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THE Marquess of Salisbury, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received a Despatch, dated the 24th of August, 1897, from Mr. Greville, Her Majesty's Minister Resident and Consul-General at Bangkok, reporting that he has issued the following Regulation:—

NOTICE.

WHEREAS, in view of the fact that there are no more cases of bubonic plague at Swatow, but that the said disease has broken out at Amoy, and has extended to Formosa, it appears desirable, as a matter of urgency, to take additional precautions in order to prevent the spread of the same to the Kingdom of Siam, until such time as the ports of Formosa and Amoy and surrounding districts shall have been declared free from plague:

The undersigned, Her Britannic Majesty's Consul-General for Siam, under and by virtue of the powers in that behalf conferred upon him by Section 84 of Her Majesty's Order in Council, dated the 26th day of November, 1889, has made the following Regulation for the peace, order, and good Government of Her Majesty's subjects being within the dominions of the King of Siam:—

REGULATION.

1. It shall not be lawful for any Chinese immigrant who arrives in any British immigrant ship on a voyage on which such ship has called at Amoy or Formosa to land in the Kingdom of Siam.
2. It shall not be lawful for the master of any British immigrant ship who has sailed from or called at Amoy or Formosa to disembark any Chinese immigrant at any place within the Kingdom of Siam.
3. The owner, agent, consignee, and master of any British immigrant ship who having sailed from or called at Amoy or Formosa shall arrive at any port or place in the Kingdom of Siam shall be legally bound to cause such ship to leave the Siamese waters without disembarking any Chinese immigrant within twenty-four hours after the receipt by him of written notice from the Harbour Master or from the Medical Officer requiring him to do so.
4. Any immigrant ship clearing from Hong Kong or from any Chinese or other port and to whom the foregoing provisions shall not be applicable, shall anchor at Paknam and wait there until such time as the Medical Officer shall have boarded her and given her pratique to proceed to Bangkok.

The passengers or crew shall not communicate with any person outside the ship from the port of departure to Paknam.

5. Any Chinese immigrant disembarking from a British immigrant ship contrary to Section 1 heretofore shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment not exceeding three months with or without hard labour, or to a fine not exceeding £5 without imprisonment.

6. The master of any British immigrant ship who suffers any Chinese immigrant to disembark or any person aiding or abetting any Chinese immigrant in disembarking from a British immigrant ship contrary to Sections 1, 2, or 3 heretofore shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £10 for every immigrant whose disembarkation has been so suffered, aided or abetted, or to imprisonment not exceeding three months or to both such punishments, and any owner, agent, consignee or master of a British immigrant ship who, after the expiration of twenty-four hours from the service upon him of the notice mentioned in Section 3, shall suffer such ship to remain within the Siamese waters, shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding £50 or to imprisonment not exceeding three months or to both such punishments, and further to a fine not exceeding £10 for every subsequent day or part of a day during which such ship shall have remained in Siamese waters in contravention of Section 3.

7. Any person other than the Medical Officer, Harbour Master, Chief of the Muang or the Officers of any of them who shall communicate with a British immigrant ship, to whom the provisions of Sections 1, 2, and 3 are applicable shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding £100 or to imprisonment not exceeding three months, or to both such punishments.

8. Any person not being one of the Medical Officers or of the officers in charge of the station for medical inspection at Paknam who, before pratique to proceed to Bangkok has been given, shall communicate or attempt to communicate from a ship to which the provisions of Section 4 are applicable, with the land, or from the land with such ship, or from such ship with other ships, shall be liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding £25 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both such punishments.

If such person is the master of the ship he shall be liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding £50 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both such punishments.