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At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 25th day of February 1856,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the "Passengers Act, 1855," it is amongst other things enacted that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by any Order in Council, to prescribe such rules and regulations as to Her Majesty may seem fit for preserving order, promoting health, and securing cleanliness and ventilation on board of passenger ships proceeding from the United Kingdom to any port or place in Her Majesty's possessions abroad, and the said rules and regulations from time to time in like manner to alter, amend, and revoke, as occasion may require :

And whereas it is expedient to revoke an Order in Council made at a Court held at Windsor, on the sixteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, in virtue of the provisions of the "Passengers Act, 1852," (now repealed,) and to make a new Order in Council :

Now therefore, Her Majesty doth, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, and in pursuance and exercise of the authority vested in Her by the said "Passengers Act, 1855," order, and it is hereby ordered, that the said Order in Council of the sixteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, be, and the same is hereby revoked ; and that the following shall henceforth be the rules for preserving order, promoting health, and securing cleanliness and ventilation, to be observed on board of every "passenger ship" proceeding from the United Kingdom to any port or place in Her Majesty's possessions abroad, out of Europe, and not being within the Mediterranean Sea.

1. All passengers who shall not be prevented by sickness or other sufficient cause, to be determined by the surgeon, or in ships carrying no surgeon, by the master, shall rise not later than seven o'clock A.M., at which hour the fires shall be lighted.
2. It shall be the duty of the cook or cooks, appointed under the thirty-ninth section of the said "Passengers Act, 1855," to light the fires, and to take care that they be kept alight during the day ; and also to take care that each passenger, or family of passengers, shall

have the use of the fire-place at proper hours, in an order to be fixed by the master.

3. When the passengers are dressed their beds shall be rolled up.
4. The decks, including the space under the bottom of the berths, shall be swept before breakfast, and all dirt thrown overboard.
5. The breakfast hour shall be from eight to nine o'clock A.M. Before the commencement of breakfast all the emigrants, except as hereinbefore excepted, are to be out of bed and dressed, and the beds rolled up, and the deck on which the emigrants live properly swept.
6. The deck shall further be swept after every meal, and after breakfast is concluded shall be also dry holystoned or scraped. This duty, as well as that of cleaning the ladders, hospitals, and round houses, shall be performed by a party who shall be taken in rotation from the adult males above fourteen, in the proportion of five to every one hundred emigrants, and shall be considered as sweepers for the day. But the single women shall perform this duty in their own compartment, where a separate compartment is allotted to them, and the occupant of each berth shall see that his own berth is well brushed out.
7. Dinner shall commence at one o'clock, P.M., and supper at six P.M.
8. The fires shall be extinguished at seven P.M., unless otherwise directed by the master, or required for the use of the sick ; and the emigrants shall be in their berths at ten o'clock P.M., except under the permission or authority of the surgeon, or, if there be no surgeon, of the master.
9. On each passenger deck there shall be lit at dusk, and kept burning till daylight, three safety lamps, and such further number as shall allow one to be placed at each of the hatchways used by passengers.
10. No naked light shall be allowed between decks or in the hold, at any time or on any account.
11. The scuttles and stern ports, if any, shall, weather permitting, be opened at seven o'clock A.M., and kept open till ten P.M. ; and the hatches shall be kept open whenever the weather permits.

