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Order in Council.

*At the Executive Council Chamber, at Perth, the
2nd day of April, 1900.*

Present :

The Right Hon. the Colonial Treasurer
(presiding).

The Honourables—

The Commissioner of Railways,
The Minister of Mines,
The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary.

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HIS Excellency the Administrator, by virtue of the powers vested in the Governor by "The Quarantine Ordinance, 1868" (32 Vict., 12), does hereby make, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, the following Orders.

F. D. NORTH,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Quarantine Orders.

SECTION I.

DUTIES OF QUARANTINE OFFICER.

To visit ship and make inquiries.

1. The Quarantine Officer of each port shall visit every ship which arrives at the port from beyond sea, or from any port or place at which any dangerous infectious disease is known or suspected to exist, and shall, before going on board the ship, put to the master and to the surgeon or other medical officer of such ship (if any) the questions set out in the First Schedule to these Regulations; and papers containing those questions printed or written thereon shall be handed to the master and the surgeon or other

medical officer (if any) of the ship, who shall write their replies thereon, and sign the same, and return the papers to the Quarantine Officer.

If ship liable to quarantine.

2. If it appears from the answers to such questions that the ship is liable to quarantine under the provisions of the Act, the Quarantine Officer shall order the ship into quarantine, as prescribed by the 2nd, 5th, and 7th sections of the Act.

To inspect passengers.

3. If it does not appear from the answers to such questions that the ship is liable to quarantine, the Quarantine Officer shall go on board the ship and inspect the passengers and crew, and if he is satisfied that there is no infectious or contagious disease on board, and that none has existed during the voyage, and that the ship has not brought any passengers from or touched at any port or place where any infectious or contagious disease was prevailing, and has not during the voyage communicated with any other ship on board of which any such disease existed, he may at once admit the ship to pratique.

*Where ship has touched at infected place or
communicated with infected ship.*

4. If, in the case of a ship arriving in Western Australia, notwithstanding that there is no infectious or contagious disease on board, it appears from the answers to the questions aforesaid that the ship has had any such disease on board during the voyage, or has brought any passengers or goods from or touched at any port or place where any such disease was prevailing, or has during the voyage communicated with any other ship on board of which any such disease existed, the Quarantine Officer shall not admit such ship to pratique, but shall at once report the fact to the Principal Medical Officer, in order that the necessary steps may be taken for the continuance of the ship in or its discharge from the performance of quarantine.

Where reasonable suspicion of danger.

5. If any Quarantine Officer has reasonable cause for supposing that the public health would be endangered by the immediate admission to pratique of a ship arriving from beyond sea, or from any port or place at which any dangerous infectious disease is known or suspected to exist, he shall refuse pratique to such ship; but he must report at once to the Principal Medical Officer that he has done so, and his reason for doing so, in order that the necessary steps may be taken for the continuance of the ship in, or its discharge from the performance of, quarantine.

May direct passengers to be landed and ship cleansed.

6. Before a ship arriving in Western Australia from beyond sea or from any port or place at which any dangerous infectious disease is known or suspected to exist is admitted to pratique, the Quarantine Officer may, if he thinks fit, direct that the passengers shall be landed at a quarantine ground for the purpose of affording them an opportunity of bathing and of washing and disinfecting all linen, clothing, bedding, and other things that have been worn or used during the voyage, and for cleansing and disinfecting the ship; and as soon as the surgeon of the ship certifies, in writing, to the Quarantine Officer that his directions have been faithfully carried out, the Quarantine Officer shall forthwith admit the ship and passengers to pratique.

Doubtful cases.

7. If there is no surgeon or other medical officer of the ship, and it appears from the answers to the questions aforesaid that there is any sickness on board the ship, or if, whether there is a surgeon or other medical officer or not, the Quarantine Officer is not satisfied whether the ship is or is not liable to quarantine, he shall go on board the ship and examine the passengers and crew, and ascertain whether the ship is or is not liable to quarantine; and if he finds that the ship is liable to quarantine, he shall order the ship into quarantine accordingly.

Quarantine officer going on board an infected ship.

