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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

THE following Proceedings of the Government of Madras, containing rules under the Epidemic Diseases Act, III. of 1897, which will be brought into effect immediately at the Port of Tuticorin, are published for general information.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, March 7, 1897.

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary

Government of Madras.—Marine Department.

ORDER No. 149, Marine, dated 22nd February, 1897:—

The Government considers it necessary that special precautionary measures should be adopted to prevent the importation of the bubonic plague into Colombo by vessels sailing from the port of Tuticorin, and is accordingly pleased to prescribe, under the Epidemic Diseases Act III. of 1897, the following temporary regulations, which will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. The Surgeon-General will at once submit the name of the medical officer to be appointed under rule 6.

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers delegated to him by the Governor-General in Council under section 2, sub-section (3), of "The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897," His Excellency the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is pleased to prescribe, under the said Epidemic Diseases Act, the following temporary regulations to be observed in the port of Tuticorin:—

1. No person shall be permitted to embark on board a vessel within the port of Tuticorin bound for any port in the Island of Ceylon who has within the preceding ten days resided in or

visited a part of India believed by the Health Officer of the port of Tuticorin to be infected by the plague.

2. No vessel shall leave the port of Tuticorin for any port in Ceylon until she has been inspected by the Health Officer of the port of Tuticorin and the master or person in charge of such vessel has obtained a bill of health or certificate in the form given below from such officer that the master or person in charge, officers, crew, and passengers (if any) of such vessel are free from the bubonic plague.

3. Should the Health Officer of the port be of opinion that any person on board of any vessel so inspected is suffering from the bubonic plague, or is not free from the infection of the plague, he shall refuse to give a bill of health or certificate as aforesaid unless and until such person is removed from the vessel, and such parts of the vessel as have been frequented by any such person shall have been disinfected to the satisfaction of the Health Officer.

4. After the master or person in charge of the vessel has obtained a bill of health or certificate under the provisions of these rules, no person or cargo shall be admitted or taken on board such vessel before she leaves the port of Tuticorin, unless such vessel is again inspected by the Health Officer of the port and another bill of health or certificate obtained from such officer by the master or person in charge of such vessel.

5. No port clearance shall be delivered to any vessel unless and until the master or person in charge thereof shall produce the bill of health or certificate so to be obtained as aforesaid, and it shall be the duty of Customs Officers to refuse delivery of the port clearance without the production of such bill of health or certificate.

6. The Government of Madras may appoint any person or persons by name or by virtue of office Health Officer or Health Officers of the port for the purpose of these rules as regards any class or classes of vessels, and may cancel any such appointment.

7. Disobedience to any of the above rules Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 will subject the offender and all persons aiding or abetting him to a prosecution under section 271 of the Indian Penal Code.

Bill of Health.

This is to certify that the ship (or steamer) _____, sailing under the _____ flag, and under the command of _____ as master, of _____ tons, bound for _____ with a crew of _____ persons* and _____ passengers, and laden with a cargo of _____, is at the time of leaving this port in a satisfactory sanitary condition, and that no case of bubonic plague exists among her officers, passengers, or crew, all of whom have been inspected by me.

It is further certified that the town and port of Tuticorin are at present † free from plague.

* Including officers and able-bodied seamen. † Or as the case may be.

[Here enter No. 150, Marine, dated 22nd February, 1897.]

(True Extract.)

D. MCNEIL CAMPBELL, Colonel R.E.,
Secretary to Government.