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[Despatch Abstract.]

Sang, with remarks, the proposal
of the S.S.I for the purchase
of certain chemicals for
Govt. College, Mangalore.

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to Marine no.
 by Marine kindly state
 the explanation of Agent for
 Port Consignments why the
 dangerous character of the case
 was not brought to the notice
 of D.P.I. - who was thus ap-
 parently prevented from com-
 plying with the requirements of
 Order No. 107 & 59 of the Railways Act?
 The Director's proposals
 are sanctioned.

From The Director of Public
 Instruction,
 Madras.

No 468

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24-1-00 20:30.00

(The fault was in the
 Director's office.)

As the cases had been taken charge
 by the office of the D. of P.I. they should
 not have been forwarded by
 rail or steamer without a
 declaration of their contents.
 The D.P.I. is requested to take
 steps to prevent a
 repetition of such
 a mistake.

Dated 24th January 1900.

Received 28-1-00
 Registered 6-2-00.

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SUBJECT.

Requesting sanction for
 payment of a sum of
 Rs 141-3-0 to the British
 India Steam Navigation
 Company under certain
 circumstances.



To the D.P.I. & to
 H.S. Ato

29/1/00
 26/3/00
 31/1/00

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List of Chemicals required for the Government
College, Mangalore.

Nitric acid, strong, 7 lbs	19	4	"
Sulphuric acid, pure, 3 lbs	8	4	"
Phosphorus yellow, 1 oz	"	10	"
Phosphorus red $\frac{1}{2}$ oz	"	3	"
Potassium $\frac{1}{4}$ oz	4	"	"
Methylated spirits, 4 pints	3	"	"
	35	5	"

Government College,
Mangalore,
17th November 1895 } Mark Hunter
Principal.

Mar 21
201/00

Enclosure No. 1 to

Letter No. 313

17.11.99

From

The Principal,

Mangalore College

List of Chemicals

required for the

Mangalore College

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From

THE HON'BLE MR. G. H. STUART, M.A., Barrister-at-Law,

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Educational DEPARTMENT,

Fort St. George.

SIR,

I have the honour to request the sanction of Government for payment of a sum of Rs.171-8-0 to the British India Steam Navigation Company in the following circumstances.

2. In July last, the Agent for Government Consignments reported that a 'case of acid' addressed to the Mangalore College had been received and requested that it might be removed and despatched to its destination by this office on the ground that steamers did not then call at Western ports owing to the South West Monsoon. The case was accordingly removed to this office.

3. A short time after, (i.e) in August, three more cases addressed to the same college were also received and under instructions from the Agent for Government Consignments, these were also taken charge of. But to save the trouble of ^{bringing} ~~bring~~ the cases over to this office and then taking them back again to the Railway station for despatch to Mangalore, an attender of this office was directed to take the first case with him when going to the Government Consignments office, to take charge of the second batch of three cases lying there and to despatch all the four cases together to Mangalore by rail. This was done, but it did not occur to this office that a special warning should be given to the Railway authorities in regard to the contents as the case was despatched

exactly in the state in which it was received and as the necessary

description of contents had, it was assumed, been marked on the case when it was shipped from London. Nothing happened on the railway journey and the case appears to have been handed over by the railway authorities at Calicut, also without special warning to the Agents of the British India Steam Navigation Company for transmission to Mangalore. As a matter of fact, the case contained phosphorus as well as acids and it unfortunately took fire spontaneously on the board the steamer between Calicut and Mangalore. The Agents of the British India Steam Navigation Company at Calicut state that if the contents had been declared, the case would not have been placed in the hold along with other cargo, but would have been carried on deck at special rates. They, therefore, claim Rs. 171-8-0 for damage done to other cargo in putting out the fire. The Principal, Mangalore College, thinks that the fire was due to the defective packing of the inflammable articles contained in the case; but it does not seem to be possible to prove this, as the case was destroyed at the time of the fire.

3. I beg also to submit a list of chemicals urgently required for the Mangalore College and to request that sanction may be accorded for their local purchase.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. H. Stuart

Director of Public Instruction.