8. If after the Quarantine Officer has boarded a ship he finds that there is an infectious or contagious disease on board, which might be communicated to the shore by him, he shall not leave the ship without the permission of the Principal Medical Officer first obtained, except for the purpose of going to some place where he can remain without danger of communicating the disease to other persons, unless before boarding he shall have put on an impermeable cloak covering the whole of his clothing from head to foot, and a suitable cap, and shall immediately after examining the infected patient disinfect his hands and exposed surfaces of his body, and he shall cause his cloak, cap, and boots to be sponged and thoroughly disinfected with a solution of chinisol or corrosive sublimate of a strength of one in five hundred parts.

Where disease on board.

9. If the Quarantine Officer boarding a ship on arrival at the first port of call in the Colony finds any disease on board which would render the ship liable to quarantine, he may order the immediate removal of all infected persons to the nearest quarantine ground, to be kept there under proper medical or other attendance, and may then allow the ship and the rest of the passengers to proceed on the voyage, or he may allow the ship and all the passengers so to proceed. In either case, the ship shall proceed on the voyage under the yellow flag.

To make report.

10. The Quarantine Officer for the Port of Fremantle shall, as soon as practicable, report to the Principal Medical Officer the full names and ages and classification of all passengers landed at any Quarantine Station from any ship. The Quarantine Officers at other ports shall furnish similar reports by telegraph to the Principal Medical Officer, which shall be forwarded by him to the Minister.

11. No vessel shall be admitted to pratique except upon the order of the Governor, or any two or more members of the Executive Council, given in accordance with the terms of the Quarantine Act, which shall, within the period of twenty-one days previous to arrival at any port or place within the Colony have touched at any port or place, or communicated with any vessel, at or on board of which cholera, small-pox, enteric fever, scarlatina, measles, typhus fever, diphtheria, or yellow fever existed; and no vessel shall be admitted to pratique except upon similar order which shall within ten days previous to arrival at any port or place within the Colony have touched at any port or place, or communicated with any vessel at or on board which bubonic plague existed; and no vessel shall be admitted to pratique except upon similar order, on board of which there has existed at any time since her departure from her port of lading, any case of such disease. In default of telegraph communication with Perth, the order for admission to pratique may be given in accordance with the Act, by the Senior Officer of Government resident at the port or place at which the vessel has arrived.

12. All persons, goods, wares, merchandise, and other articles on board any vessel arriving at any port or place within the Colony, which shall have touched at any port or place, or communicated with any vessel at or on board of which bubonic plague shall be known or suspected to exist, or arriving at such port or place under any other alarming or suspicious circumstances as to infection, although such vessel shall not have come from any place which the Governor may have adjudged and declared it probable that such infectious disease may be brought, shall be dealt with in such manner as the Quarantine Officer of such port (acting under the instructions of the Principal Medical Officer) shall direct.

Communication with ship may be prohibited.

13. The Quarantine Officer may, in his discretion, direct that all communication between the quarantine ground and the ship shall cease for the whole or any part of the time during which the ship remains liable to quarantine.

SECTION II.

DUTIES OF MASTERS OF SHIPS IN QUARANTINE.

To proceed to quarantine station.

14. The master of any ship ordered into quarantine shall proceed with all possible despatch to the anchorage at the appointed Quarantine Station.

To assist in landing passengers, etc.

15. He shall afford every facility to the caretaker of the Quarantine Station, or his assistant, for landing passengers and their luggage, together with such stores as may be required for use on the quarantine ground. The provisions shall be placed in charge of the purser of the ship or other person who shall be landed with the passengers.

Ship to be thoroughly cleansed.

16. After the landing of the passengers and their luggage, and the stores, he must cause all bunk

fittings in the 'tween decks to be burnt or disinfected, and the ship to be thoroughly cleansed, as the Quarantine Officer may direct.

Crew's effects to be disinfected.

17. He must also cause the whole of the clothes worn by the crew, and those remaining in their chests or bags, to be thoroughly washed and disinfected.

Release from quarantine.

