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Mar DEPARTMENT.

G.O., DATE 9-9-95
No. 274

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Sanctioning the initial outlay of Rs 1112-1-8 for the erection of a flagstaff at Parani; and stating that Rs 7 per mensem will be sanctioned on account of ~~the~~ a Flag signaller on the submission of a proposd statement.

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3/6m 26.11.95

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189 , No. , MISCELLANEOUS.

ENCLOSURES.

CURRENT NO.

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STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT .. .. .. A A

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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Ponani Flagstaff

from Orders

5852
Marine Currents/681

Order 8 9th September 1895, No. 274.

The initial outlay of Rs 1112-1-8 for the ~~Construction~~ erection of a flagstaff at Ponani is sanctioned. ~~But~~ No reasons ~~whatever~~ have been shown for giving the Signaller ~~allowance~~ Rs 12 per mensem. At Baruva, Poondy and Masulipatam ~~the other places the Dr.~~ the only person employed in connection ~~din ar rate to Rs 7 and~~ with the flags is shown to receive ~~this to Sanctioned~~ only Rs: 7. This amount will be sanctioned on a prop: statt being recd.

from Orders

C.W.
6.9.95

F.D.B.
6/9/5.

7/9/95

To The P. P. O } Despd 14/9
with 3 enclos retd.

Compd
11/9.

CURRENT No. 681

Marine (1895) DEPARTMENT.

From
THE PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
Madras,

To
THE CHIEF SECY. TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George.

No. 1674/232 G

Dated 26 } August 1895.
Received }

Regd 28
Enclos 1.

SECRETARIAT
27 AUG. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

No.

Subject.

Forwarding a list of the ports at which signalling arrangements have been constructed and are maintained by Government.

H.E. the Governor.

Submitted with ref: to H.E's note of the 2nd inst. The callings at the ports named must be far more numerous than at Ponani. If Masulipatam, Baruva & Poondy can get along with 1 man on 7/- it is not apparent why the man proposed for Ponani shd: require 12/.

F.D.B.
30.8.5.

The average of the number of ships visiting Ponani is three every two months so that there could be but very little signalling. Rs 7 a month appears to be enough to start with. I believe a good many steamers stop at Baruva as it is a port of call for carrying emigrants to Burma and is used also when the weather is bad and Gopalpur is dangerous. Of Poondy I know nothing 3/9/95

It appears that Ponani is becoming more & more used as a port – and the increase in the numbers of vessels calling there would justify Govt. in sanctioning the outlay on the proposed ~~station~~ flagstaff – but I do not see that any reasons whatever have been shown for giving the signaller 12 R. p. m. At the other places the ordinary rate is 7 – & this might be sanctioned.

W
4 Sep

C 319
9/9

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War Dept.
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To 681

List of Ports at which signalling arrangements exist, with particulars of establishment and cost.

Ports	Establishment	Pay per month	Remarks
Barnva	1 Flag Lascar	7 " "	Signals are made from a Flagstaff
Gopalpur	1 " Signaller	20 " "	do
	1 " Lascar	7 " "	
Poondy	1 " Lascar	7 " "	do
Calingapatam	1 " Signaller	20 " "	do
	1 " Lascar	7 " "	
Bimlipatam	1 " Signaller	20 " "	do
	2 " Lascars at Rs 7	14 " "	
Vizagapatam	1 " Signaller	20 " "	do
	2 " Lascars at Rs 7	14 " "	
Coconada			Signals are received at the Vakalapudi Lighthouse from ships and telephoned to Coconada Post Office and vice versa. A Telephone Signaller at Rs 10 at Coconada and a Flag Signaller on Rs 8 at Vakalapudi Lighthouse are maintained. There is a Flagstaff at Coconada which under the telepone arrangements is not used.
Masulipatam	1 " Lascar	7 " "	Signals are made from a Flagstaff.

Ports	Establishment	Pay per month Rs	As	P	Remarks.
Cuddalore	1 Head Signaller (and Head Lightkeeper)	20	"	"	Signals are made from a Flagstaff.
	2 Signallers (and Lightkeepers) at Rs 8	16	"	"	
Porto Novo	1 Flag Signaller	12	"	"	do
	1 " Lascar	7	"	"	
Negapatam	1 " Signaller	15	"	"	Signals are made from a Gaff attached to the Lighthouse column.
	1 " Lascar	7	"	"	
Trimalvasal	1 " Signaller	12	"	"	Signals are made from a Flagstaff.
Tuticorin.	1 Head Signaller (and Head Lightkeeper)	20	"	"	Signals are made both from a Flagstaff at Tuticorin and the Lighthouse at Hare Island.
	1 Signaller (and Lightkeeper	11	"	"	
	1 do	10	"	"	
	1 do	9	"	"	
	1 do	8	"	"	
Cochin	1 Flag Signaller	15	"	"	Signals are made both from a Flagstaff and the Lighthouse
	1 " Lascar	7	"	"	
Beypore	1 " Signaller (who is also Conservator of the Port)	50	"	"	Signals are made from a Flagstaff.
	1 Flag Lascar	7	"	"	
Calicut	1 Flag Signaller	15	"	"	do
	2 " Lascars at Rs 7	14	"	"	
Badagara	1 Flag Signaller	15	"	"	do
Tellicherry	1 " do	20	"	"	do
	1 " Lascar	7	"	"	
Cannanore	1 " Signaller	20	"	"	do
	1 " Lascar	7	"	"	

