

Marine (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 337 Marine

DATED 15th May 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Wages and effects of deceased lascars Govt. of
India endorsement forwarding copy of a
despatch from the Secretary of State and
of the Instructions of the Board of Trade
therein referred to regarding the disposal
of the — at certain ports in the East,
Comd to the P. P. Officer.

Government of India endorsement forwarding copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State and of the instructions of the Board of Trade therein referred to regarding the disposal of the — at certain ports in the East, communicated to the Presidency Port Officer.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 2nd April 1896, No. 58, Financial.

I forward, for your information, a copy of a correspondence * with the Board of Trade respecting the disposal of the wages and effects of deceased lascars at certain ports in the East.

* From Board of Trade, dated 9th January 1896, and enclosures.
To Board of Trade, dated 18th Jan. 1896.
From " " 11th Feb. 1896.
To " " 24th Feb. 1896.
From " " 12th March 1896,
together with three circulars.

India, is unnecessary and tends to retard the disbursement of the estates to the legal representatives of the deceased men.

3. It has therefore been arranged that, in future, the wages and effects deposited at certain ports in Eastern waters, as shown in the margin,† will be forwarded, without delay, direct to the Superintendent of Mercantile Marine at the Indian port at which the seaman was engaged, or which is nearest to the place where his relatives reside.

4. Three copies of the instructions on the subject, issued by the Board of Trade to the officers at those ports, are enclosed, and I request that you will advise the Governments of Madras and Bombay of the arrangement.

ENCLOSURE.

INSTRUCTIONS to Consuls and Officers in British possessions abroad, dated Board of Trade, Finance Department, March 1896, Consecutive Office No. 541.

The money, wages and effects of lascars dying in the course of any voyage, the agreement for which is terminable at an Indian port, are to be accounted for on arrival at that port. The Consul or Officer in a British possession abroad should, however, endorse the agreement to the effect that the death has been noted by him, and that the property will be accounted for at the proper time and place.

In any other case when a lascar has died in the course of the voyage, or at the port before the ship leaves, and the Consul or Officer, as the case may be, is of opinion that the settlement of the claims of relatives will be unduly retarded if the wages, &c., remain in the master's possession, he should require from the master payment of the wages of the deceased, and the delivery of his effects or of the proceeds of the sale of them, and transmit the property, without delay, to the Superintendent of Mercantile Marine at that Indian port at which the seaman was engaged, or which is nearest to the place where his relatives reside.

In such cases the ship's agreement should be endorsed to the effect that the wages, &c., have been received by the Consul or Officer, and will be forwarded to India, and an account on the usual Form (C 15, &c.) should be furnished to the Board of Trade showing to what port the property has been forwarded.

(Signed) COURTENAY BOYLE,
Secretary.
(") COSMO MONKHOUSE,
Assistant Secretary.

Endorsement from the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department,
dated Simla, the 5th May 1896, No. 1963 S.R.

Ordered that copy of the despatch and of the Instructions of the Board of Trade
therein referred to be forwarded to the Governments of Madras, Bombay and Bengal,
the Chief Commissioner of Burma, and the Comptroller and Auditor-General.

(Signed) J. E. O'CONOR,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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Communicated to the Presidency Port Officer.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.

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From Government of India,
Finance and Commerce Department.

Recd. the 5th May 1896.

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Chief Commissioner of Burma, and the
Comptroller and Auditor General.

J. R. C. M.

Asst. Secretary to the Govt of India.

India Office,

London, 2nd April 1896.

Financial,
No. 58.

To His Excellency The Right Honourable The Governor
General of India in Council.

MY LORD,

I forward, for your information, a copy of a
correspondence* with the Board of Trade, respecting
the disposal of the wages and effects of deceased
lascars at certain ports in the East.

Transfer of wages and effects of deceased
lascars from certain ports in Eastern waters,
direct to the Mercantile Marine Officers in
India.

* From Board of Trade, dated 9th January
1896, and enclosures.
To ditto, dated 18th January 1896.
From ditto, dated 11th February 1896.
To ditto, dated 24th February 1896.
From ditto, dated 12th March 1896, to-
gether with three circulars.

† Colombo, Hong Kong, Singapore, Aden,
Port Said, Malta, Gibraltar, and Mauritius.

2. It will be observed that the present system
of crediting such estates to the Board of Trade for
transfer to this Office, with a view to their payment
in India, is unnecessary, and tends to retard the
disbursement of the estates to the legal representa-
tives of the deceased men.

3. It has, therefore, been arranged that, in future,
the wages and effects deposited at certain ports in
Eastern waters, as shown in the margin,† will be
forwarded, without delay, direct to the Superin-
tendent of Mercantile Marine at the Indian port
at which the seaman was engaged, or which is
nearest to the place where his relatives reside.

4. Three copies of the Instructions on the subject,
issued by the Board of Trade to the officers at those
ports, are enclosed, and I request that you will
advise the Governments of Madras and Bombay of
the arrangement.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,

GEORGE HAMILTON.

Consecutive Office No. 541.

BOARD OF TRADE,
Finance Department,
March 1896.

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INSTRUCTIONS
TO
CONSULS, AND OFFICERS IN BRITISH
POSSESSIONS ABROAD.

Wages and Effects of Deceased Lascars.

The money, wages, and effects of Lascars dying in the course of any voyage, the agreement for which is terminable at an Indian port, are to be accounted for on arrival at that port. The Consul or Officer in a British Possession abroad should, however, endorse the agreement to the effect that the death has been noted by him, and that the property will be accounted for at the proper time and place.

In any other case when a Lascar has died in the course of the voyage, or at the port before the ship leaves, and the Consul or Officer, as the case may be, is of opinion that the settlement of the claims of relatives will be unduly retarded if the wages, &c., remain in the master's possession, he should require from the master payment of the wages of the deceased, and the delivery of his effects, or of the proceeds of the sale of them, and transmit the property, without delay, to the Superintendent of Mercantile Marine at that Indian port at which the seaman was engaged, or which is nearest to the place where his relatives reside.

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COURTENAY BOYLE,

Secretary.

COSMO MONKHOUSE,

Assistant Secretary.

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