

vided that the medical officer in charge on board shall declare on oath that during the voyage there has not been on board a case of cholera, plague, or of any disease with symptoms resembling those of cholera or plague, either among the passengers or the crew. The declaration above referred to shall be countersigned by the master of the vessel.

(c.) Passengers arriving from Mediterranean Ports must, before landing, declare on oath that they have not been in India for the last 30 days. All passengers who have been during the last 30 days in India shall, before being allowed to land in free pratique, undergo a strict medical visit and disinfection at the lazaretto under such restrictions as will be ordered by the Port Authorities.

8. Goods.

(a.) The importation of cotton seed from any port subject to quarantine is forbidden.

(b.) The importation of rags is prohibited.

(c.) The importation is forbidden, before disinfection, of the following articles, viz., soiled wearing apparel, bedding materials, hides, feathers, leather, bones, and jute goods.

(d.) The importation of vines, vine shoots, fruit packed in vine leaves, or roots from any port of the Mediterranean is prohibited.

(e.) The importation of grapes, poles, or supports used in the cultivation of vines and plants, vegetable earth, vegetable or mixed manure, is prohibited unless the importation is accompanied by a sworn declaration, made by the shipper before the British Consular Authority of the place of its origin, to the effect that the shipment does not contain vine plants or cuttings, or that its contents come from nurseries, hothouses, fields or gardens which are at least 100 yards distant from the nearest vines or vineyards, and that moreover the Phylloxera is not known to exist at the place of origin.

(f.) Provided, however, that the Collector of Customs may grant permission for the importation of plants, cuttings of the American vine, and vegetable produce under proper restrictions when application has been made and the precautions necessary are established before the shipment leaves the place of origin.

By command,

G. STRICKLAND,

Chief Secretary to Government.

Palace, Valletta, January 28, 1897.

(S. 660.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),
London, February 4, 1897.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at The Hague, reporting Bombay and Kurrachee infected with plague, and ten days' quarantine on arrivals from thence in Holland.

(S. 661.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),
London, February 4, 1897.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Representative at Bagdad, enclosing the following communication respecting quarantine from the Sanitary Inspector at Bagdad, viz.:—

Bagdad, le 23 décembre, 1896.

Monsieur le Consul Général,

J'ai l'honneur de vous informer que par décision du Conseil Supérieur de Santé, une quarantaine de dix jours est imposée aux navires provenant du littoral persan du Golfe Persique, avec désin-

fection très rigoureuse des hardes et effets des passagers et de l'équipage, au Lazaret de Bassorah. Quant aux provenances de Mahommarah il a été ordonné de les repousser, bien que vu correspondance échangée avec Constantinople, cette mesure sera probablement modifiée, sur quoi je ne réserve de vous informer ultérieurement.

J'ai l'honneur, &c.,

DR. LUBIZ.

Monsieur le Colonel Mockler, &c., &c., &c.,
à Bagdad.

(S. 681.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),
London, February 4, 1897.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Representative at Berlin, intimating that the Quarantine Authorities at Bremerhaven have issued orders for the sanitary control by the Health Police of all ships arriving in that port from ports in Western India and the Persian Gulf.

(S. 682.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),
London, February 4, 1897.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Representative at Rome enclosing a Decree issued by the Italian Government, of which the following is a translation, viz.:—

DECREE.

ART. 1. Article 4 of the Ordinance of the 29th of December, 1896, will be applied only to ships coming from the ports of Hindustan, and to those of different provinces which have touched there, excepting in those cases where the merchandise specified in Article 4 which has been embarked on these latter vessels in the ports of Hindustan has been stored in places specially set aside for it and has been kept separate from that embarked in the preceding ports.

ART. 2. With regard to sending ships to the sanitary stations, when it is necessary, they will be obliged for the present to put in at Asinara, until some other station shall be designated, when occasion shall arise.

The Prefects of the Maritime Provinces, Port Captains and other officials are charged with the execution of the present Ordinance.

Rome, January 14, 1897.

(S. 683.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),
London, February 4, 1897.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a Notice issued by the High Commissioner for Cyprus, directing that all arrivals from Karachi direct shall be subjected to 10 days' quarantine to be undergone at Larnaca.

Admiralty, 2nd February, 1897.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 22nd February, 1870—

Fleet Paymaster Alfred de Denne has been placed on the Retired List, at his own request, with permission to assume the rank of Paymaster-in-Chief. Dated 1st February, 1897.

Admiralty, 3rd February, 1897.

Assistant-Paymaster Gover Henry Miall has been promoted to the rank of Paymaster in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 8th January, 1897.