

Whitehall, November 23, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Vice-Admiral Sir John Arbuthnot Fisher, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Squadron, Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the First Class (Grand Cordon) of the Imperial Ottoman Order of the Osmanieh, conferred upon him, as a promotion in that Order, by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey, on the occasion of his visit to Constantinople for the celebration of His Imperial Majesty's Jubilee.

Whitehall, November 23, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Captain Arthur Sackville Trevor Griffith-Boscawen, M.P., to be Fourth Charity Commissioner for England and Wales.

Whitehall, November 26, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Sir William MacCormac, Bart., K.C.V.O., President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Cross of Commander of the Legion of Honour, conferred upon him by the President of the French Republic, in recognition of services which he rendered to the French wounded during the War of 1870-71, as well as to the International Medicine Congress held during the recent Paris Exhibition.

(F. & H. 15,672.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, November 23, 1900.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the following Quarantine Notice, issued by the Governor of Malta:—

Government Notice, No. 243.

His Excellency the Governor, having heard the opinion of the Council of Health, has been pleased to modify Government Notice No. 230 of the 24th October, 1900, and to direct that the following regulations be observed, viz.:—

1. Vessels which are not allowed to enter the Harbour, but are allowed to communicate with Quarantine Establishments.

(a.) Vessels that have on board, or have had during the voyage or the preceding 21 days, cases of cholera, yellow fever, or plague, or cases of a disease with symptoms resembling those diseases.

(b.) Vessels with pilgrims from the East.

(c.) Vessels arriving from the Persian Gulf and from Arabian ports in the Red Sea, which have not been admitted to free pratique at Suez and Port Said.

(d.) Vessels without clean bill of health arriving from Chinese, Indian, and Arabian ports which have been admitted to free pratique at Suez or Port Said may be admitted to free pratique.

2. Vessels which are allowed to enter the Quarantine Harbour to load under quarantine restrictions.

(a.) Vessels arriving from any port without a clean bill of health, which do not fall under the provisions of Head 1.

(b.) Vessels arriving from Glasgow or Alexandria which have not been admitted to free pratique at an intermediate port and disinfected there, to the satisfaction of the Port Authorities.

(c.) Vessels without a clean bill of health, and those arriving from Glasgow, will be admitted to free pratique after a period of 20 days from the date

of the last case of plague, cholera, or similar disease reported officially.

(d.) Vessels from Alexandria will be admitted to free pratique after a period of 20 days from the date of the last case of plague, cholera, or similar disease reported officially, or after ten days from departure from Alexandria.

3. Medical Inspection.

All vessels shall, on arrival, undergo strict medical inspection.

4. Passengers.

(a.) Passengers and crews of vessels arriving from Glasgow, Chinese, Indian, and Arabian ports, on board vessels that do not carry a doctor, shall be landed in one of the quarantine establishments where they will be subjected to strict medical inspection until their clothing and all other articles of personal use, likely to retain infection, shall have been thoroughly disinfected.

(b.) Passengers and crews of vessels arriving from the above places on board vessels that carry a doctor, shall be permitted to land; but no luggage shall be landed before it is disinfected in one of the quarantine establishments.

(c.) Every passenger arriving at Malta shall, before being allowed to land, declare on oath before an Inspector of Marine Police or other Superior Officer, that he has not been in Alexandria within 10 days; whenever such person does not make this declaration on oath, he shall undergo a period of quarantine to complete the period of 10 days.

5. Goods.

The importation of coffee, beans or ground, coloured with substances injurious to health, is prohibited.

Vessels falling under the provisions of Head 2, shall be allowed to discharge such goods as admit of being disinfected or are not susceptible.

Cereals imported from infected ports are to be kept for 21 days at the lazaretto or any other place to be appointed by the Collector of Customs, to be aired under the direction of the quarantine authorities.

The importation of rags is prohibited.

The importation is forbidden before disinfection of the following articles, viz., wearing apparel, soiled linen and clothing, bedding, materials, feathers, bones, and jute goods.

The importation from any infected port is forbidden, before disinfection, of the following articles; besides those mentioned in the next preceding subsection: used sacks, carpets, and embroideries which have been in use, raw skins, fresh skins, and untanned skins; animal debris, such as: hoofs, hair; raw silk, wool, and human hair.

The importation of hides from any port subject to quarantine or from any place where cattle disease exists, is prohibited before disinfection.

The importation of vines, vine shoots, and fruit packed in vine leaves is prohibited.

The importation of plants or roots from any port of the Mediterranean is prohibited, unless the same are accompanied by a satisfactory certificate from the British Consular Authority that phylloxera is not known to exist at the place of origin.

By command;

G. STRICKLAND,

Chief Secretary to Government.

Palace, Valletta, November 15, 1900.

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Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, November 26, 1900.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the following copy of Regulations respecting quaran-