

*Scottish Office, Whitehall,*

*June 10, 1902.*

Loyal and Dutiful Addresses from the General Assembly of the United Free Church of Scotland and from the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, having been forwarded to the Secretary for Scotland for presentation to the King, have been presented accordingly to His Majesty, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously.

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, June 9, 1902.*

H. 9247.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Quarantine Laws and Regulations of Cuba, from His Majesty's Representative at Havana:—

Gaceta de la Habana.

Martes 29 de Abril de 1902.

Parte Oficial.

Administración General.

Gobierno Militar de la Isla de Cuba.

No. 122.

Headquarters Department of Cuba.

*Havana, April 29, 1902.*

I, Leonard Wood, Military Governor of Cuba by virtue of the authority vested in me, direct the publication of, and hereby re-enact in such form as to enable their continued enforcement pending such action as the Congress of Cuba may take thereon, the following provisions of law relating to Quarantine which have been in force in Cuba since January 17, 1899, by authority of the President's order of that date making them applicable to Cuba.

Quarantine Laws and Regulations of Cuba.

Section I. It shall be unlawful for any merchant ship or other vessel from any foreign port or place to enter any port of Cuba except in accordance with the provisions of this order and with such rules and regulations of State and Municipal health authorities as may be made in pursuance of, or consistent with, this order; and any such vessel which shall enter, or attempt to enter, a port of Cuba in violation thereof shall forfeit to Cuba a sum, to be awarded in the discretion of the court, not exceeding five thousand dollars, which shall be a lien upon said vessel, to be recovered by proceedings in the proper court of Cuba. In all such proceedings the Public Prosecutor for such district shall appear on behalf of Cuba; and all such proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and laws governing cases of seizure of vessels for violation of the revenue laws of Cuba.

Section II. Any vessel at any foreign port clearing for any port or place in Cuba shall be required to obtain from the consul of Cuba or acting for Cuba, vice-consul, or other consular officer of Cuba at the port of departure, or from the medical officer where such officer has been detailed by the Chief Executive of Cuba, for that purpose, a bill of health, in duplicate, in the form prescribed by the Secretary of Finance, setting forth the sanitary history and condition of said vessel, and that it has in all respects complied with the rules and regulations in such cases prescribed for securing the best sanitary condition of said vessel, and that it has in all respects complied with the rules and regulations in such cases prescribed for securing the best sanitary condition of the said vessel, its cargo, passengers, and crew; and said consular or medical officer is required, before granting such duplicate bill of health, to be satisfied that the matters and things therein stated are

true; and for his services in that behalf he shall be entitled to demand and receive such fees as shall by lawful regulation be allowed, to be accounted for as is required in other cases.

The Chief Executive of Cuba, in his discretion, is authorized to detail any medical officer of the Government to serve in the office of the consul at any foreign port for the purpose of furnishing information and making the inspection and giving the bills of health hereinbefore mentioned. Any vessel clearing and sailing from any such port without such bill of health, and entering any port of Cuba, shall forfeit to Cuba not more than five thousand dollars, the amount to be determined by the court, which shall be a lien on the same, to be recovered by proceedings in the proper court of Cuba. In all such proceedings the Public Prosecutor for such district shall appear on behalf of Cuba; and all such proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and laws governing cases of seizure of vessels for violation of the revenue laws of Cuba.

Section III. The Secretary of Finance shall, upon the recommendation of the Chief Quarantine Officer, make such additional rules and regulations as are necessary to be observed by vessels at the port of departure and on the voyage, where such vessels sail from any foreign port or place to any port or place in Cuba, to secure the best sanitary condition of such vessel, her cargo, passengers, and crew; which shall be published and communicated to and enforced by the consular officers of Cuba. None of the penalties herein imposed shall attach to any vessel or owner or officer thereof until a copy of this order, with the rules and regulations made in pursuance thereof, has been posted up in the office of the consul or other consular officer of Cuba for ten days, in the port from which said vessel sailed; and the certificate of such consul or consular officer over his official signature shall be competent evidence of such posting, in any court of Cuba.

Section IV. It shall be the duty of the Chief Quarantine Officer, under the direction of the Secretary of Finance, to perform all the duties in respect to quarantine and quarantine regulations which are provided for by this order, and to obtain information of the sanitary condition of foreign ports and places from which contagious and infectious diseases are or may be imported into Cuba, and to this end the consular officer of Cuba at such ports and places as shall be designated by the Secretary of Finance shall make to the Secretary of Finance weekly reports of the sanitary condition of the ports and places at which they are respectively stationed, according to such forms as the Secretary of Finance shall prescribe; and the Secretary of Finance shall also obtain, through all sources accessible, including State and Municipal sanitary authorities throughout Cuba, weekly reports of the sanitary condition of ports and places within Cuba, and shall prepare, publish and transmit to collectors of customs and to State and Municipal health officers and other sanitarians weekly abstracts of the consular sanitary reports and other pertinent information received by him, and shall also, as far as he may be able, by means of the voluntary co-operation of State and Municipal authorities, of public associations, and private persons, procure information relating to the climatic and other conditions affecting the public health, and shall make an annual report of his operations to Congress, with such recommendations as he may deem important to the public interest.

Section V. The Secretary of Finance shall from time to time issue to the consular officers of