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WASHINGTON

July 10, 1912.

Assistant Surgeon Lawrence Kolb,

Public Health and Marine Hospital Service,

Reedy Island Quarantine, Port Penn, Delaware.

Sir: (Through Medical Officer in Command)

The Bureau has reviewed the findings of an inspection made by Surgeon W. G. Stimpson into your conduct in connection with the inspection of the steamer HAVERFORD which arrived at the Reedy Island Quarantine Station on June 4, 1912.

It is needless to recount the circumstances connected with the case, but the facts are that had you read the bill of health carefully enough you must have noted the entry in hand writing to the effect that a case of convalescent small-pox with family had been sent ashore in charge of the port medical officer. This notation having been made in the handwriting of the vice and deputy Consul, it would seem would have attracted your attention, even though the Surgeon and Steward did tell you that there had been no other cases than the ones accounted for in your quarantine declaration.

This breach of trust on the part of the ships Surgeon and ships Steward, although reprehensible, does not relieve you of your responsibility in determining the health status

of the vessel. You have caused considerable criticism and expense in connection with the matter, which it is not easy to explain, and you are informed that your failure to recognize in the HAVERFORD a certain source of danger to the public health causes the Bureau much displeasure, and more care is expected of you along these lines in the future.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rupert Blue".

Surgeon General.

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