

HIGH COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE No. 38 of 1924.

It is hereby notified for general information that, under the powers vested in him by section one of the Public Health (Bechuanaland Protectorate) Proclamation, 1924, His Excellency the High Commissioner has been pleased to approve the following regulations made by the Resident Commissioner under that section.

By Command of His Excellency
the High Commissioner.

B. E. H. CLIFFORD,
Imperial Secretary.

High Commissioner's Office,
Capetown, 19th April, 1924.

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE PUBLIC HEALTH
REGULATIONS.

1. Where deemed necessary for preventing the spread of plague, the Resident Commissioner may—

- (a) issue instructions for the regulation, restriction, or prohibition of the entry into or departure from the Bechuanaland Protectorate (herein after referred to as "the territory") or the movement from one part of the territory to another of any person or persons;
- (b) order the prohibition of the issue of passes to any person or persons to proceed to any area which may be known to have become infected with plague;
- (c) order the detention of any person or persons known or suspected to have entered the territory from any area infected with plague, and order such person to be examined forthwith by a medical practitioner;
- (d) order the examination, detention, or disinfection of animals, articles, or things known or suspected to have come from any area infected with plague.

2. Any person suffering or suspected to be suffering from typhus fever, smallpox, or plague (whether bubonic or pneumonic) may on the order of a resident magistrate be quarantined or removed to a hospital or place of isolation and there detained.

3. Every person having charge of a case or suspected case of typhus fever, smallpox, or plague (whether bubonic or pneumonic), which is not under treatment in hospital shall cause the premises and the body clothing, bedding, and effects of the patient to be cleaned and kept in a cleanly condition and, where the patient is suffering or is suspected of suffering from typhus, free from vermin, and shall not permit any person not being a medical or nursing or other necessary attendant to enter the room of or otherwise come in contact with the patient during the illness.

4. Any person who has been, or is suspected of having been, exposed to the infection of typhus, smallpox, or plague (whether bubonic or pneumonic) may, on the order of a resident magistrate, be quarantined or placed under observation or surveillance, until considered free from infection.

5. Any person quarantined, detained in a hospital or place of isolation or placed under observation or surveillance under these regulations shall, for so long as he is required to submit to such quarantining, detention, observation, or surveillance, comply with all orders given by a resident magistrate, or by any officer or person appointed in writing by a resident magistrate to assist in carrying out these regulations, for the purpose of rendering effective such quarantining, detention, observation, or surveillance, and any remedial treatment provided in connection therewith.

6. Where deemed necessary for preventing the spread of typhus, smallpox, or plague (whether bubonic or pneumonic), a resident magistrate may issue an order prohibiting the convening or holding of any meeting, assembly, or public gathering of any nature whatsoever, and any person attending or taking part in, or attempting to attend or take part in any meeting, assembly, or public gathering in respect of which such an order has been issued shall be deemed to be guilty of a contravention of such order unless he proves that he was not aware that such order had been issued.

7. It shall be lawful for a resident magistrate to issue orders regulating or restricting public traffic, or prohibiting, or imposing conditions or restrictions on, the movements of all persons, or of persons of any particular class or description, into or out of any area in which typhus, smallpox, or plague (whether bubonic or pneumonic) exists or is suspected to exist.

8. Every chief and every headman of a village shall restrict the movements of or detain all persons under them in such a manner as the resident magistrate of the district concerned or any officer of police or any other duly authorized officer may direct.

9. These regulations shall have force and take effect from the date hereof, and may be withdrawn at any time by notice in the *Gazette*.