

on account of the existence of plague in Oporto, the importation and transit of certain specified goods and articles from Egypt, issued by Ministerial Decree of June 6th, 1899, B.L.I. No. 99, is extended to Portugal, in order to prevent the introduction of infectious diseases.

The present Decree comes into force on the day that it is received respectively by the Custom House Offices and by the Marine Sanitary Offices.

This is issued for information and guidance with reference to Circular of June 7th, 1899, No. 6513.

Trieste, September 2nd, 1899.

The President,

BECHER.

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*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, September 14, 1899.*

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 Sofia, intimating that the following Regulations have been issued with respect to quarantine, viz. :—

1. All vessels, from what port soever they sailed, bound for Bulgarian Black Sea ports, must put in at Varna or Bourgas, where pratique will be given to them for the other ports.

2. The importation from Russia of fruit, vegetables, preserves, fish (fresh or salted), caviar, corks, mushrooms, hides, fur coats, used sacks, goods coming from the Province of Astrakhan, samples and postal parcels, is prohibited.

3. A quarantine of twelve days is imposed on vessels arriving from the Sea of Azov and from Russian ports of the Asiatic coast of the Black Sea. If during the quarantine a suspicious case occurs among the crew or passengers, the vessel will be compelled to leave. At the end of the quarantine the passengers will be allowed to land after steam disinfection of their baggage and their clothes. The same procedure will be followed with the crew, if they wish to land. If the vessel has cargo to load or discharge the disinfection of the vessel and crew is obligatory. In that case the bilge-water must be pumped out, not into the harbour, but into the open sea. During the discharge of the cargo the quarantine officials are to take the greatest care that no rats are landed with the goods; with this object they may require the goods to be first discharged into lighters which have been cleared of rats, and from thence landed under quarantine supervision.

4. Vessels arriving from Russian ports of the European coast of the Black Sea are admitted to pratique after a strict medical inspection of passengers and crew. The baggage and clothes of passengers will be disinfected by steam. The vessels and crews will be disinfected as in paragraph 3, if they have goods to load or to discharge.

5. If a vessel has on board, or has had during the voyage, a suspicious case, or if the sanitary state of the vessel is bad, the quarantine doctor will refuse it admission.

6. All goods from Russia will be subjected to steam disinfection. Goods which cannot be disinfected by steam will be disinfected in another manner, but the disinfection must be thorough.

7. Petroleum and naphtha will be discharged when the vessel has undergone the necessary quarantine. They will be admitted after external disinfection with carbolic acid or sublimate.

8. Vessels entering the Danube from Russia or with passengers from Russia on board must stop at Silistria, where they will be disinfected by the quarantine doctor, who will give them free pratique

for the Danube ports. The quarantine doctor of Silistria will effect a medical inspection of such vessels, and will give them a sanitary certificate or endorse their bills of health. The other quarantine doctors on the Danube will verify the sanitary condition of the vessels.

9. Passengers arriving from Russia by the Danube will be inspected at Silistria. If the medical inspection is satisfactory, and if the passengers produce official certificates from Sulina or Galatz that they have undergone quarantine or medical inspection in Roumania, and that their clothes and effects have been disinfected by steam, they will be admitted into the Principality and the fact endorsed on their certificates. In the contrary case, such passengers will be stopped at Silistria for medical inspection and disinfection of their baggage, after which a certificate of free entry will be granted to them. The quarantine doctors at other Bulgarian stations on the Danube will not allow such passengers to enter Bulgarian territory, unless they produce the certificate of the quarantine doctor of Silistria or a certificate from Sulina or Galatz endorsed by him.

10. Goods coming from Russia by the Danube will be subjected to disinfection as in paragraph 6. Goods which have been rigorously disinfected at Sulina or Galatz will be allowed to pass on production of an official certificate to that effect, endorsed by the quarantine doctor of Silistria.

11. All passengers arriving from Russia and admitted into Bulgaria by the seaports, by the Danube or by land, are subjected at their place of residence to twelve days' sanitary supervision. The quarantine doctors and the passport commissioners at Varna, Bourgas, Tsaribrod, Harmanli, and the Danube ports, will take accurate note of the names and destination of such passengers, and will advise the sanitary authorities concerned by telegraph.

12. Any person endeavouring to avoid such supervision will be isolated and kept in arrest for twelve days for the purpose of supervision.

*Admiralty, 12th September, 1899.*

Lieutenant Cecil Spencer Hickley has been promoted to the rank of Commander in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 31st August, 1899.

The undermentioned Sub-Lieutenants have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in Her Majesty's Fleet :—

Francis Robert Wrottesley.

Charles Nicolas Tindal-Carill-Worsley.

Gilbert Cyril William Crispin.

Dated 31st August, 1899.

*Royal Marine Artillery.*

Captain Cecil Alverd FitzHerbert Osmaston is seconded for service as Adjutant of Auxiliary Forces. Dated 21st August, 1899.

*Admiralty, 13th September, 1899.*

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 1st April, 1881—Fleet Surgeon Alexander George Pemberton Gipps has been placed on the Retired List of his rank, at his own request. Dated 12th September, 1899.

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

Naval Instructor William Walker Lane, B.A., has been placed on the Retired List, at his own request. Dated 15th September, 1899.