18. Before application is made by the master of any ship to be released from quarantine, the Quarantine Officer and the surgeon of the ship shall inspect the crew thereof, and if they are satisfied that the crew are free from any infectious or contagious disease, and that the instructions prescribed in the 13th, 16th, and 17th of these Regulations have been faithfully carried out, they shall forward to the Principal Medical Officer a certificate to that effect, which shall be forthwith reported to the Minister.

SECTION III.

DUTIES OF SURGEON IN CHARGE OF QUARANTINE.

Sick to be placed in hospital.

19. On the arrival of the ship at the Quarantine Station, the surgeon or other medical officer in charge of the passengers shall, as soon as practicable, cause the sick to be landed and removed to the place set apart as a hospital, together with such attendants as may be required, and may, if he thinks fit, cause all clothes, bedding, and other things belonging to the sick to be burnt.

Where healthy passengers to be placed.

20. The healthy people shall then be landed with their luggage, and shall occupy the buildings or tents erected for their reception. Single women shall be placed in charge of the matron (if any), and, when practicable, they shall be located close to the surgeon's quarters, the married people next to the single girls' quarters, and the single men next to the married people, but at some distance away.

Effects of passengers to be cleansed.

21. He shall, as soon as practicable, see that all the clothes that have been worn by the passengers during the voyage, and those remaining in their boxes, are properly cleansed, washed, and disinfected.

Isolation.

22. He shall not permit any communication whatever to take place between the patients or their attendants in the hospital and the healthy passengers; and in the event of any fresh case breaking out, he will cause the patient to be at once removed to the hospital, and, if necessary, his clothes and bedding to be burnt.

Matron.

23. He shall see that the matron (if any) discharges her duties as on board the ship towards those who are entrusted to her care, and that the women's quarters are carefully secured before retiring for the night; and no communication shall take place between the single women and other passengers without his permission.

Discipline.

24. He shall see that the same discipline is enforced as is required to be observed by the passengers on board ships, and shall report to the Principal Medical Officer any person who is guilty of misconduct, or who wilfully destroys or takes any property belonging to the Government or to any person in quarantine, or who commits a breach of these Regulations.

Letters, etc., to be disinfected before despatch.

25. He shall see that all letters from passengers are properly disinfected before leaving the quarantine ground.

Diary and case-book to be kept.

26. He shall keep a diary and a medical case-book, both of which must be written up daily; and he shall make a report to the Quarantine Officer as often as an opportunity presents itself, in the form of Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

Quarantine buildings, etc., to be cleansed.

27. Before the release of the passengers from quarantine he shall cause the whole of the buildings to be thoroughly cleansed, and the tents, cooking utensils, and other articles which have been used, to be carefully stowed away to the satisfaction of the Quarantine Officer.

Surgeon's certificate for release.

28. After the prescribed quarantine has been performed, if the surgeon or other medical officer considers that the passengers are free from further infection, and may be released with safety to the public health, he shall forward to the Quarantine Officer a certificate in the form of Schedule 3 to these Regulations, which shall be forthwith reported to the Minister by the Principal Medical Officer.

SECTION IV.

DUTIES OF PILOTS.

29. Before boarding any vessel arriving at any port in Western Australia, the Pilot shall satisfy himself that no infectious or contagious disease exists on board of such vessel. He shall obtain this information by requiring replies to the questions contained in Schedule 4 to these Regulations.

30. If an infectious or contagious disease exists on board, the Pilot shall, if possible, place the vessel in safety without going on board, and shall then communicate at once with the Quarantine Officer, or, in the absence of that officer, with the Resident Magistrate.

31. Should a Pilot be unable to secure the safety of a vessel entering a port without boarding such vessel he must go on board, and will be liable to perform such quarantine as may be prescribed for the other persons on board.

SCHEDULE I.

MASTER'S OR SURGEON'S REPORT.

Questions to be put by the Quarantine Officer to the Master and Surgeon, or other Medical Officer, of ships arriving in Western Australia from beyond sea.

Questions.	Replies.
1. What is the name of the vessel, and tonnage?
2. What is the Master's name?
3. From what port did you sail, and upon what date?
4. Have you any, and what Bill of Health?
5. At what ports have you touched on your passage?
6. Did you receive any cargo or passengers at the intermediate ports?

