

his being otherwise necessarily engaged, his Assistant, together with the Medical Attendant, and on the Arrival of any such Ship or Vessel from the Places before-mentioned, at any of the Out-ports of this Kingdom, or, at any of the Islands aforesaid, the proper Officer of the Customs, at the Place appointed for the Performance of Quarantine at such Places, shall go along-side such Ship or Vessel in a Boat, (keeping to Windward) and shall see the Crew and all other Persons belonging to or being on Board such Ship or Vessel, mustered on the Gang-way, and the Superintendent of Quarantine, or his Assistant, shall then and there, in the Presence of the Crew, put the following Questions to the Master or other Person, having Charge of the Ship or Vessel, who shall answer the same upon Oath, viz.

What is the Name of the Vessel, and from whence does she come ?

What is the Name of the Commander ?

Is the Bill of Health clean or unclean, or suspected ? Produce it.

Is the Instrument now produced the true and only Bill of Health, or is there any other on board the Vessel ? if there is, produce the same.

Has there been any Sickness on board in the Course of the Voyage ? if so, of what Nature ?

Has any Person died on board in the Course of the Voyage ? if so, of what Disease, and when ?

Are all Persons now on board in good Health ?

At what Place or Places was the Cargo taken on board ?

Of what does the Cargo consist ?

VI. And it is hereby further ordered, That the Answers to the aforesaid Questions shall be taken down in Writing, and the Superintendent of Quarantine, or his Assistant, with the Advice of the Medical Attendant at Standgate Creek, and in Case of a Ship or Vessel bound to any of the Out-ports or Islands aforesaid, the proper Officer of the Customs at the Places appointed, for the Performance of Quarantine, at such Out-ports or Places, shall appoint a proper Place for the Master or other Person, having Charge of the Ship or Vessel, to repair to, who thereupon shall, as soon as possible, after having answered the foregoing Questions, repair to such Place, carrying with him the Log-book, Manifest, and all the Ship's Papers, all of which shall be delivered to the Superintendent of Quarantine, or his Assistant, at Standgate Creek, or to the proper Officer of the Customs, at the Out-ports or Islands aforesaid, (as the Case may be,) the said Log-book, Manifest, and Papers, having been first immersed in Vinegar and fumigated; and such Master, or other Person, shall then solemnly make Oath to the Truth of the Contents of such Log-book, and that every particular Entry therein, was made as soon after the Fact as possible, and also to the Truth of all the other Papers so delivered, as well as to the Truth of his Answers to the following Questions, which Questions are to be then and there put to him by the Superintendent of Quarantine, or his Assistant, or by such proper Officer of the Customs, as the Case shall be, viz.

On what Day did you arrive at the Place or Places where you took in the Whole, or any, and what Part of the Cargo, and on what Day did you sail from such Place or Places; and what Part of your Cargo was taken in at each Place, and when?

What Place or Places did you touch at during the Voyage ?

Did the Plague or any other contagious Distemper prevail in any Degree at any of the Places at which your Cargo was taken on board, or at which you touched ? if at any, say at which, and when ?

Did you meet with any British Ships or Vessels at any of the Places you have been at ? if you did, say when, where, and what were the Names and Destinations of such Ships or Vessels ?

Did you leave any British Ships or Vessels at any of the Ports you have sailed from, if you did, mention their Names, and the Names of the Commanders ?

Were such Ships loading; were they near their Departure, and whither were they bound ?

Do you know whether any Foreign Vessels loading at the Port from which you sailed were bound beyond the Straights of Gibraltar ? and if so, what were they, and whither were they bound ?

How long have you been upon the Voyage ?

Have you spoken to or otherwise had any Communication with any Vessel at Sea during the Voyage ? if you have, say when, where, and the Nature of the Communication held ? Were there any Letters, Parcels, or other Articles delivered or received into your Ship or Vessel from any Ship or Vessel met with on the Voyage, or until your Arrival at the Place where you were put under Quarantine by the proper Officer of the Customs, and the Delivery of your Papers to such Officer ; and what were such Letters, Parcels or Articles ?

What were the Ships or Vessels you spoke to or had Communication with, and what were their Destinations respectively ? and what do you know respecting the State of Health on board such Ships or Vessels ?

In the course of your Voyage has any of your Ship's Crew or Passengers suffered from Illness of any Kind ? what was the Nature of such Illness ? when did it prevail ? how many Persons were affected by it ? are there any Convalescents on board ? are all on board at present in good Health ?

What Number of Persons, if any, have died on board during the Voyage ? when and in what Part of the Voyage did such Persons die ?

Were there any of those who died suspected at the Time to have died of a contagious Distemper ? Were their Bedding and Clothes destroyed ? if so, when, and in what Manner ? Were any of the Persons immediately employed about the Sick afterwards taken ill ? if so, of what Disease ?

At what precise Time after leaving Port did such Deaths happen ? in how many Days after being first indisposed did the Sick die ? What were the most obvious Appearances of the Disease ?

Did you touch at the Isle of Rhodes, the Morca, or any and what Part of the Coast of Africa, within or without the Mediterranean ? and if so, at what Time or Times respectively ? and had you any and what Communication with the Shore at those respective Places ? Did any Person on board communicate during the Voyage in any Manner whatever with any Ship or Vessel coming from any of those Places ? if so, when and in what Manner ? And what do you know of the State of Health of the Persons on board such Ships or Vessels ?

Do you know whether any Person whatever employed in loading your Vessel or in bringing any