

tine at Porto Rico issued by the United States Government, viz. :—

Extract from United States Treasury Department's Decisions, Vol. 3, No. 43, dated 25th October, 1900 :—

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Organization and conduct of the National Quarantine Service, Porto Rico.  
Circular No. 146.

Treasury Department,  
Office of Supervising Surgeon-General  
U.S.M.H.S.,

Washington, D.C., October 20, 1900.

Medical Officers of the Marine Hospital Service, Collectors of Customs, and others concerned :

Section 10 of the Act of Congress approved April 12, 1900, entitled "An Act temporarily to provide revenues and a Civil Government for Porto Rico, and for other purposes," is as follows :—

Section 10. That quarantine stations shall be established at such places in Porto Rico as the Supervising Surgeon-General of the Marine Hospital Service of the United States shall direct, and the quarantine regulations relating to the importation of diseases from other countries shall be under the control of the Government of the United States.

Under the provisions of the foregoing section, and in accordance with the Act of Congress approved February 15, 1893, entitled "An Act granting additional quarantine powers and imposing additional duties upon the Marine Hospital Service," the following instructions are hereby issued for the Government of the quarantine service in Porto Rico :—

1. Quarantine stations are hereby established at the following ports :—San Juan, Ponce, Aguadilla, Arecibo, Arroya, Humacao, Mayaguez, Baracoa, Fajardo, and Guanica.

2. The quarantine regulations of the Treasury Department issued November 13, 1899, and as subsequently or hereafter to be amended, shall be enforced at Porto Rican ports.

3. The general conduct of the quarantine service in Porto Rico shall be in accordance with the regulations governing the Marine Hospital Service, in so far as they are applicable.

4. One officer will be detailed by the Surgeon-General of the Marine Hospital Service as chief quarantine officer of Porto Rico in addition to his duties as quarantine officer at the Port of San Juan.

5. Routine work at each port is to be conducted by the officer in command at such port, under the quarantine regulations and the regulations for the government of the Marine Hospital Service.

6. Special questions regarding administration, detention of vessels in quarantine, methods of disinfecting unusual cargoes, &c., are to be submitted when practicable, and with recommendations, to the chief quarantine officer for decision, and when acted upon shall be promptly reported to said chief quarantine officer. The port quarantine officer will abide by the decision of the chief quarantine officer, the right of appeal to the Bureau, however, being recognized.

7. The chief quarantine officer will make periodical or special inspections of the various ports, and will have authority to visit any port at any time upon the request of the officer there stationed, quoting this paragraph as authority for travelling expenses incurred, and making report to the Surgeon-General of each inspection.

8. Reports and correspondence from the stations will be forwarded to the Bureau through the chief

quarantine officer. In forwarding propositions involving change of policy, new structures or extensive repairs to old structures, nominations to original vacancies, promotions, and other unusual matters, the chief quarantine officer will add his recommendations in each case.

9. In exceptional cases when, in the opinion of the port quarantine officer, it is necessary to write or telegraph the Bureau direct, he may do so, but in each case will forward a copy of the communication to the chief quarantine officer.

10. The collector of customs at San Juan will act as disbursing officer for the quarantine service in Porto Rico. His account of disbursements will be forwarded monthly to the Marine Hospital Bureau for administrative examination and transmission to the Auditor for the Treasury Department. He will pay bills incurred under the regulations or by Department authority, when certified to by the port quarantine officers and approved by the chief quarantine officer.

11. Each port quarantine officer shall transmit on the first of each month a report of the expenses incurred during the preceding month and an estimate of the expenses to be incurred during the ensuing month. These reports and estimates shall be in duplicate, and one copy will be forwarded by the chief quarantine officer to the Bureau.

12. The chief quarantine officer shall exercise a surveillance over the operations of the several quarantine ports with regard to efficient quarantine, the expenditures and general administration, and will promptly convey to the Bureau all pertinent information relative thereto, adding his recommendation when necessary. He will submit at the close of each fiscal year an annual report of the transactions and condition of each station.

WALTER WYMAN,

Supervising Surgeon-General U.S.M.H.S.

Approved,

L. J. GAGE, Secretary.

(F. & H. 15,800.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour*

*Department), London, November 26, 1900.*

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 Paris, intimating that, as no case of plague has occurred at Tamatave since the 25th October, the sanitary measures adopted in Madagascar have been suspended since the 4th instant.

(F. & H. 15,892.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour*

*Department), London, November 27, 1900.*

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 Rio de Janeiro, intimating that Glasgow and Scottish ports are declared free from plague.

(F. & H. 15,909.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour*

*Department), London, November 27, 1900.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a Despatch from the Governor of Barbados, intimating that Glasgow and its suburbs are no longer infected with plague.

(F. & H. 15,911.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour*

*Department), London, November 27, 1900.*

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 Copenhagen, intimating that Decree placing arrivals from Glasgow under supervision has been abrogated.