Ports	Establishment	Pay per month Rs	As	P	Remarks.
Mangalore	1 Flag Signaller	20	"	"	Signals are made from a Flagstaff.
	1 " Lascar	7	"	"	
Madras.	1 " Signaller	45	"	"	do
	1 " do	30	"	"	
	1 " do	20	"	"	

Presidency Port Office
Madras August 1895

Walter Powell
Commander R. I. M.
Presidency Port Officer.

1895
Mar Dept.
Enclos. No. 1
To 681

is continuous as it is the quickest way of communicating between ships and their Agents. The number of signals made will, if necessary, be as-certained from the several posts and reported.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,

Walter Powell
Commander R. I. M.
Presidency Port Officer.

Heading. No. 1674 / 232 G

CURRENT No.

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,
Madras, 26th August — 1895.

From

Commander W. Powell. R. I. M.,
PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
Madras,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

With reference to Marine Department Memorandum, No. 1834, dated 7th August 1895, I have the honor to forward a list of the ports at which signalling arrangements have been constructed and are maintained by Government. The cost of establishment is also shewn therein.

2. Nearly all the ports are regularly, and some few occasionally, visited by the weekly line of B. I. Steamers from Bombay to Calcutta and vice versa while at the more important ports, steamers of the Asiatic line, foreign-going steamers and other vessels also frequently call. During the stay of these vessels in port signalling

is

Ponani Flagstaff

from orders

Marine Current 585

Ref. No. 183A

7-8-95

With reference to his letter No $\frac{1674}{194}$ G. of the 22nd July last, the S. P. O. is requested to state whether signalling arrangements are constructed and maintained by Govt. in other places, and, if so, to give ~~full~~ particulars of their cost and the amount of use made of them.

C.W.
3.8.95

(from Orders)

F.D.B.
for C.S.
3/8/95.

done
8 – entry
11 – [illegible]
5/8

To The S. P. O. Desp. 7/8

Ponani Flagstaff

H.E. the Governor

Marine C.585.

Is this a totally new idea - or are signalling arrangements constructed & maintained by Govt. in other places?

W
2 Aug

It is subd: that no sufficient reason has been adduced for the initial expenditure of Rs: 1112 & the recurring charge of Rs: 144 per annum. The flagstaff is to "enable the merchants to communicate with the shipping and to reply to signals" - That has nothing to do with the working of the port - it is the merchants' private concern - and the average callings last year were 1½ a month against 1 in 3 months in 93/94! The fact that the Port Fund is in surplus does not justify the expenditure.

F.D.B.
30/7/5.

J.S.
31/7/95

CURRENT No. 585

Marine (1895) Department.

From
THE PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
Madras,

To
THE CHIEF SECY. TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George.

25 JUL 95

No. 1674/194 - 4

Dated 22d
Received 25
Regd 26
July 1895

Enclos No. 3

Subject.

Requesting sanction for an Estimate of Rs 1112-1-8 for erecting a flagstaff at Ponani and to the entertainment of a Flag Signaller on Rs 12/2 per mensem -

and to the entertainment of a Flag Signaller on Rs 12/- per mensem.

3. The Malabar District Port Fund can well bear the Charges.

Estimated opening balance at the beginning this offl year = 308,874 of wh 52,374 is cash balance

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

H. D. Baillie(?)
for Presidency Port Officer

CURRENT No. 585

No. 1674/194 G

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,
Madras, 22d July 1895.

Heading.

Flagstaff at Ponnani-

From Commander W. J. Powell R.I.M.,
~~The~~ PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
MADRAS,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE.

SIR,

I have the honor to report the necessity for providing a flagstaff at Ponani (Malabar District) to enable merchants to communicate with the Shipping and to reply to signals put up by ships. Ponani is becoming a port of call for Coasting Steamers 19 of which arrived there in 1894/95 as against 4 in 1893/94.

2./ The Port Officer, Cochin, has furnished the accompanying Estimate of Rs. 1112-1-8 for erecting a suitable staff according to sketch attached. I beg that sanction of Government may be obtained to this Expenditure

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	Department.	C. No.	Year.			

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15,000—18-5-03

M DEPARTMENT.

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Press / Miscellaneous / Routine No. 245, dated 11 9 190 95

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Read - also the follg papers

CURRENT No. 457

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Madras Harbour Trust,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
15th June 1895.

No. 1091

From
H. LeFanu Esquire I.C.S.
CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,
MADRAS.

