BULLETINS.

No. 1.

OFFICE SURGEON-GENERAL, U. S. M.-H. S., Washington, July 13, 1878.

The following information is furnished by the Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital Service to State and municipal officers of health, &c., in accordance with the requirements of the National Quarantine act:

Havana, Cuba.—From 20 to 34 deaths from yellow-fever, and more from small-pox, are now occurring weekly in the city of Havana.

Cardenas and Sagua la Grande, Cuba.—Good health in bay and city. Matanzas, Cuba.—The captain and four of the crew of the bark "Marie Donau" were attacked with yellow-fever on the 3d instant, in the harbor of Matanzas. Only one other case of fever has occurred in the shipping of that port. Sporadic cases are reported in the city, but the disease is of a mild character.

Key West, Fla.—Two cases of yellow-fever have occurred in the harbor of Key West, one on the Norwegian ship "Marie Frederike," and one on the Spanish bark "Doña Talefora." The city is reported healthy.

Two of the British vessels which recently conveyed native Indian troops to Malta, had cholera on board during the passage from India. On one of the vessels nine cases and four deaths, and on the other two deaths, occurred before the vessel passed the Suez canal. The vessels were allowed to pass the canal without detention, though it is customary to send a vessel, on which a single case of cholera has occurred during the voyage, back to Thor, 120 miles, there to remain two weeks or more in quarantine.

JNO. M. WOODWORTH, Surgeon-General, U.S. M.-H.S.

PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS began as a one-page bulletin issued by the Supervising Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital Service. The first bulletin, which appeared July 13, 1878, is reproduced as part of the journal's bicentennial reprint series.