

(S. 2713.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),
London, November 11, 1897.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the following Quarantine Notice issued by the Governor of Malta, viz. :—

Government Notice.

His Excellency the Governor, having heard the opinion of the Board of Health, has been pleased to modify Government Notice, No. 147, of 30th July, 1897, and to direct that the following regulations be observed, viz. :—

1. Any shipment of cattle, any part of which is found to be suffering or to be suspected of suffering from an infectious or contagious disease at the time of arrival or after a period of inspection, is to be detained in quarantine.

2. Should the existence of cattle plague be verified before landing, the cargo will not be allowed to land.

3. The importation of cattle, except horses, mules, and asses, from Egypt, the Province of Naples, Calabria, Sicily, and Salonica, is prohibited, and the introduction into these Islands of wool, hides, skins, horns, bones, and hoofs from the above places and from countries where epidemic diseases are prevailing is likewise prohibited.

4. Cattle intended for importation into these Islands must be accompanied by a certificate stating the place of their origin and the fact that cattle disease has not prevailed in that place (with as far as can be ascertained the route followed from any inland station to the port of embarkation), during the three months previous to the date of embarkation. Such certificate shall be given by the British Consular Authority at the places of origin and embarkation, or if there be no such British Consular Authority, by the local Government Authority of the places of origin and embarkation.

5. Vessels arriving in this Island, having on board more than 150 head of cattle (bovine), are to go into the quarantine harbour, and the cattle are to be inspected in the cattle enclosures of the lazaretto.

6. The importation of cattle from the Black Sea, Sea of Azov, Syria (including Alexandretta), Roumelia, and Algeria, not otherwise prohibited, and the importation of horses, mules, and asses from the ports mentioned in Article 3, may be permitted subject to the undermentioned conditions; provided that, in the opinion of the Chief Government Medical Officer, such cattle are not affected with disease so that they may be admitted in the lazaretto without detriment to cattle already in the Island.

a. Cattle from the Black Sea, Sea of Azov, Roumelia, and Syria (including Alexandretta), shall only be admitted to the enclosures which may be assigned or approved for that purpose at the lazaretto, and they shall be subjected to isolation and observation for three months, and those from Algeria for 15 days.

b. Application must be made for leave to import, and permission is to be obtained in writing from Government in each case before shipment, stating the approximate number of the animals intended to be shipped. No cattle shall be allowed to be landed unless the consignee has obtained such leave from Government and agreed to abide by any regulations which may be established.

c. The application referred to in the preceding Article shall imply that the applicant has consented to pay the usual fees for entrance into the

lazaretto, and for guards and extraordinary expenses on each head of cattle, besides 2s. 6d. on each head of cattle per month, or part thereof, in cases in which it is found necessary to keep cattle in the lazaretto for a longer period than 15 days.

d. That such cattle, if slaughtered at the lazaretto, will be subject to the regulations which may from time to time be made by the Port Authorities.

e. The owners of cattle in the lazaretto shall be subjected to such regulations as to slaughtering of cattle, disposal of offal, blood, &c., as may from time to time be made by the Port Authorities.

7. Swine arriving from Albania and Greece may be imported, subject to 20 days' quarantine at the lazaretto or in private pens, and to any restrictions which the Chief Government Medical Officer may consider necessary.

8. The importation of dogs is subjected to three months' quarantine.

By command,

G. STRICKLAND,

Chief Secretary to Government.

Palace, Valletta, November 4, 1897.

Admiralty, 9th November, 1897.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Sub-Lieutenant James Oliver Carter has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Dated 6th November, 1897.

Admiralty, 10th November, 1897.

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

Lieutenant Francis Edmund Groube has this day been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Commander.

Royal Marine Artillery.

Quartermaster and Honorary Major John Muir is placed on the Retired List, under the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 29th November, 1881.

THE FAIRS ACT, 1873.

The Local Government Act, 1894:

TOWCESTER FAIRS.

WHEREAS a representation has been duly made to me as Secretary of State for the Home Department, by the Towcester Rural District Council, that Fairs have been hitherto held at Towcester, in the county of Northampton, on the 12th day of May and the 29th day of October, respectively, in each year, and that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that such Fairs should in future be held on the Tuesdays on or next after those dates respectively in each year.

And whereas notice of the said representation, and of the time when I should take the same into consideration, has been duly published in pursuance of "The Fairs Act, 1873."

And whereas on such representation and consideration it appears to me that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that the said Fairs should in future be held on the Tuesdays on or next after the 12th day of May and the 29th day of October in each year.

Now therefore I, as the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in exercise of the powers vested in me by "The Fairs Act 1873," do hereby order that the Fairs which have been hitherto held at Towcester, in the county of Northampton, on the 12th day of May and the 29th day of