To
The Hon'ble J. F. Price, C.S.I., I.C.S.
Chief Secretary to Government,
Marine Department.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of G.O. Marine No 101 dated 5th April 1895, and to inform you that the amended Indian Merchant Shipping Bill was considered by the Trustees at their meeting last evening, and I submit herewith copy of resolution passed thereon.

2. The Trustees approve the draft bill and have no remarks to offer.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
H. LeFanu
Chairman
Harbour Trust Board

Secy.

J.d.

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EXTRACT of Proceedings of the TRUSTEES OF THE HARBOUR OF MADRAS, at a Meeting held at the Offices of the Board on Friday the 14th day of June 1895.

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5. Read G. O. No. 101 Marine, dated 5th April 1895, inviting the opinion of the Board on the provisions of the Consolidated Indian Merchant Shipping Bill.

Recorded. The Board has no remarks to offer.

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True Extract

HARBOUR TRUST
MADRAS 15.JUN.95
SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Secretary
Harbour Trust Board

J.S.

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War Dept.
Enclosure No. 1
To
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CURRENT No. 457

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

From

THE CHAIRMAN,
HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,
MADRAS.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Marine Department.

Dated 15th June 1895

Despatched 15th do 1895.

Received Regd 18..

Enclosure One

CHIEF SECRETARY 17 JUN. 1895 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

No. 1097

SUBJECT.

Consolidated Indian Merchant Shipping Bill

Submitting that the Trustees approve of the ——.

Print these statements & furnish proof 5 copies 13/3

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CURRENT No. 458

The Madras Chamber of Commerce,

Madras, 15th June 1895.

From

H. Scott Esqre
Vice - CHAIRMAN, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
MADRAS.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Marine Department
Ootacamund.

CHIEF SECRETARY 17 JUN. 1895 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Sir,

The Chamber has had under its consideration the Order of the Madras Government, dated the 5th April 1895, No. 101, Marine, forwarding for an expression of its opinion a copy of the Consolidated Indian Merchant Shipping Bill, together with the Preliminary Report of the Select Committee.

In reply I have the honour to inform you that the Chamber approves of the Bill as amended.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant,

H Scott
Vice - Chairman

CURRENT No. 458

Marine Dept.

From

The Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Madras

Dated 15
Recd 17
Regd 18 } June 95

Subject

Offering opinion on the Consolidated Indian Merchant Shipping Bill

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No. 472

No. 282

Office of the Protector of Emigrants,
Madras, 22nd June 1895.

From

W. J. H. Le Fanu Esq.

ag. Protector of Emigrants,
Madras,

To

The Hon'ble Mr. J. F. Price C.S.

Chief Secretary to Government,
~~Public~~ Marine Department,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to Marine G.O. No. 101 dated 5th April 1895, I have the honor to state that there does not seem to be anything relating to Emigration in the Bill under reference. I have not, therefore, any remarks to offer thereon.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed Servant

ag. Protector of Emigrants

No. 472

Mas/ Marine

~~Public~~ Department
(Emigration)

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Marine Department

No. 282

CHIEF SECRETARY'S
JUN 1895
GOVERNMENT OF

Dated 22 June 1895
Despatched do
Recd 24
Regd 26

Subject

Stating that there does not seem to be anything relating to Emigration in "The Indian Merchant Shipping Bill" and he has not therefor any remarks to offer thereon.

CURRENT No. 534

No. B-23
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ADAMSON, MACTAGGART & Co.,
Agents:
NEGAPATAM AND TUTICORIN.

British India Steam Navigation Co., Limited,

Negapatam, 9th July 1895.

CHIEF SECRETARY
11. JUL. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

The Chief Secretary.
Government of Madras.
Ootacamund

Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor No. 101 Marine dated 5th April last handing us Copy of the report of the Select Committee on the Bill to consolidate and amend certain Indian enactments relating to merchant shipping and the carriage of passengers by sea, with the Bill as amended by the Committee, for which we thank you.

In reply, we have no opinions to offer on the abovementioned new Indian Merchant Shipping Bill.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servts.

Adamson Mactaggart & Co
Agents.

[G/9]
2,000—2-4-95.

Current No. 534
Marine DEPARTMENT.

From Adamson Mactaggart & Co.
Agents, B. I. S. N. Co. Ld

No. 823/361

Dated 9 } July 95
Received & Regd 311
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Stating that they have no opinion to offer on the new Indian Merchant Shipping Bill.

GA.

CURRENT No. 564

Re consolidated Indian Merchant Shipping Bill.

OPINION.

I have gone carefully through this Bill and the Preliminary Report of the select Committee thereon, and have no suggestions to make.

J. H. Spring Branson
Advocate General

Madras
17th July 1895.

(True Copy)

Ernest Barclay
Government Solicitor.

No. 275

Kindly close all currents i. this
file by G.O. $\frac{275}{11/9/95}$ Marine, an
return the papers to me befor
this evening, as they hav
to be sent down to Mad
in contn. of the draft G.O

12/9/

H.l.

Kindly have these stitched with the orgl. letter sent this morning 12/9/

Note for the C. A.