*Exd
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*Mar 23
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The event upon which I am called on for explanation occurred six months ago and I have only now heard of it. The fact that the case contained dangerous goods was known to the Director of Public Instruction, vide para 2 of his letter in which he states that I informed him that the case contained acid, the fact of its containing phosphorus is immaterial as the contents being an acid it is ipso facto dangerous, is packed in a peculiar shaped case, and was, or ought to have been marked on one side "Acid on deck" and on the other side "dangerous" if not so marked the India Office Authorities are in fault; but as it was stowed on the deck of the vessel which brought it out it is a reasonable presumption that it was so marked. All other acid packages have been marked in this way.

It is the duty of a person despatching goods by rail to declare the contents, and acids are considered -- dangerous unless shewn to be otherwise. The person from the office of Director of Public Instruction who filled in the Railway Consignments note knew or should have known the contents of the case. The Railway Company must then have known that the case contained acid, and have shipped the case without declaring it; but the Agents of the Steamer must also either have accepted the package without knowledge of the contents, or else have failed to order its stowage on deck. It is distinctly shewn in the English Bill of Lading that the case contained "acid to be stowed on deck at Government Risk" & therefore it must have been so marked. What further action I could have taken in the matter I do not know as I gave all the information concerning the package that I was in possession of.

This information if properly used was in all respects sufficient to prevent the package being stowed in the

the vessel's hold.

In conclusion, I would remark that the Director of Public Instruction being the officer on whose indent the stores were supplied was in a position not only to know the nature of the acid; but the fact that phosphorous also was packed in the same case. He must therefore have known that the contents were dangerous, and I submit that even had I been similarly informed (which I was not) it is hardly part of my duties to offer consignees a description of the contents of their packages. The Director of Public Instruction was informed that the case contained acid, the case was marked Dangerous, and this appears to me to relieve me of further responsibility.

A. D. Bauley.
Agent for Government Consignments.

Madras,

13th February 1900.)

No. 65 E of 7th February Marine Dept. *G 114*
1900

Marine C. No 146.

To The Presidency Secy office
(unofficially)

Please see the remarks
in the Educational Dept. and
obtain the explanation of the
Agent for Govt. Consignments.

H. H. H.
Under Secy to Govt.

H. H. H.
with file - to be returned

Marine Current No 201.

Received
Registered } 17-2-00.

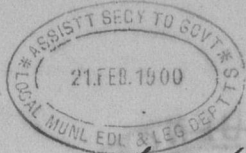
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The Secretary to Govt.
Marine Department
(unofficially)

Ref. - Your Let. No. 65 E. dated
7th Feb 1900.

It is to be regretted that
with all necessary information
and merely to save trouble
an

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an attender was directed to despatch these stores. It is very fortunate so little damage was done but the Agent for Government Consignments is in no way responsible for the breach of the law or the damage that ensued, vide his explanation attached in original.

The S. R. Jinnah

Madras, } Commander R. L. M.,
14 Feb 1900 } Muzir Port Officer.

N^o 87 E. 4/19 Feb 1900

J. S.

To

The Educational Dept.
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all
16/2/00
S. R. J.

R. S.

With complete file returned.

In the A.S.

This may be submitted to the Secretary for further orders.

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21/2/00

Secy.

N. S.
21-2-00

No. 116 of 22-2-00.

The remarks of the D.P.I. are written "on the Enplan" of its Agent for Consignments.



22-2-00

The office of the D.P.I. is not a forwarding agency, and I think it should not have taken charge of the cases from the Agent for Govt Consignments. The cases were addressed to the Mangalore College, and it was, I presume, the business of the Agent for Govt Consignments to see that they were sent to their destination.

But having once accepted the responsibility it was no doubt the duty of this office to see that the goods were properly described in the Railway goods note. I regret that this was not done. The 3 cases last received contained "scientific apparatus", and the man who was sent from this office with the fourth case, having received no special instruction described all 4 cases as con-

taining "scientific apparatus"
& filled in the goods note
accordingly. Nobody concerned
appears to have taken any notice
of the description of contents on
the outside of the case, if there
were any such description. I
can only say that this office
is not accustomed to the for-
warding of goods of this des-
cription & was ignorant of
the formalities required by
the railway.

It was not "to save trouble"
that an attender was sent.
An attender or peon would
have been sent even if there
had only been the one case
to despatch; the error was
in not giving him proper
instructions.

G. H. Stuart
18.3.0

Further As.

This may be submitted to the Secretary for further

orders.

By
19/3/00

Secy.

P.G.
20.3.00.

Now the draft may
go to H.M.

H.T.
20.3.00.

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