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[Despatch Abstract.]

Fees for bills of health granted to ships

*Recording - G.O. marine directing the abolition
of the fees now paid by ships for one name work
& for a second bill of health under the Quarantine
Regulations & the retention of the special fees paid
by Port funds for inspections involving extraordinary
risk.*

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Note Under para 7 of the Order, the last sentence of Rego 9 of the Regs for the inspection of Outward-bound vessels, (imp. 59 of the Marine Dept) should be cancelled.

Fees for Bills of Health granted to Ships

Directing the abolition of the fees now paid by ships for overtime work and for a second bill of health under the Quarantine Regulations, and the retention of the special fees paid by Port funds for inspections involving extraordinary risk.

Noted, and returned with thanks.

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879 Marine of 16.10.97, (Reg A) is believed that that dept will cancel the above sentence referred to Marine for removal of pencil work 18.2.99

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From the Government of India, Home Department, No. 4233, dated 25th October 1898, and No. 4652, dated 30th November 1898.

ORDER—No. 80, Marine, dated 25th January 1899.

Under paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 389, Marine, dated 28th April 1897, a special fee of Rs. 15 is recoverable from ships for medical inspection on Sundays and close holidays and after working hours. In February last the Tellicherry agents of the British India Steam Navigation Company raised the question whether Medical officers can claim these fees for plague inspection, even though no bill of health is demanded.

2. The enquiry caused attention to be directed to the general question of fees for medical inspection of ships. It was found that, under orders* in the Public Department of 1887 and 1888, vessels can claim bills of health as a matter of right without payment of a fee; the grant of a bill of health being regarded as a service covered by the port dues. Port Health officers were, however, allowed a special fee, payable not by the ship, but from Port funds, for inspections involving extraordinary risk or trouble.

3. The principle subsequently adopted† in regard to inspection for plague was that, if a ship required the attendance of the Health officer at unusual times for its own convenience, it should itself pay; but the question arose whether Sundays and close holidays had been rightly included, seeing that port dues were recovered on those days. Before deciding the matter, enquiry was made of the Governments of Bombay and Bengal as to their practice. The replies showed that in those provinces no fees were charged to owners of vessels for the grant of a bill of health—

- (1) on Sundays and close holidays;
- (2) at periods beyond working hours;
- (3) when a second bill of health become necessary under the Quarantine Regulations owing to departure being delayed for the vessel's convenience.

4. The Government of Bombay had, however, addressed the Government of India proposing to charge a special fee to ships for a Sunday or holiday inspection.

5. The final reply of the Government of India has now been received. It is to the effect that the law does not authorize the levy of a special fee, and that there is no sufficient reason for altering the law in order to legalize a charge for the grant of bills of health on Sundays and holidays.

6. The following is the scale of special fees now levied:—

A.—Fees for Overtime Work—Paid by Ships.

- (1) For every inspection between 6. P.M. and 9 P.M., and on Sundays and close holidays. Rs. 15.
- (2) For every second bill of health under the Quarantine Regulations necessitated by departure being delayed for the vessel's convenience. Rs. 5 to Rs. 50 as the Port officer in his sole discretion may order.

B.—For Work involving Extraordinary Risk—Paid from Port Funds.

- (3) For every inspection—
 - (a) of vessels lying outside the Madras harbour;
 - (b) of vessels at outports in bad weather, the existence of which is to be certified by the Port officer. Rs. 15.

7. His Excellency the Governor in Council accordingly directs the abolition of the following fees now paid by ships:—

- (1) For overtime work, A. (1) above.
- (2) For a second bill of health, A. (2) above.

8. The special fees under B. above now paid by Port funds will be retained.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
 „ the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
 „ Collectors, Maritime districts.
 „ the Accountant-General.
 „ the Public Department.
 „ the Local and Municipal Department.

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