The file of the Merchant Shipping Bill is herewith submitted.

A. I. K.
2/9

Replies to G.O. No 101/95-Marin

reg: Indian Merchant Shipping

Bill. —

Subd. to C.A.

DR
16/8.

Do ~~not~~ print

JB

Call Clerk.

There is still plenty of
time. If I draft [illegible] 1st prose
it will do. Send the Currents
I have tied together down
to Madras to be put into
type & keep the others
here. They need not be
printed. Submit other
replies to me as they come
in for orders as to printing.

Sent 21/8/08

Noted 21/8/08

F.D.B.
13/8

Note for CA

File reg: Consolidated Indian Merchant Shipping Bill [illegible] with refce to orders in the arrears list.

But the file reg: residence of Port officers also required to be shewn has been sent to P.W. D. in orig.l

CC subd DR 12/8

Let me have the file on the 1st Aug.

Remd sent 1.8.95. JB

File subd

17/

DR

[illegible] urgent reminders & let [illegible]
have file on the 12th inst.

Please see further

G.Os. 9/11-6-95 & 150/30-5-95

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HC/0

Please send across
a copy of G.O. 101
tonight if possible
JB

sent
12/9
with 120

C.A.

Messrs Arbuthnot & Co. state that they have not received a copy of G.O. No. 101 d/5/4/95.

C.W.
24.8.95.

Please send
them another
[illegible]

DB

Consolidated Indian Merchant
Shipping Bill

G. O. D 5.4.95 No 101 Marine

Replies due with Madras Govt — 1st August
" Govt of India — 1st Octr.

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" Andrew & Co 661
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14 " Gordon Woodroffe & Co 652
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16 " Maiden & Co
17 " Parry & Co 632
18 " Wilson & Co 626
19 "

CURRENT No. 564

(1895) Department

From Ernest Barclay
Government Solicitor
Madras

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Ootacamund

No 386

Dated 17 July 1895
recd 19th
Regd 20th

19. JUL. 1895

Forwarded with reference to the Orders of Government dated 5 April 1895 No 101 Marine.

Ernest Barclay
Government Solicitor

CURRENT No. 582

BINNY & Co
MADRAS.

Madras, 23rd July 1895.

The Chief Secretary
to Government of Madras,
Ootacamund.

25 JUL 95

Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of G. O. No. 101 of 5th April last together with a Copy of the proposed Indian Merchant Shipping Bill, and beg to say that we have no opinions to offer on the provisions of the Bill.

We have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servants,
pp Binny & Co
[illegible]

[G/9]
2,000—2-4-95.

Current No. 582

Marine DEPARTMENT.

From

Messrs. Binny & Co.
Madras.

No.

Dated 23rd } July 1895.
Received } 25 }
Regd. }
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SUBJECT.

Informing that they have no opinions to offer on the ~~proposed~~ provisions of the proposed Indian Merchant Shipping Bill.

CURRENT No. 596

No. 1492/199 G.

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,
Madras, 29th July 1895.

Heading.

Indian Merchant Shipping Bill.

From
Commander W. J. Powell, R.I.M.,
~~THE~~ PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
MADRAS,

To
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. Marine, No. 101 dated 5th April 1895, I have the honor to report as follows:-

2. Section 1 (2) of Bill.— The figure 272 B should apparently be 271 A.

3. Section 26 (h).— The rank Sub Lieutenant should be substituted for Second Grade Officer, the latter designation being extinct.

4. Section 34.— An alternative punishment seems necessary to meet any case of inability to pay

pay fine.

5. Section 50(1). – The master being the proper person to sign an Agreement, I think provision should be made that when an Agent of an Owner has signed it the master shall before leaving port also sign such Agreement in token of his knowledge of the contents thereof.

6. Section 282 (2). – Six hours notice is too short in the case of voyages other than "long". I think at least twelve hours notice should be given.

7. Section 302. – In line 4 the word fair should apparently be foul.

8. In Table B, Schedule IV, the figure 3, is apparently an error for 8 (amount in annas of deduction in the case of single engagement or discharge.)

9. I have no further remarks to make on the Bill, the provisions of which in other respects appear to be sufficient.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

Walter Powles
Commander R. I. M.
Presidency Port Officer.

CURRENT No. 596

Marine (1895) DEPARTMENT.

From

THE PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
Madras,

To

THE CHIEF SECY. TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George.

No. 1492/199 G

Dated 29 } July 1895
Received 30 }
Repd 31st

No.

SECRETAR
JUL 95

Subject.

Reporting upon the Indian Merchant Shipping Bill of 1895.

Port Office
Madras 26th July 1895

No 1234

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From
The Deputy Conservator of the
Port of Madras.

To
The Chairman
Harbour Trust Board
Madras.

Sir.

I have the honor to return the Indian Merchant Shipping Bill 1895 and amendments

Para 12 latter part which entitles Agents to sign agreement with crews instead of the Master is in my opinion objectionable as the master is the only person whom the law holds responsible that the agreement is carried out.

