

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

411

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Dated

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1858

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 12th October 1858.

No. 17. From H. D. E. DALRYMPLE, Esq., Master Attendant ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 7th October 1858, No. 622.
SIR,

I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that Act XXVIII of 1858, which came into operation on the 1st Instant, does not appear in detail to be rightly interpreted or understood by the Commissioner of Police.

In the first place I find that by the orders of the Commissioner of Police Boats with sand ballast are not allowed to leave the Beach without a Peon in charge of the sand, the value of the sand being two annas and the hire of the Peon three annas, and as I consider that ballast does not come under the head either of "Cargo" or "Goods" this is a vexatious and unnecessary charge not intended by the provisions of the Act.

Section II. No Cargo or Goods of any description shall be conveyed in any Boat to or from any Ship or Vessel in the Port of Madras unless accompanied by an Officer of the Police Force, and it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Police to provide every such Boat with an Officer of the Police Force for this purpose.

3. Peons are also sent off in Boats in charge of water which I consider does not come under the head either of "Cargo" or "Goods," and I cannot suppose that it ever was intended by the Legislature that a tax should be levied on the principal necessary of life.

4. Peons are also sent off in Boats which carry the daily supplies of fresh provisions for the Ships' Companies, and I submit that this is an unnecessary tax on food which never was contemplated by the Legislature.

5. I am aware that it will be urged in justification of these exactions that the Ballast, Water and Provision Boats may return from the Shipping with Cargo. Admitting this probability I maintain that if Peons must be sent in these Boats (which is contrary to the spirit of the Act) that they ought to be supplied by the Commissioner of Police free of charge.

6. I beg most respectfully to express my regret that as Master Attendant, and Conservator of the Port, I received no communication from Government on the subject of this Act, before it was brought into operation.

7. Up to this date I have never been officially made acquainted with the organization of the Marine Police but from information, which I have taken considerable trouble to obtain, it appears to me to be incomplete, the detective branch being entirely omitted. The excellent system of surveillance introduced by the late Captain Clarence Dalrymple and followed by myself when Beach Magistrate and Superintendent of Marine Police is now unknown and unless that system is understood and thoroughly carried out, the Mercantile body and the Public after a second experiment of Legislation will be disappointed.

No. 18. From H. D. E. DALRYMPLE, Esq., Master Attendant ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 8th October 1858, No. 631.
SIR,

With reference to my letter to Government under date the 7th Instant, I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter received this morning from Captain Gregory of the Ship "City of Bristol."

From W. H. GREGORY, Esq., Commander "City of Bristol;" to the Master Attendant,
dated 7th October 1858.

SIR,

I beg to bring to your notice the imposition now imposed on Ship Masters in having to pay Police Peons for watching Sand-ballast.

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 12th October 1858.

This day after clearing all my accounts, &c, a bill was handed to me for payment, which caused me great inconvenience. I hope you will do me the favor of bringing it before Government for their consideration.

No. 19.

ORDER THEREON, No. 411; dated 11th October 1858.
Forwarded to the Commissioner of Police for his remarks.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 411.

Read letter from the Master & Attendant of Madras
Here under 7th Oct 1858 No. 612 & 631.

Forwarded with letter of the
same date to the Commissioner

of Police for his remarks
Fort George
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To the Com of Police - Sep 15

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servt.

Charles Attendant Office
March 10th Oct 1858

M. D. & H. D. & H. D.
Master of the Attendant