

(Rules for the medical officers port officers pilot.)

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The following rules for the medical inspection of vessels are issued for the guidance of Port Officers, Pilots, and Medical Officers of Ports by the Chief Commissioner of British Burma, with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, and they will take effect from the 1st June 1879 in all ports in British Burma:-

The master of every vessel on board of which there is, either among the passengers or crew, any case of cholera, small-pox, or other epidemic disease common in India, shall report such case or cases to the pilot or other boarding officer at the earliest opportunity, or, in the absence of a pilot or other boarding officer, shall hoist a signal, which shall be during the day flag R of the Commercial Code at the main, and during the night two lighted lanterns, one over the other, at the fore.

- II. - The Port Officer, having received information from the pilot or other boarding officer, or by signal, that any case of such disease is on board, shall communicate the information to the Health Officer of the port.
- III. - The Health Officer, as early as possible after receipt of this information, shall inspect the vessel, and more especially its sanitary condition; shall inquire into the circumstances attending the case or cases of the said disease; and shall arrange for the conveyance of all persons suffering from such disease to a hospital, unless the sick person or his friends can make adequate provision elsewhere.
- IV. - The latter part of Rule No.III.is, however, not to be enforced in the case of passengers bound for an onward port, unless, under the clearest necessity; and of every such case a special report, explaining the reasons for the action taken, must be submitted to the Government.
- V. - Where the disease or diseases in question are limited to one or two cases, the vessel shall not be prohibited from taking up the usual place of anchorage in the harbour, nor shall the passengers be detained on board pending the inspection of the Health Officer; but the master of the vessel shall be held responsible that no passenger suspected of having such disease is allowed to depart before this inspection.
- VI. - Where cases having been more numerous than one or two, or when, from their occurring on pilgrim or emigrant ships, or for other special reasons, further precautions may be deemed advisable, the vessel

shall anchor in the place appointed for the purpose, and none of the passengers shall be allowed to leave until the Health Officer has made his inspection.

VII. - Vessels coming under this last rule shall be thoroughly cleansed and fumigated, under the directions of the Health Officer. In the case of small-pox, it shall also be his duty to vaccinate or have vaccinated all those on board who appear to require this protection and are willing to accept it.

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