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

Questions.	Replies.
7. What is the nature of the cargo, and the number of officers, crew and passengers?
8. From what places did your passengers and goods come before they came on board the ship?
9. With what vessels have you had intercourse or communication on your passage, and from what port or ports did they come?
10. What is the surgeon's name?
11. Did any epidemic, infectious, or contagious disease prevail at the place from which you sailed, or in any of the places at which you have touched, or on board of any vessel with which you have had communication? If so, state where and when
12. Has any case of small-pox, measles, fever, scarlatina, plague, cholera, or other infectious or contagious disease, occurred on board during the voyage? If so, state the number of cases and the dates of attack and convalescence, or termination, of first and last cases of each disease
13. From what places did the persons affected by such sickness come before coming on board the ship?
14. Have the clothes and bedding used by those persons who have suffered from infectious or contagious disease during the voyage been either destroyed or passed through boiling water...
15. What means, if any, have been adopted for preventing the spread of any infectious or contagious disease which has occurred during the voyage, from the person or persons affected, amongst the other passengers on board?
16. How many deaths have occurred during the voyage?
17. When did they occur? What was the cause of death in each instance?
18. Have you any sickness on board at present? If so, what is the nature of the sickness, and what number of cases have you under treatment?

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

Questions.	Replies.
19. Are you aware of any circumstances during the voyage or at present, which would render it expedient to place the ship and people in quarantine?
Place....., Master.
Date....., Surgeon.

SCHEDULE 2.

Form of Sick Report.

Full Name.	Age.	Disease.	Date of Admission.	Date of Discharge.	Present state of Health.

Surgeon.

SCHEDULE 3.

Form of Certificate to be given by Medical Officer Superintending Quarantine, or Quarantine Officer.

I, the undersigned, having superintended the quarantine of the ship.....(and her passengers) do hereby certify that no new case of.....or of any other infectious or contagious disease has occurred amongst the passengers since the.....day of.....190 ; that no communication has taken place between any persons from beyond the Quarantine Station or Quarantine Ground and those now in quarantine, and that the quarantine regulations have been strictly carried out; and I further certify that the passengers may now, with safety, be released from the further performance of quarantine.

Quarantine Station,.....190 .

(If signed by Surgeon of ship, the following Certificate to be added.)

I certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements contained in the above certificate are correct in every particular.

Quarantine Officer.

SCHEDULE 4.

Questions to be answered to the Pilot.

Questions.	Replies.
1. Has any case of small-pox occurred during the voyage? If so, give the names and ages of the person, or persons affected, the date when the illness occurred in each case, and the results
2. Has any case of cholera occurred during the voyage? If so, state the number of cases and the date of attack; the result in each case, and the latitude and longitude, as near as may be, where the last occurred

SCHEDULE 4--continued.

Questions.	Replies.
3. Has any case of bubonic plague occurred on board? If so, state the number of cases, the dates of attack, and the results
4. Has any case of disease, usually supposed to be infectious or contagious, other than those mentioned above, occurred during the voyage? If so, give full particulars of the disease and the number attacked
5. What number of deaths have occurred during the voyage? State the cause of death in each case and the date of its occurrence
6. What number of persons above 10 years of age are at present sick or under medical treatment, and from what disease do they suffer, stating each case separately?
7. What number of children from two to ten years of age are under medical treatment? State each case separately
8. What number of children under two years of age are ill or under medical treatment? State each case separately
9. At what ports or places have you touched, and with what vessels have you communicated since your departure from your port of lading; and at what dates? Did bubonic plague, cholera, small-pox, fever, measles, or other contagious or infectious disease exist at any of such ports or places, or on board any such vessels?
10. Have you any and what Bill of Health?

I hereby declare that the answers given above are true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Surgeon or
Commanding Officer of.....

Regulations made by the Central Board of Health.

(Under Section 111 of "The Health Act, 1898.")

PART I.