Para 14 section 59 seems unnecessary as it only increases the difficulty in tracing missing seamen when required to do so by the Board of trade

Para 50 section 282 six hours notice appears to me too short, most inspecting Officers under the act have many other duties to perform and it ma be inconvenient or impossible for them to get on Board in that time and I do not see ther is any hardship inflicted on the Agents

under

under the excisting rule of 24 hours notice.

I have &ca

Sd/ Charles W. Hewett

Comr. R.I.M.

Dy Conservator of the Port

(True Copy)

HARBOUR TRUST
MADRAS 31.JUL.95
SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Secretary

Harbour Trust Board

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Marine Dept.
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G.O. No. 606

CURRENT No. 606

Harbour Trust Board Office,

MADRAS, 31st July 1895

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No. 1703

From H. Le Fanu Esqre I.C.S.
the CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,
MADRAS.

To The Hon'ble Mr. J. F. Price, C.S.I. I.C.S.
Chief Secretary to Government,
Marine Department.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the information of Government copy of letter No. 1234 dated 26th inst. from the Dy Port Conservator reporting upon the amended Indian Merchant Shipping Bill which was forwarded to him for remarks on the 22nd April.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant

H. LeFanu

Chairman
Harbour Trust Board

CURRENT No. 606

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

FROM
THE CHAIRMAN,
HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,
MADRAS.

TO
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Marine Department.

DATED 31st July 1895

DESPATCHED 31st " 1895.

RECEIVED 1st Aug. 1895
Regd. 2nd " "

ENCLOSURE One

No. 1743
1 AUG. 1895

SUBJECT.

The amended Indian merchant shipping Bill

Submitting copy of letter No. 1234 dated dated 26th July from the Dy Port Conservator reporting upon ——

No. 2051.

High Court of Judicature,
Madras, 31st July 1895.

CURRENT No. 69/98

From
D. W. G. Cowie Esquire,
the Ag. Registrar of the High Court
of Judicature, Appellate Side,
Madras.

To
The Honorable J. F. Price, C. S. I.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

Honorable Sir,

With reference to G. O. dated 5th April 1895, No. 101, Marine, forwarding, for the opinion of the Honorable the Judges, a preliminary Report of the select committee on the Bill to consolidate and amend certain Indian enactments relating to merchant Shipping and the carriage of passengers by sea, with the Bill as amended by the committee, I am directed to state that the Honorable the Chief Justice, Mr Justice Parker and Mr Justice Shephard have no observations to make.

2. Any minutes that may be recorded by the Honorable Justices Best and Subrahmania Aiyar will be duly submitted.

I have the honor to be,
Honorable Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
D. W. G. Cowie
Ag. Registrar.

21st July

Stating that the Hon. the
Chief Justice and Justices
[illegible] & [illegible] have no
observations to make on the
Amendment - Report of the
Select Committee on the Bill
relating to [illegible]

Every letter, whether printed or in manuscript, should be docketed and abstracted on the back ; * * * * * and the abstract should state clearly the purport of the letter and not merely its title subject. * * * * *

Enclosures and statements also, whether sent with letters, or merely under cover, should be numbered, docketed and abstracted. The headings of statements should be written in full to prevent mistakes. (G. O. 8th April 1893, No. 289, Public.)

500—13-7-95.

CURRENT No. 609

Marine Depts

Judicial {1895} Department.

No.

From

The Ag. Registrar of the High Court
of Judicature, Appellate Side,
Madras.

Dated 31st July
Received } 1895.
& Regd } 2nd Aug.

No. 2051
Enc.

Chief Secretary, Government of Madras
-2 AUG-1895

Stating that the Hon. the Chief Justice and Justices Parker & Shephard have no observations to make on the preliminary Report of the select committee on the Bill relating to merchant shipping

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CURRENT No. 626

Madras. 7th August, 1895.

From,
Messrs. Wilson & Co.
Madras.

To,
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Ootacamund.

Chief Secretary, Government
8 AUG 95

Sir,

With reference to G/O of 5th April, 1895 No.101 Marine regarding the Consolidated Indian Merchant Shipping Bill, we have the honor to inform you that in our opinion the provisions of the Bill in its present form are satisfactory, and we have no further remarks to offer on the subject.

We have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servants,
p. p. Wilson & Co.

mar. CURRENT No. 626

Marine dept

From Messrs Wilson & Co.
Madras

Dated 7
Recd 8
Regd 9 } August 95

Subject

Stating that, in their opinion, the provisions of the Consolidated Indian Merchant Shipping Bill are satisfactory and that they have no further remarks to offer.

CURRENT No. 632

Madras 9th Augt 1895

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To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Marine Department
Ootacamund.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
12 AUG 95
GOVERNMENT

Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum dated 1st Instant inviting us to express our opinion as to the provisions of the Consolidated Indian Merchant Shipping Bill, and in reply we beg to inform you that we consider the terms of the Bill in question will satisfactorily meet what is required of it —

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedt Servants

CURRENT No. 632.

