

Quarantine, it is amongst other things enacted as follows that is to say:—"That when any country or place shall be known or suspected to be infected with the plague or other infectious disease or distemper as aforesaid, or when any Order or Orders shall be made by His Majesty in Council concerning Quarantine and the prevention of infection as aforesaid, then and in such case, as often as any vessel shall attempt to enter into any port or place in the United Kingdom or of the Isles of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, or Man, whether such port shall have been appointed for the performance of Quarantine or not, the Superintendent or Assistant at such port or place, or if not, the principal officer of His Majesty's Customs at such port or place, or such officer of the Customs as shall be authorized to act in that behalf, shall go off to such vessel, and shall at a convenient distance from such vessel, demand of the commander, master, or other person having charge of such vessel, and such commander, master, or other person shall, upon such demand, give a true answer in writing or otherwise, and upon oath or not upon oath, according as he shall, by such Superintendent or his Assistant or other officer of the Customs authorized as aforesaid, be required, to all such questions or interrogatories as shall be put to him by virtue and in pursuance of such regulations and directions as His Majesty by Order in Council shall be pleased to prescribe."

And whereas, under the authority of the said Act, by Order in Council dated the nineteenth day of July one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, it was, amongst other things, ordered that where any vessel should attempt to enter into any port or place in the United Kingdom or the Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, or Man, whether such port or place should have been appointed for the performance of Quarantine or not, the Superintendent of Quarantine or his Assistant (if there should be such Superintendent or Assistant at such port or place), or if not, the principal officer of His Majesty's Customs at such port or place, or such officer of the Customs as should be authorized by the Commissioners of the Customs, or any four or more of them to act in that behalf, should go off to such vessel, and should, at a convenient distance from such ship or vessel, keeping to windward, demand of the Commander, Master, or other person having charge of such vessel, answer to certain preliminary questions in the said Order set forth.

And whereas it was found expedient to make some alteration in the said questions with reference to vessels more particularly steam-packets arriving from ports and places where yellow fever occasionally prevails; and on the twelfth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, certain questions were substituted for the questions set forth in the said Order in Council of the nineteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, with the view of their being put to the Masters and Surgeons of vessels more particularly of steam-packets arriving from the Brazils and the West Indies.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty is pleased, under the authority of the said Act, and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order that the following questions shall be substituted for the preliminary questions set forth in the above recited Order of the nineteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five; and also for the questions substituted by the above recited direction of the twelfth day of

May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, that is to say:—

General—to be put to all Vessels:—

1. Name of vessel, nationality, if British, port of registry?
2. Are you the commander or master? What is your name?
3. What was your first port of lading? Where are you last from? Did you get pratique there?
4. Have you now, or have you had on board, plague, yellow-fever, cholera, small-pox or any other fever or sickness whatever? Any death?
5. (If any sickness or death admitted) state nature, date and circumstances.
6. What intermediate ports, if any, have you loaded or touched at? Where bound?
7. Have you any bills of health?
8. What number of persons have you on board? How many passengers?

To be put, in addition, to vessels from the Mediterranean, or from any other place respecting which there is an Order in Council in force concerning quarantine:—

9. Was plague or any infectious disease prevalent at any port at which you loaded or touched?
10. Have you had communication on your voyage with any vessel having any such disease on board?

Special.—To be put in case of yellow-fever being acknowledged, or there being any sickness on board vessels coming from ports or places infected with yellow-fever, or in case of vessels coming from ports or places respecting which there is any Order in Council, or of the Lords of the Council, in force concerning that disease:—

1. When did you leave*?
2. Did yellow-fever or any other fever prevail at† or any port or place at which you touched during your outward or homeward voyage?
3. Have any persons suffered from yellow-fever or any other fever during the homeward voyage? If so, state their names, the dates of the attacks, and how they terminated.
4. What were the most obvious symptoms or appearances of the disease in the patients?
5. Had any of them vomiting of a black matter?
6. What was in general the duration of the disease?
7. Are any of the patients confined to bed?
8. Are all the convalescents able to be on deck? If so, parade them on the gangway.
9. What are the dates on which the sick now on the List were last entered on the Surgeon's Journal? Produce the Journal.
10. When did the deaths occur?
11. What are the dates on which the patients who died were last entered in your Sick List?
12. Did you take on board, or send ashore, any sick or invalids at any port or place at which you touched on your outward or homeward voyage? If so, what was their state as to disease?

* The last port within the limits in any Order specified.
† First port of lading.