

disinfection at quarantine stations established at Bourgas and Varna. The effects of the crews of these vessels will also be disinfected. (2) Persons travelling from Baku and Port Said to Bulgaria shall be allowed to enter that country only after a close medical examination. Their baggage and other property will be disinfected. These travellers will be detained in quarantine while the medical examination and disinfection are being carried out.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, October 6, 1904.
H. 12691.

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the following Notice, dated September 29, which has been issued by the Government of Malta:—

Government Notice. No. 237.

His Honour the Deputy Governor, acting on the advice of the Council of Health, has been pleased to repeal Government Notice No. 64 of the 23rd March, 1904, and to direct that the following regulations be observed as regards vessels and passengers, viz:—

Infected Places.

1. The following countries and ports are declared to be infected:—

- (a.) Arabia (excepting Perim and Aden);
- (b.) China;
- (c.) India;
- (d.) Alexandria (Egypt);
- (e.) Smyrna;
- (f.) All ports in the Persian Gulf.

Infected Vessels.

2. Infected vessels are vessels which have, or have had, on board, during the voyage or the preceding 20 days, cases of cholera, yellow fever, plague, or any disease with symptoms which, in the opinion of the Chief Government Medical Officer, resemble the symptoms of the said diseases.

Vessels which are not allowed to enter the Harbour, but are allowed to communicate with Quarantine Establishments.

3. Infected vessels.

4. Vessels with pilgrims from the East, which do not carry a recognized Medical Officer.

Vessels allowed to load in Quarantine.

5. Infected vessels carrying a recognized Medical Officer, and not having on board an actual case of any of the diseases mentioned in clause 2.

6. Vessels with pilgrims from the East which carry a recognized Medical Officer.

7. Vessels from infected places not having on board an actual case of any of the diseases mentioned in clause 2, when arriving within 10 days from date of departure.

8. Vessels arriving at Malta without a clean bill of health.

Vessels from Infected Places admitted to Pratique.

9. Vessels without a clean bill of health, or from infected places, will be admitted to pratique after 10 days from date of departure.

Pilots allowed to board Vessels.

10. Pilots will be allowed to board the vessels referred to in clauses 5, 6, 7, and 8 for the purpose of taking them into the Quarantine Harbour, subject to the following conditions:—

(a.) The pilot shall go direct from his boat to the bridge, without holding communication with

any person except the Officers and crew of the vessel, and after the vessel is moored, shall be taken in one of her boats to the Lazaretto, where his clothes and person shall be disinfected.

(b.) To prevent communication or contact with passengers, the Master of the vessel shall cause the portion of the deck over which the pilot has to pass to be roped off, and shall exclude from such space and from the bridge all persons except the Officers and crew of the vessel so long as the pilot is on board.

Medical Inspection.

11. All vessels and passengers are subject to medical inspection on arrival.

Passengers.

12. Passengers who, according to the declaration of the captain of the vessel by which they arrive, embarked at Ports beyond Suez or at Mediterranean Ports east of Malta or at Sicily, Tripoli (Barbary States) and Tunis, shall, before landing, declare on oath before a Marine Police Officer that they have not been in, or have not communicated with, an infected place within the last 10 days. Otherwise they shall remain in quarantine till the expiration of 10 days from the date of departure.

13. Passengers arriving on board vessels without a clean bill of health, and the Officers of such vessels, will be permitted to land after medical inspection, but will not be permitted to land any of their luggage or effects until the same shall have been thoroughly disinfected. This clause does not apply to deck passengers.

14. Passengers not otherwise provided for are subjected to the restrictions applicable to the vessels on which they arrive.

15. When 20 days have elapsed from the last case of plague, cholera, or other disease against which restrictions have been in force with regard to a country or place declared to be an infected place, a notice will be issued by the Collector of Customs to the effect that the place or port is no longer to be dealt with as infected.

The word "passengers," as used in this notice, except in clause 14, includes the officers and crew of vessels.

By command,

F. C. FULLER,

Acting Lieutenant-Governor and
Chief Secretary to Government.

The Palace, Valletta,
September 29, 1904.

N.B.—*Smyrna has been included among "Infected Places," and Clause 12 has been amended as shown in italics.*

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, October 6, 1904.
H. 12754.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated October 5, from His Majesty's Representative at Constantinople:—"Free pratique granted to arrivals from Port Said. Quarantine reduced to 48 hours against Muscat and environs."

LIGHT RAILWAYS ACT, 1896.

The Board of Trade have, after modification, confirmed the following Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners:—Southend and