Marine dept

From Messrs Parry & Co

Dated 9
Recd 12 } August
Regd 13

Subject

Stating that, in their opinion, the terms of the Consolidated Indian Merchant Shipping Bill will meet all requirements.

A file of currents

August 1895, No.   , Marine.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following paper:—

G.O., dated 5th April 1895, No. 101, Marine.

Abstract.—Inviting opinions of the Hon'ble the Judges of the High Court, the Advocate-General and certain officers and mercantile firms on the provisions of the Consolidated Indian Merchant Shipping Bill, and publishing the Bill and the Report of the Select Committee in the *Fort St. George Gazette.*

appendix

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2. The Trustees approve the draft Bill and have no remarks to offer.

(Signed) W. J. H. LE FANU,
Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

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Enclosure.

Extract of Proceedings of the Trustees of the Harbour of Madras, at a Meeting held at the Offices of the Board on Friday the 14th day of June 1895.

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Resolution.—Recorded. The Board has no remarks to offer.

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ENCLOSURE.

From Comdr: C. W. HEWETT, ~~Esq.~~, R.I.M., Deputy Conservator of the Port of Madras, to the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, dated Madras, 26th July 1895, No. 1234.

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× Nor do I. The reason for the change is not given.

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Paragraph 12 latter part which entitles agents to sign agreement with crews instead of the master is in my opinion objectionable as the master is the only person whom the law holds responsible that the agreement is carried out.

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This seems clearly to be so

× The remark is correct

Not necessary vide Act 5 [illegible] clauses and 1 of 88.

× vide supra

ditto.

× Apparently 20

ditto

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(Signed) D. W. G. COWIE,
Acting Registrar.

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(Signed) PARRY & Co.

Copy of replies
with marginal notes

CURRENT N 644

No.

ALSTON, LOW & Co.

Tellicherry, 12th August 1895

15 AUG 95

The
Chief Secretary to Government
Marine Department
Madras.

Sir,

Replying to your post card of 1st curt: we have the honor to inform you that as the firm of Messrs. Alston Low & Co. is being wound up, there is little use in our giving an opinion on the Provisions of the Consolidated Indian Merchants' Shipping Bill.

We have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
pp. Alston Low & Co.
[illegible]
in Liquidation

[G/9]
2,000—3-4-95.

Current No. 644

Marine DEPARTMENT.

From

Messrs Alston, Low & Co,
Tellicherry.

No.

Dated 12th } Aug: /95.
Received Regd 16th }
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Stating that there is no use of giving their opinion on the Provisions of the Consolidated Indian Merchants Shipping Bill as the firm of Messrs Alston, Low & Co. is being wound up.

BEST & Co

CURRENT No. 657

Madras, 14th August 1895

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government,

CHIEF SECRETARY'S
15 AUG 95

Sir,

With reference to G.O. Marine No. 101 dated 5th April 1895, we beg to state that after careful perusal of the provisions of the Consolidated Indian Merchant Shipping Bill, we have no remarks to make.

Wh

We have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Obedient Servants.

Best & Co

[G/9]
2,000—2-4-95.

Current No.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

From

Messrs Best & Co.,

Madras.

No.

Dated 14th } Aug./95.

Received } 16th

Regd
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Stating that they have no remarks to make on the provisions of the Consolidated Indian Merchants' Shipping Bill

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CURRENT No. 652

Madras 15th August 1895.

The Secretary to Government
Marine Department
Ootacamund

Sir,

We have to acknowledge receipt of your post card of 1st Inst: calling for an opinion on the Consolidated Merchants' Shipping Bill and in reply have the honor to state that the provisions of same seem to us satisfactory.—

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servants
Gordon, Woodroffe & Co

CURRENT No. 652

From

Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co,

Madras.

Dated 15 }
Recd 16 } Aug: /95.
Regd 17 }

CHIEF SECRETARY
16 AUG. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Subject.

Stating that the provisions of the consolidated Indian Merchants Shipping Bill seem to them to be satisfactory.

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CURRENT No. 661

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ANDREW & CO.,
CALICUT, BEYPORE AND ALLEPPEY.

Calicut, Malabar Coast,

15' Augt 1895.

UNDER SECRETARY
19 AUG 95
PUBLIC ETC. DEPT.

To

The Acting Under Secretary
Marine Department
Chief Secretariat
Madras.

Sir,

We were duly favored with copy of the Consolidated Indian Merchants Shipping Bill with proposed amendments and these are duly noted.

We beg to remain
Sir,
Your most obdt. Servants

Andrew & Co

[G/9]
2,000—3-4-95.

Current No. 661

Marine DEPARTMENT.

From Messrs Andrew & Co

No.

Dated 15 } August 95
Received 19 Augt 22
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Stating that they have noted the provisions of the Consolidated Indian Merchant Shipping Bill.

MADRAS. CURRENT No. 666

ARBUTHNOT & Co
AGENTS.

Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

20th August 1895

CHIEF SECRETARY
22 AUG 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

The Secretary to Government
Marine Department
Madras.

Sir.

