintendent of Police, and any officers that he may appoint for the purpose, may order any person leaving or coming from any "infected" or "suspected" vessel or from the *Hygeia*, or taking or sending any person or thing whatsoever from any such vessel, to remain in, or return to, and to return such persons or things to such vessel or to the *Hygeia*, and may, by such necessary force as the case requires, compel any person neglecting or refusing to observe such order to obey the same.

14. Nothing in these regulations shall render liable to detention, disinfection, or destruction, any article being part of any mails conveyed under the authority of the Postal Administration of any Government, or shall prejudicially affect the delivery in due course of any such mail to the Post Office.

15. Where a vessel is a Chinese Passenger Ship (as defined by Ordinance No. 1 of 1889), or has passengers on board who are in a filthy or otherwise unwholesome condition, or is overcrowded with passengers, emigrants or otherwise, the Health Officer may, if in his opinion it is desirable with a view to checking the introduction of any infectious or contagious disease, and on his certifying to that effect, order such vessel to proceed to the Quarantine Anchorage or to such place as he may direct, and may detain under observation or surveillance the passengers and crew for such period, not exceeding ten days from the arrival of the vessel, as he may direct: and if the vessel is also an

"infected" or "suspected" vessel, the measures prescribed in regulation 6 (a) and 6 (b) respectively may also be enforced.

16. Any costs, and expenses charged or incurred by the Government for the medical attendance and maintenance of any person, whether on the ship's articles or not, who is removed to the *Hygeia*, or any other hospital or place from any vessel under these regulations for Medical Treatment or surveillance, or for the burial of any such person who may die, or of any dead body found on board any vessel, or for the cleansing and disinfection of any vessel or of the merchandise on board any vessel, or of any part of such vessel or merchandise, including the hire of any necessary labour, boats, junks, hulks, premises on shore and disinfecting appliances shall be paid to the Government by the owners or agents of the vessel on demand.

17. Where any breach of any of the above regulations is committed, all the persons assisting in any way in the commission of such breach and the Master 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 answerable for such breach, and shall be deemed guilty of the same.

18. The above regulations shall not in any way interfere with the internal management of any of His Majesty's ships or of Foreign ships of war, or with their freedom to proceed to sea, whenever the officer in command may deem such course requisite.

19. The preceding regulations (with the exception of No. 15) shall not apply to any vessel which has on board as Surgeon or Medical Officer a Medical practitioner entitled to be registered as such in this Colony provided that upon entering the waters of this Colony the Master of the vessel shall sign a certificate, in the form A appended to these regulations, to the effect that there has been no sickness of an infectious or contagious nature on board such vessel within a period of twelve days previous to the date of arrival of the vessel within the waters of this Colony, and unless the Surgeon or Medical Officer of the vessel shall at the same time sign a certificate, in the form B appended to these regulations, to the same effect, with the addition that he has seen every person on board such vessel within the twelve hours immediately preceding his signature thereto.

Any master, and any surgeon or medical officer of any such vessel who shall sign any such certificate as aforesaid containing any false statement, and any person signing any such certificate as Surgeon or Medical Officer of the vessel when not duly qualified as aforesaid so to sign shall be deemed to be guilty of a breach of these regulations and may be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
HONGKONG.

R. F. JOHNSTON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

Form A.

S.S. _____

I hereby certify that there has been no sickness of an infectious or contagious nature on board the S.S. _____ within a period of twelve days previous to the date of her arrival in the waters of the Colony of Hongkong.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 190 , at _____ o'clock . m.

Master,

S.S. _____

Form B.

S.S. _____

I hereby certify that there has been no sickness of an infectious or contagious nature on board the S.S. _____ within a period of twelve days previous to the date of her arrival in the waters of the Colony of Hongkong: and I further certify that I have seen every person on board within the twelve hours immediately preceding my signature hereto.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 190 , at _____ o'clock . m.

Surgeon or Medical Officer,