1. All rats in all wharves, stores, warehouses, and other buildings under the control of the Railway, Customs, and Harbour Departments at the ports of Western Australia shall be destroyed, and such methods shall be used for this purpose as shall be approved by an inspector authorised by the Central Board.

2. The Local Board of Health of each port of Western Australia and of the City of Perth shall—

(a.) Cause to be destroyed the rats in all drains, culverts, sewers, and other places under their control; and

(b.) Take steps to compel owners and occupiers of all warehouses, granaries, stores, stables, and other buildings in their district to destroy all rats therein.

3. Complete precautions shall be taken to prevent rats coming ashore from all ships in any port of Western Australia, for which purpose the following shall be carried out:—

(a.) Every vessel shall be kept off from the wharf or pier to a distance of at least 4ft. by means of fenders.

(b.) Every vessel shall be made fast to a wharf or pier by means of wire ropes. Every such wire rope shall be coated with tar over a length of at least 1ft. just beyond the side of the vessel and just above the end attached to the wharf or pier, the tar being kept in a sticky condition by repeated applications; and shall be provided with two metal funnels of approved pattern and dimensions, one being fixed above the tarred space at the shore end, and the other below the similar space at the ship end of such wire rope.

(c.) The fenders and fender slings shall be tarred, so as to prevent migration of rats, and the tar shall be kept in a sticky condition by repeated applications.

(d.) No net shall be used between the ship and the wharf or pier unless tarred, and the tar kept in a sticky condition by repeated applications. All such nets shall be removed when the ship is not working.

(e.) All gangways shall be drawn up when not required for discharging or receiving cargo, from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., and tar shall be applied to such gangways over a length of at least 1ft. at each end, just beyond the side of the vessel and just above the end resting on the wharf or pier, and the tar shall be kept in a sticky condition by repeated applications.

(f.) There shall be suspended over the side along the wharf or pier four sets, or more if required, of electric or other suitable lights, so distributed as to furnish complete illumination fore and aft along the whole length of the side of the vessel.

(g.) The owner, agent, or master of every vessel shall supply three watchmen by night and one by day, and shall see that they constantly patrol the wharf or pier alongside the vessel from stem to stern, and that they take all practicable measures to prevent the passage of rats between the ship and the wharf or pier.

(h.) All pipes, ports, and other holes in the side of the vessel next to the wharf or pier shall be completely closed, and kept closed so long as the vessel is alongside, in order to prevent ingress or egress of rats.

(i.) No refuse matter shall be discharged into the harbour.

(j.) No lighter shall be allowed alongside any vessel unless special permission is given by an inspector or other authorised officer of the Central Board.

4. The bodies of all rats taken alive or dead shall be destroyed by fire.

5. The places at which rewards shall be offered for the bodies of rats captured shall be the ports of Albany, Bunbury, Fremantle, and Geraldton, and the City of Perth.

6. The owner, agent, or master of every vessel arriving at any port of Western Australia shall, before such vessel is allowed to proceed to her berth, sign an undertaking to comply with these regulations in the form provided by the Central Board for the purpose.

7. The Local Boards and their Officers at all ports of Western Australia, and in the City of Perth, are hereby authorised and directed to superintend and see to the execution of this part of these regulations.

PART II.

8. The occupier of any house, premises, or place wherein there is any infectious or contagious disease shall immediately notify the presence of such disease to the Secretary of the Local Board of Health of the district, and if there be no Local Board, then to the Secretary of the Central Board.

9. The Medical Officers of and such Inspectors as may be appointed by any Local Board or by the Central Board for the purpose of carrying out these Regulations may at all times enter all houses, buildings, and premises for the purpose of carrying out the said Regulations, or of inquiring into and ascertaining the presence therein of any infectious or contagious disease.

10. All infected bedding and clothing and all other infected things shall be completely and thoroughly disinfected or destroyed, and for this purpose every Inspector of the Central Board, or of any Local Board, shall carry out such rules for such disinfection or destruction as may from time to time be made by the Central Board.