With reference to the enclosed post card, as we do not appear to have received the communication you refer to we shall be glad if you will kindly send us a copy.

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servants

Agents.

[G/9]
2,000—2-4-95.

Current No. 666

Marine DEPARTMENT.

From Messrs Arbuthnot & Co

No.

Dated 20 } August 95
Received 22 }
Regd 24 }
Enclosures 1

SUBJECT.

Stating that Copy of Go. No 101 d/ 5-4-95 has not been received & offer opinion on the Bill referred to therein

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CURRENT No. 737

Chamber of Commerce
Cocanada 4th Septr 95

To,
The Chief Secretary to Government
Marine Department
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of G.O. dated 5th April 1895 No. 101, Marine, forwarding for consideration and remarks of this Chamber a Copy of the Consolidated Indian Merchant Shipping Bill.

I am requested by the Committee ~~of this Chamber~~ to thank you for your courtesy and to state in reply that after going over the Bill as carefully as possible, they have no criticisms to offer. The consolidation of the numerous acts is a decided advantage and the additions and alterations introduced into the new bill will help to bring the law into line with present ideas.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
J. Inne.
Chairman

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Marine

From the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Cocanada

Data 4 }
Recd } Septr 95
Regd 79 }

Subject
Offering opinion on the Consolidated Indian Merchant Shipping Bill

G.O. d/ 11-9-95
No 275 Mar

Simply file with reply to it

Marine C. 101 and file about the Indian Merchant Shipping Bill

For Orders

With its letter No. 758 of the 28th March last the Govt. of India forwarded for an Expression of opinion a Bill to consolidate and amend certain Indian Enactments relating to Merchant Shipping and the carriage of passengers by sea, and requested that the reply might be submitted by the 1st October.

G.O. No. 101 Marine d/5th April '95 forwarded copies of the Bill to certain officers and Firms for opinion, to be submitted by the 1st August.

Replies from the principal parties consulted have been received and it is not proposed to wait longer for the others. Those replies which contain any remarks, and that from the High Court, have been put into print and

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are submitted herewith. Attention is invited to them.

The Bill if passed into law would undoubtedly be very convenient, as it brings together and up to date several scattered regulations.

In section 24 local Govts. are given power to appoint "persons for the purpose of examining the qualifications of persons desirous of obtaining certificates of competency as Engineers or Engine-drivers". A reference to the papers with G.O. No 190 d/ 9.9.92 will show that it has been found impossible to secure in Madras the services of a competent Examiner. This however need not interfere with the provisions of the Bill, as a qualified person may at any time become available. see also G.O. 150 d/ 30.v.95.

Attention is respectfully invited to Section 113 × and to the remarks on it by the Select Committee

And in the meantime the Local Govt. is not compelled to appoint Examrs.

× p4.

I agree with the Sel: Comtee

I think legislation is desirable as Govt. said in '91 — i.e. the omission of s. 114 is a mistake

× These suggest[illegible] [illegible] the Legislation [illegible]

I wd. stick to what we said in '91 — otherwise give a general approval to the Bill.

W
9 Sep

It will be seen that the Committee propose to let the existing space allotments for European seamen and lascars stand as they are, and not to increase the space for the latter which is just half that provided for the former.

The Committee proposes to omit section 114, restricting the size of lascars' chests, remarking that it is generally conceded that if it is found necessary to reduce the size of the chests, the desired end can best be obtained by providing for it in the agreement which a master enters into with his crew. In this connection please see G. O. No. 573 × d/21st Nov. '91.

In regard to section 241 attention is invited to G. O. No 23 d/18th Jany. '95 and file therewith. Rules

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under the Deck and Load Lines Act were published for information in G.O. No. 378 d/22nd Sept '94, and Mr Baddeley was sent to Calcutta for instruction in the duties of a Surveyor under the Act. In letter No. 24 d/18th Jany '95 India was informed that no remarks on or objections to the draft rules had been received by this Govt, and that Mr Baddeley was competent to carry out the duties required by the Act.

The provision in section 260 that one of the members of a Court of Enquiry shall be a magistrate of the 1st class will not cause any trouble. Courts of Enquiry in this Presidency are invariably presided over by 1st class Magistrates. and as far as I am aware the Dist. Magistrate.

Chapter XXXII of the Act will not be necessary as the Pilgrim Ships Bill which contains all the requisite

requisite× provisions, is now under the considera-tion of the Govt. of India and is expected to become law on the 1st proximo.

Chapter XXXV× repeals the Burmah Coast Lights× Act of 1879 which at present extends also to the territories administered by the Governor of Fort St. George. The exact effect of this extension is not apparent×, for it does not seem that this Govt could levy any light dues under it. It is certain that to enable this Govt to carry out, either wholly or in part, Mr. Ashpitel's scheme for improving the lighting of the coasts of this Presidency, it will be necessary to levy light dues. To do this special legislation will be requisite and this opportunity might well be taken of bringing

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× I have compared the two and their minute is correct. The Pilgrims Bill is much more comprehensive & includes the new sections suggested by the Committee.

