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## EXTRAORDINARY

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### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

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**WHEREAS** by the 10th section of the Ordinance No. 8 of 1866, intituled "An Ordinance to provide against the spread of Contagious Diseases in this Island," it is provided that it shall be lawful for the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, from time to time to make such regulations or orders as may be necessary and expedient to prevent the introduction or spread of infectious diseases in the Colony :

And whereas smallpox and cholera are prevailing in the Northern Province, whereby it has become necessary that precautionary measures should be taken for securing the public health of the Province :

The following regulations made by His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him under and by virtue of the said Ordinance No. 8 of 1866, and in pursuance of every other power and authority vested in him in this behalf, are published for general information, and such regulations shall have effect and operation from the date hereof.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, August 3, 1891.

E. NOEL WALKER,  
Colonial Secretary.

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**REGULATIONS** made by His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, in pursuance of the provisions of the 10th section of the Ordinance No. 8 of 1866, intituled "An Ordinance to provide against the spread of Contagious Diseases in this Island."

1. The following officers shall be deemed "authorised persons" under and for the purposes of carrying out these regulations in their respective towns, places, or districts as hereinafter specified :—

The Government Agent of the Province.

The Police Magistrate.

The Assistant Superintendent of Police.

The Chairman of the Board of Health (if any) or (in his absence) the Secretary of the Board of Health (if any).

The Assistant Government Agent of the District.

Any Assistant Colonial Surgeon in the Province.

2. It shall be lawful for any authorised person to cause persons infected with cholera, smallpox, chickenpox, or other infectious or contagious disease in any house or place hereunder described to be removed to some public hospital or other place provided by Government :—

- (1) In any house or place in which goods are exposed for sale.
- (2) In any house or place of public resort.
- (3) In any building in which there are no means of isolating the patients from the other inmates, or in any building where the retention of the patient is likely to prove a source of danger to others.

Provided that it shall be competent for any such authorised person as aforesaid, in case the removal of any person so infected in any house or place in which goods are exposed for sale is objected to, and the house or place is not otherwise open to objection, to allow the patient to be retained, on condition, however, that the sale of goods shall not be carried on in such house or place during such time as any person shall remain so infected in such house or place.

Provided further, that it shall be lawful for any such authorised person as aforesaid to allow any patient to be removed to any locality which such patient or his or her friends may choose, and to which the medical authorities of the town or place, if any, do not object, instead of to the public hospital or place provided by Government.

3. Except as provided by these regulations, and except as provided by the said Ordinance No. 8 of 1866, it shall not be lawful for any person to remove or assist in removing any person suffering from cholera, smallpox, chickenpox, or other infectious or contagious disease, from the house or place in which such person shall be to any other house or place without the sanction in writing of some duly authorised person.

4. It shall be lawful for any authorised person to prohibit the removal for interment of the corpses of persons who have died of any contagious disease along any particular thoroughfare, and to prescribe the thoroughfares leading to the place of interment along which such corpses shall be carried. Information of such prohibition shall be given by notice in writing under the hand of some authorised person, which shall be posted in two or more conspicuous places in the prohibited thoroughfare, and by publication in such other way as may be deemed necessary by such authorised person.

5 These regulations shall come into operation on this date, and shall continue in force until December 31, 1891, or to such other time as the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, shall extend the same.