

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Master Attendants' office
Glasgow 27 December 1856

To,
C. Cullin Esquire,
Registrar of Shipping
Glasgow
Sir,

I have the honor to reply to
your letter of the 25th Inst. and beg
to state that, by the Merchant Shipping
Act of 1854, it is necessary, that all
vessels for registry should be measured
while their holds are clear, and this
can be effected only when vessels
are ~~at~~ on the stocks.

2. There is an exception to the
above rule, but, the exception is
given only in some possible case of
hardship or difficulty, and seldom
for the purpose of registry.

3. I am of opinion, that, to
insure strict accuracy of measure-
ment, vessels should be measured
on the stocks and when their holds
are

are perfectly free from encumbrances.

14. I beg to annex an extract from the instructions to measuring Surveyors under the Merchant Shipping Act, in which the measuring of new ships while their holds are clear, is strictly enjoined.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

John Macleod
Master Attendant.

Extract from the Instructions to Measuring Surveyors under the Merchant Shipping Act.

"All ships requiring measurement, whether for the purpose

purpose of registry, or for payment of dues, or for any purpose whatever, are to be measured by Rule 1, except under the following circumstances:—

(a) New ships requiring registry, under circumstances rendering the application of Rule 1. impracticable, may be measured by Rule 11. This exception has been inserted with the view of meeting any possible case of hardship or difficulty, but it will seldom, if ever, take effect; and the Measuring Surveyor at ports in the United Kingdom will in no case act under it without distinct authority from the Commissioners of Customs."

[True Extract]

John Macleod
Master Attendant.

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Registry Office
Cochin 29th Decr 1856.

From E. Cullen Esq,

Registrar of Shipping
Cochin

Captain C. Biden

Registrar of Shipping
Madras.

Sir
With reference to an
Extract from the Minutes
of Consultation in the
Marine Department under
date the 18th December 1856,
No 388, Copy of which was
received with your letter
of the 19th idem, No 104,
I have the honor to state
that I require all Vessels
that are to be registered
at Cochin to be brought
there prior to Registry with
the exception of Vessels

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built on the banks of the
Lachin river in the Rajah's
Territory.

2. Vessels are frequently
built on the banks of the
Lachin river at distances
not exceeding three miles
from the Company's territory,
and I have not been par-
ticular in ascertaining
that such vessels have
actually come into the
Company's water prior to
Registry. They cannot go
out of the river and pro-
ceed to sea without coming
into that part of the river
which is bounded by the
Company's Territory. The Port
of departure must be the
Company's Port of Lachin,

and I have always viewed
it as immaterial whether
such vessels, at the period
of receiving certificates of
Registry, were actually in
the water bounded by
the Company's Territory, or
at a short distance up the
river within the jurisdiction
of the Lachin Rajah's authorities.
I have in such cases
granted certificates of
Registry on the survey Re-
ports of the Surveying Officer.
To express myself shortly,
I have considered vessels
in the Lachin river in the
Rajah's territory the same
as if they were in the
same river in the Bri-
tish territory.

3. I have on some occasions been strongly pressed to grant Certificates of Registry to Vessels built at other places such as Allepey, Quilon &c on the Coast. and I have invariably refused to do so as I have considered it to be absolutely necessary that such vessels should come to Cochin prior to Registry.

4. I have on more than one occasion told the Surveying Officer that he was not required as a point of duty to proceed any distance

distance up the river out of the Company's territory to survey a vessel. but he has felt it necessary to do so to insure correct measurement.

5. I enclose copy of a letter from me to the Surveying Officer on the subject and his original reply. —

Copy of a letter from the Registrar of Shipping dated 25th December 1856.
Letter from Surveying Officer dated 29th Decr 1856.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant
J. P. Mearns
Registrar of Shipping

To

Captain J. Foster.
Master Mendon

Sir. Lockport

I have the honor to
request you will have
the goodness to state whe-
ther you consider it
absolutely necessary under
the new Act that Vessels
should be measured for
Registry while on the stocks.

I have, &c.

(Signed) E. Culver
Register of Shipping

(True Copy)

E. Culver

Register of Shipping

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Shipping Registry Office.
Madras 4th January 1857.

From,

The Registrar of Shipping,
Madras.

To,

J. Pycroft Esq^r
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you
that in compliance with the orders marginally
noted, * I have forwarded the question con-
tained therein to the Registrar of Shipping
at Cochin, and now beg to submit that
Officers reply.

*
Extract from Min. Cons.
dated 18 Decr. 1856
No 388.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servt.

Wm. H. A. A. A.

for the Registrar of Shipping

Shipping Registry Office,
Madras 4th January 1857.

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Towards correspondence from
 the Register of Shipping at London
 respecting the place where it is
 necessary all ships should be registered
 and numbered.

With an order

The Register of Shipping
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 vessels engaged by him in
 places without the limits of

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 registered in the Register of Shipping
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