× This merely repeals and re-enacts in view to codification. The only difference is the omission of two preliminary sections which are now useless, and of one 15 which is unnecessary and the addition of ~~two~~ an extract from the English law which is a desirable one.

W

× It is to enable the collection of light dues on vessels leaving Madras or Bombay ports.

the matter to the notice× of the Govt. of India, although no definite proposals can yet be formulated.

On a separate paper H.E. the Governor has Enquired what has become of Mr. Ashpitel's report, of which an advanced copy was some time ago submitted to His Excellency. The report was referred to the P.P.O. for his remarks which have since been ~~[illegible]~~ put into print in a convenient form to facilitate perusal and disposal by the Honorable Members. The proofs were received from the press a few days ago and will be submitted as soon as possible.

The many heavy and urgent files

which

× There seems no need at present in the object of the present Bill [illegible] to amplification of the Existing law. It has yet to be settled by the Govt. whether it will accept Mr. A's proposals. It possibly may not. Things I submit must stand over.

W.

which have been under disposal recently have prevented this being done before.

W.

Please see my marginal notes on printed [illegible] of replies

F.D.B.
6/9/95.

7/9/95

Seen — apparently correct

10/9/95

Consolidated Indian
Merchant Shipping Bill

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~~H. E. The Governor~~

Hon. H. W. Bliss. C.I.E.

Lr Gd d 11-9-95
No. 275
Marine

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Marine Dept.

Marine y.o. 101
+ file re Indian Merchant Shipping Bill

Letter, dated 11th September 1895.
No. 275.

To

The Secy to the Govt. of India
Legislative Dept.

100 copies
Despd 25/9/95

Sir

With reference to your letter No 758 of the 28th March last, I am directed to forward copies of the replies that have been received from certain* of the Officers and firms whose opinions were requested on the Bill to amend the law relating to Merchant-Shipping in India.

* Several others had no remarks to offer and some have not replied upto date.

2. This Govt. agrees with Commander Hewett's remarks on paras 14 (Section 59) and 50 (Section 282) of the Select Committee's report, but sees no objection to the latter part of para 12.

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from Orders

11/9/95.

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11/9/95

Indian Merchants Shipping Bill

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from Orders

11th September 1895, No. 275, Marine.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Letter—from

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To

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Ootacamund,
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MARINE DEPARTMENT.

From the Government of
Fort St. George.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

Letter, 11th Sept. 1895, No. 275.

SEPTEMBER.

Bills—Legislative.

Forwarding, with remarks, copies of the replies received from certain of the officers and firms whose opinions were requested on the Bill to amend the law relating to Merchant Shipping in India.

Read again Orders of Government, dated
18

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Back Papers, No.

Further Papers, No.

Enclosures.

Current No.

Statement with ditto.

~~Order~~ Letter No., of Government—A.

App — proof as altered.

Papers kept out of File for despatch in original
(not paged).

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Letter ~~only~~ in the App — 120
Order complete with Letter

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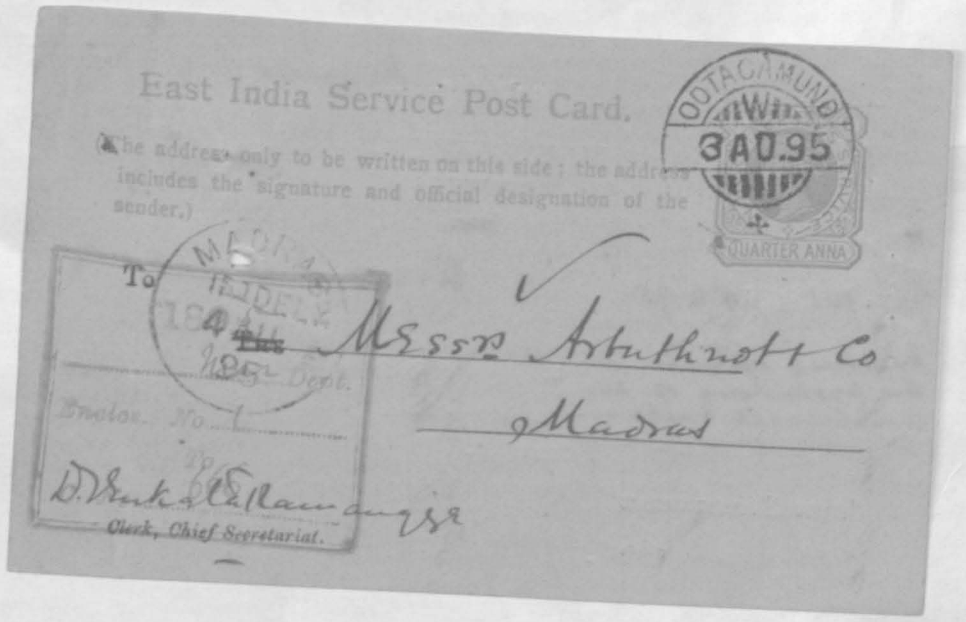

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