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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

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Dated 27-4-1888

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No. 194

Madras Port Office
2^d March 1888.

From

The Port Officer
Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government.
Marine Department.
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of Government that on enquiring into the workings of the Office of the Agent for Government Consignments, I find that when Government approved of the designation no duties were specified, but that the Officer holding the appointment performed the various duties alluded to in para 7 of the late Port Officer's letter to Government dated 2^d October 1882.

I therefore beg to submit for approval the accompanying draft order specifying the duties, which in my opinion appertain to the post of Agent for Government

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Government Consignments. In preparing this order, I have been guided by the rules laid down by the Government of India for the guidance of the Agent for Government Consignments at Calcutta and with the exception that, as at present, the freight bills will be checked and passed by me and that all "Lading and packing Accounts" will be sent to my Office, the rules submitted are similar.

2. I have further to bring to notice that the Agent for Government Consignments at this port performs other duties which are marginally specified and as they are all of an executive nature and apparently were a portion of the duties, the present Agent

Duties to be transferred to the Assistant Port Officer.

1. To survey and measure all steamers and vessels under the Passengers Act, and also when taken up by Government for emigrants, troops, convicts horses, cattle or store.

2. Inspecting Officer appointed under Section 7 of the Native Passenger Act.

3. Inspector of Lights for the Port of Madras.

4. Assistant Transport Officer in connection with the embarkation and landing of troops and stores.

Agent for Government Consignments used to perform when he held the appointment of Second Assistant Master Attendant, I would recommend that the Assistant Port Officer should be required to perform these duties instead of the Agent for Government Consignments.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
H. A. Theet
Captain & Master
Port Officer.

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Duties of Agent for Government Consignments

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1. To engage freight for Government Stores and to be the channel of communication between the Government Departments concerned and the Agent and Masters of Vessels.

2. To receive, store, ship, land and deliver all Government Stores.

3. To give notice to the Deputy Commissioners of Police, when specie has either to be shipped or landed, and the time when a guard for the same will be required, and to send a copy of the notice to the Assistant Accountant General, and to see that each case of specie when being shipped is provided with a buoy and rope.

4. To survey on the part of Government all stores received as consignments; in case of stores being damaged a survey is to be held on shore in the presence of an Officer of the ship or a person appointed by the Agents of the Vessel.

5. To make out in triplicate Bills of Lading for Government stores to be shipped

shipped at Madras; to collect the Bills of Lading of all stores imported Coastways, and to keep a record of all forwarded to, and received from Messrs Binnys & Co., keeping separate the bills on which freight is payable at Madras.

6. At the end of each month to furnish the Collector of Sea Customs with a list of all Departments which have shipped or landed stores during the month, and the Chairman of the Harbour Board with a statement showing the measurement or weight of every package shipped or landed during the month.

7. To keep a record of all stores landed or shipped during each month with the number and description of boats employed in each case, the number of each boat, and the quantity of stores carried by the same; and to apportion the amount of boat hire to be charged to each department.

8. To examine, check and sign when correct, each Boat hire bill.

9. To check the monthly bills of the Cooly Contractor.

Jan 175/84

This seems quite correct
The duties of the agent for
Port Consignments as such
seem correctly defined by
Capt. Street
ppht
9 Apr

transfer that Mr. Rowland
was declared to be not only
Agent for Port Consignments
but also Port Surveyor. If the
principle that the Assistant
Port Officer is to do consular
duties only is maintained, the
duties under 1 & 4 must be
appertained to him. Under the
new arrangement the Light
house will be a general charge
and only a share of it will belong
to the Port. The duty of inspection
of light houses might properly
be discharged by the new person
Assistant to the Port Officer. The
only one of the duties specified at
present to be assigned to the Executive
officer of the Port, seems to be the
duty of inspecting officers under
the Native Passenger Ship Act.

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174-10-27-86
 263-04-27-86
 153-1-4-86
 120-20-5-86
 53-6-2-86
 45-46-29-1-86
 77-29-6-2-86
 432-433-6-11-82
 336-9-9-82
 199-12-5-85
 258-22-6-85
 306-11-3-85
 317-7-1-85

For advice.
 The duties devolving on
 Mr. Marshall are set out
 in the late Capt. Taylor's
 Memorandum handed
 in J.O. 6th Nov. 1882. No. 432.
 It seems hardly worth while
 to make any change till
 the arrangements for the
 new order of things consequent
 on the transfer of the Conservancy
 of the harbours Port & the H.T.V.
 have been worked out; but
 of course Capt. Sheel is the
 best judge as to how work
 J.O. 31st be distributed between
 his subordinates

The Assistant Port Officer, who
 has quite enough to do when the
 transfer of the Port Conservancy
 is carried out, and proposes to
 put more work on him, ought not
 to be hastily adopted. It is to be
 observed with reference to the
 duties which it is proposed to

Marine (1888) DEPARTMENT.
 From
 THE PORT OFFICER,
 Madras,
 To
 THE CHIEF SECY. TO GOVERNMENT,
 MARINE DEPARTMENT,
 Fort St. George.

No. 94
 Dated 2nd } March 1888.
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No. _____
 Subject.

Recommending the trans-
 fer of certain duties to
 the Assistant Port Officer,
 from the Agent for
 Government Consignments.

Marine DEPARTMENT.
 Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 188 , No.
 Again G.O., dated 188 , No.
 Current No. 170 of 1888, dated 2nd Mar from The Port Officer Madras

Current No. of 1888, dated from order 27th Feb 1888

With reference to para 2 of the
 Port Officer's letter read above
 it is desired that as the
 Asst Port Officer will in
 future be simply the Executive
 Officer of the Port of Madras
 under the H.T.V.A., the duties
 of Port Surveyor & Assistant
 Transport Officer will have
 to be performed by the Agent
 for Govt. Consignments as at
 present

Under the new arrange-
 ments Light houses will be
 a general charge & the duties
 of Insp. of Light houses will there-
 fore be properly discharged by
 the proposed Personal Assis-
 tant to the Port Officer

The transfer of the duties of
 inspecting officer under the
 Native Passenger Ships Act
 approved

24 Apr

Subject & the additions noted
above, the duties of the Agent
for Joint Comsignments have
been correctly set forth by
Capt Street in the memo. at-
tached to his letter

(From Orders)

WLS
19 Apr

WLS
17 Apr

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Duties of the Agent for
Joint Comsignments
(From Orders)

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Port Officer, Madras Dec 19/14

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ORDINARY, MS.

<i>Marine</i> DEPARTMENT.
G.O., DATED <i>27 April 88</i>
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*Duties of the agent
for Govt. Consignments*

19-2-21 ✓
6-3-18
9-9-37 D ✓
6-3-39 M ✓

19-12-34 B ✓

4-6-58 D 6 ✓