

PUBLIC HEALTH.

	PAGE
QUARANTINE LAW, 1879	761
DISEASE PREVENTION LAW, 1883... ..	769
LEPERS LAW, 1891	772
PUBLIC HEALTH (VILLAGES) LAW, 1892... ..	775
MEDICAL RELIEF LAW, 1899	779
PLATRES PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, 1908	781
TROÖDOS PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, 1920	786

10 OF 1879 ⁽¹⁾.

RESPECTING QUARANTINE.

G. J. WOLSELEY.]

[March 25, 1879.]

1. This Law may be cited as the Quarantine Law, 1879.

Short title.

2. In this Law:—

Interpretation.

“ Vessel ” means any vessel, boat, or other sea-going craft;

“ Master ” means any person having the command or the charge of such vessel, boat, or other sea-going craft;

“ Health Officer ” means any person appointed by the High Commissioner to exercise authority in regard to sanitary matters in any port;

“ Quarantine Station ” means any place which the High Commissioner may by public notice set apart for the performance of quarantine;

“ Quarantine Ground ” means any part of the waters of Cyprus in which the Health Officer or Harbour Master may direct vessels to anchor or moor for the performance of quarantine;

“ Superintendent of Quarantine ” means any person appointed by the High Commissioner to superintend any quarantine station or quarantine ground;

“ Quarantine Guard ” means any person employed to ensure the performance of quarantine in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

⁽¹⁾ See also Quarantine and Customs Law, 19 of 1901, p. 273.

Flag and
light before
admission to
pratique.

3. All vessels approaching any port in this island shall hoist a blue flag by day or a green light by night at the mast or foremast head, which flag or light shall not be hauled down until the vessel has been admitted to pratique, or until a yellow flag by day or a red light by night has been substituted to indicate that the vessel has been put in quarantine.

Penalty for
approaching
before
pratique.

4. It shall be unlawful under a penalty not exceeding forty pounds or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two months, for any person to leave or transmit any articles from a vessel not admitted to pratique, and for any person, except the Pilot or Health Officer under circumstances hereinafter specified, to approach within one hundred yards of the vessel.

Pilot's duty
and functions.

5. The Pilot shall approach the vessel on the windward side within speaking distance, and shall not go alongside or on board unless he believes that the vessel is free from infectious or contagious disease; or unless his not boarding her would endanger her safety. As soon as convenient after his arrival alongside or going on board he shall deliver to the Master or Surgeon of the vessel a copy of this Law and all Regulations made in virtue of the powers herein contained; and he shall put to the Master or Surgeon the questions in the form contained in the Schedule, and the Master or Surgeon shall without delay write upon the said form the answers to the said questions, and shall return it signed by him to the Pilot.

Pilot to
remain on
board.

6. The Pilot shall remain on board until the vessel has been admitted to pratique.

Penalty on
Pilots.

7. Any Pilot omitting to comply with the above regulations shall be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding four months.

How Health
Officer is
to approach
vessel.

8. The Health Officer shall approach the vessel on the windward side and within speaking distance. He shall go on board if he thinks himself warranted to do so from the information obtained by him from the Pilot, Master, or any person on board; and as soon as possible after arriving on board he shall require and obtain from the Pilot, Master, or Surgeon the answers furnished by the Master or Surgeon as aforesaid. If the Health Officer shall arrive alongside of a vessel before the arrival of a Pilot on board, he may require from the Master or Surgeon all the necessary information, and upon being satisfied of the sanitary condition of the vessel and persons therein, he may go on board without waiting for the arrival of the Pilot.

Health Officer
may if
satisfied
of sanitary
condition go
on board.

9. Whenever the Health Officer, either from the violence of the weather or from any other inevitable cause, shall be prevented from going alongside of any vessel, and when the answers of the Master or Surgeon as above provided shall satisfy the Pilot that there is no contagious or infectious disease on board, the Pilot may bring the vessel to anchor in the harbour, but communication with the vessel shall not be allowed until she has been admitted to pratique by the Health Officer as hereinafter provided.

When Health Officer cannot go alongside Pilot may bring vessel to anchor.

10. Every Master and every Surgeon of any vessel which shall have sailed from a place where contagious or infectious disease prevailed, or which shall have communicated otherwise than by signal with any vessel or place in which a contagious or infectious disease existed, who shall fail to make a true declaration thereof, to the Pilot and the Health Officer who shall come alongside or on board the vessel, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred pounds.

Penalty for not declaring communications with infected ships or places.

11. Every Master or Surgeon of a vessel who knowing that any person afflicted with any contagious or infectious disease is on board the vessel shall fail to declare the same, or who shall conceal or attempt to conceal from the inspection of the Health Officer any person afflicted with contagious or infectious disease or anything declared susceptible of contagion or infection; and every Surgeon of a vessel who shall conceal from the Master thereof the existence of any contagious or infectious disease in any person on board; and every Health Officer or Pilot who shall knowingly allow the introduction into any port in this Island of any vessel having on board any person afflicted with contagious or infectious disease of such a nature as to be dangerous to the public health, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred pounds, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months, or both.

Penalty for not declaring contagious or infectious diseases on board.

12. Whosoever being on board of any vessel arriving at any port of this Island shall refuse to answer any question put to him by the Pilot or Health Officer, or who shall answer falsely any such question or shall conceal or misstate any fact having relation to such question shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year: Provided that nothing herein mentioned shall relieve him of any criminal liability on account of any false statement made on oath.

Penalty for answering questions falsely, etc.

13. Whosoever shall falsify a Bill of Health either by adding thereto or erasing therefrom or by altering the same in any other manner, or shall fabricate a Bill of Health, or who shall produce

Penalty for falsifying or fabricating Bill of Health.

to any Health Officer or Pilot a Bill of Health knowing it to have been so falsified or fabricated, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds, or imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding two years.

Penalty for falsifying or fabricating certificates or notes.

14. The punishment specified in the preceding section shall be applicable whether the offences therein named are committed in regard to Bills of Health, or in regard to certificates or notes made on Bills of Health.

Admission to pratique.

15. If the Health Officer shall determine that the ship does not require to perform quarantine he shall admit her immediately to pratique; and whenever pratique has been granted communication with the vessel shall be permitted, and the same shall be announced by hauling down the blue flag or green light hereinbefore mentioned.

Refusal of pratique.

16. Should the Health Officer believe that danger to the public health may reasonably be apprehended by admitting any vessel to pratique, he shall direct the blue flag or green light to be hauled down and a yellow flag or red light to be substituted immediately, and shall thereafter within a reasonable time transmit to the Chief Secretary a copy of the answers to the questions contained in the Schedule, with a statement of his reason for refusing to admit the vessel to pratique and of his opinion as to the time during which the vessel should be detained in quarantine.

Vessels to proceed to quarantine ground when refused pratique.

17. When a vessel has been refused pratique by the Health Officer and has hoisted the yellow flag or red light, she shall proceed to the quarantine ground and anchor or moor where the Harbour Master shall direct.

Vessels prevented from going to quarantine.

18. Vessels which the weather may prevent from proceeding to the quarantine station may cast anchor or moor wherever the weather permits, and from thence they shall send their goods to the quarantine station. Such vessels shall anchor or moor at a convenient distance from vessels in pratique, and shall be bound to remove as soon as the wind permits to the mooring or anchorage allotted to vessels in quarantine.

Flag and light in quarantine.

19. When any quarantine station or any vessel shall be in quarantine a yellow flag shall be kept constantly flying at some conspicuous place in such station or at the foremast head of such vessel from sunrise to sunset, and from sunset to sunrise every such vessel or quarantine station shall exhibit a red light, which in the