11. For the purpose of cleansing, purifying, ventilating, and disinfecting houses, schools, churches, places of assembly or entertainment, and other buildings and premises, the owners or occupiers thereof shall comply with all orders made by the Local Board of the district or by the Central Board, and if such owners or occupiers shall neglect or refuse to carry out within the time limited such orders made for this purpose, then the Medical or other Officers of such Local Board or the Central Board, may so cleanse, purify, ventilate, or disinfect such buildings, places, and premises, at the expense of the owners or occupiers thereof.

12. All persons suffering from the malignant infectious disease known as Bubonic Plague shall be removed immediately to a special isolated place set apart for that purpose and approved by the Central Board, and shall be kept in such place until they are free from all infection and contagion.

13. No person shall enter or leave any house, premises, place, or district which may be declared infected by the Governor in Council, or person authorised by him, in accordance with Section 110 of "The Health Act, 1898," by notice published in accordance with that section; and any person as aforesaid attempting to enter or leave such house, premises, place, or district shall be prevented from so doing.

14. The body of any person who shall die of the malignant infectious disease known as Bubonic Plague shall not be interred in any cemetery, but shall be buried with such precautions as shall be approved by the Central Board, in an isolated place specially set apart for that purpose.

15. The Local Boards and their Officers at all ports of Western Australia, and in the City of Perth, are hereby authorised and directed to superintend and see to the execution of this part of these regulations.

PART III.

16. The master of every ship arriving at any port in Western Australia from any place or country where bubonic plague is known, or suspected to exist, shall destroy the rats in such ship, and shall use such methods for this purpose as may be directed from time to time by the Central Board.

17. As a precaution against the breaking out or spreading of such diseases as aforesaid, no ship or vessel coming from, or having touched at any port where Bubonic Plague is known, or suspected to exist, to the satisfaction of the Central Board, or having had communication with any vessel coming from such port, and no boat, flat, or lighter, having been alongside such ship or vessel, shall be allowed to come alongside any wharf, pier, jetty, or other landing place, except as hereinafter provided, but shall lie at the anchorage.

Exception.—Where there is at any port an isolated landing place approved by the Central Board of Health for this purpose, then the ships or vessels aforesaid, and any boat, flat, or lighter therefrom, may come alongside such isolated landing place, subject to the directions of an officer of the Central Board appointed to supervise and see to the execution of these regulations and subject to the provisions of these regulations.

18. All cargo from all ships, boats, flats, or lighters, mentioned in the last preceding regulation, shall be disinfected or dealt with at such port in such manner as the Quarantine Officer may deem necessary, and all cargo consigned to Perth shall be dealt with at Fremantle in the same manner as cargo consigned to that Port: Provided always that all packages suspected to be infected or liable to carry infection shall be opened and, if necessary, disinfected.

19. As a further precaution against the breaking out or spreading of such diseases as aforesaid, the full names and addresses of all employees engaged in working on such ships, vessels, boats, flats, lighters, and isolated landing places shall be registered, and all such employees shall be under the surveillance of the Quarantine Officer or Officer of the Central Board.

20. The Local Boards and their Officers at all Ports of Western Australia, and in the City of Perth, are hereby authorised and directed to superintend and see to the execution of this part of these regulations.

By Order of the Central Board of Health,

ERNEST BLACK,

President.

3rd April, 1900.

No. 8433.—C.S.O.

The Health Act, 1898.^{5 88}
1900*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 3rd April, 1900.*

HIS Excellency the Administrator in Executive Council has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned Water Police Constables to be Inspectors, under "The Health Act, 1898":—

W. F. HOPKINS, Fremantle.
O. M. EVENSON, Carnarvon.
M. R. ELLICE, Broome.
G. W. FRY, Cossack.
O. E. BAKER, Geraldton.
G. ROGERS, Sharks Bay.
M. A. LEHRBACK, Albany.

OCT. BURT,
Under Secretary.

No. 8434.—C.S.O.

The Health Act, 1898.*Colonial Secretary's Office,**Perth, 3rd April, 1900.*^{5 88}
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HIS Excellency the Administrator in Executive Council has been pleased to appoint JOHN MILBURN COLLEDGE, Berthing Master at Fremantle, to be an Inspector under "The Health Act, 1898."

OCT. BURT,
Under Secretary.