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Order in Council.

*At the Executive Council Chamber, at Perth, the
15th day of January, 1902.*

Present:

His Excellency the Governor.

The Honourables—

The Attorney General,
The Colonial Treasurer,
The Minister for Mines,
The Minister for Lands,
The Minister for Works.

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BY virtue of the provisions of Section 110 of "The Health Act, 1898," His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby orders that the provisions contained in Section 111 of "The Health Act, 1898," for the prevention of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases, be put in force in Western Australia, and does hereby also make the following orders:—

1. That notice shall be given immediately by the occupier of any house, premises, or place wherein there is any infectious or contagious disease, to the Secretary of the Local Board of Health for the District, and if there be no Local Board, then to the Secretary of the Central Board.

2. That entry may be made at all times to houses, buildings, and premises by Medical or other officers of local boards, or the Central Board, for the purpose of carrying out any regulations made by the Central Board, or of inquiring into and ascertaining the presence of such disease.

3. That infected bedding, clothing, and all other infected things whatsoever shall be destroyed or disinfected.

4. That houses, schools, churches, places of assembly or entertainment, and other buildings and premises, shall be cleansed, purified, ventilated, and disinfected by the owners or occupiers thereof, or by medical or other officers of, or persons authorised thereto by the Local Board or the Central Board, at the expense of the owners or occupiers, or where necessary at the public expense.

5. That persons suffering from infectious or contagious diseases shall be removed to a hospital or other place which shall be deemed suitable or convenient by the Central Board, and shall be kept in such place until they are free from infection or contagion.

6. That all persons shall be forbidden and prevented from quitting or entering any house, premises, place, town, or district, which may be declared infected by the Governor in Council or other person or

persons authorised by him, in accordance with Section 110 of "The Health Act, 1898," by notice published in accordance with that section.

7. That the Governor in Council may declare any house, premises, town, or district to be infected.

8. That all persons occupying or using the same house, premises, or place as any person suffering from Bubonic Plague, and all other persons deemed by the Central Board, or the Medical Officer thereof, or the Officer of Health, to have been liable to infection, from any cause whatever, shall be removed to an isolated place approved by the Central Board for that purpose, and shall remain in quarantine for such period as the Central Board may direct.

9. That the times, methods, and conditions of the burial of the dead shall be such as may be prescribed under any regulation made by the Central Board for this purpose under Section 111 of "The Health Act, 1898," and by virtue of this order.

10. That, in order to prevent the introduction and spreading of such diseases as aforesaid, by means of rats—

- (a.) In case of ships coming from any place or country where Bubonic Plague is known or suspected to exist, all rats on such ships shall be immediately destroyed.
- (b.) All rats in all stores, warehouses, and other buildings under the control of the Railway, Customs, and Harbours Departments, at the ports of the State, shall be destroyed.
- (c.) The Local Boards of Health at all the ports and towns of the State shall take the necessary steps to have the rats in such ports and towns destroyed.
- (d.) Complete precautions shall be taken to prevent rats coming ashore from all ships in any port of the State.
- (e.) The bodies of all rats taken, alive or dead, shall be destroyed by fire.
- (f.) An efficient staff shall be appointed to carry out the destruction of rats as aforesaid.
- (g.) A reward shall be offered for the bodies of rats captured at such ports as shall be named in the Regulations framed under this Order.

11. That all cargo from ships or vessels having touched at any port where Bubonic Plague is known or suspected to exist shall be disposed of and dealt with in such manner as the Medical Officer at such port 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.

12. That as a further precaution as aforesaid, the landing of any articles or goods deemed by the Central Board to be liable to be infected may be prohibited or restricted by any regulation made by the Central Board, under Section 111 of "The Health Act, 1898," and by virtue of this order.



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