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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Read-

Despatch from the Secretary of
State for India, No 35 (Revenue) dated
the 26th March 1896.

Ordered, that copy, with copy of its
enclosures, be forwarded to the Governments
of Madras, Bombay and Bengal and
the Chief Commissioners, Burma.

J R Connor

Asst. Secretary to the Govt. of India.
Sd.

India Office.
London, 26th March 1896.

To

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

My Lord,

I forward, for the information
of your Excellency's Government, copy of
a letter from the Board of Trade, dated
9th March, and of its enclosures, relative
to the screening of ships' side lights.
In accordance with a standing order,
the usual number of copies of the
paper have been transmitted through
the Stores Department.

I have &c
(Sd) George Hamilton

N. 3061

Board of Trade
(Marine Department)
7, Whitehall Gardens
London S.W.
9th March 1896.

Sir,

With reference to the letter from
this Department of the 29th March 1893,
forwarding copies of an Order in Council
of the 30th January 1893, explanatory of
Articles 3 and 5 of the International Regula-
tions for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea
as regards the screening of ships side lights,
I am directed by the Board of Trade to
state, for the information of Lord George
Hamilton, that a Committee was appointed
by Mr. Bryce on the 13th March 1895
to report on the Screening of Ships Side
lights, and I am to transmit, herewith,
a copy of their Report, together with the
Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.

The Board, upon the issue of the
Report decided to adopt forthwith the

recommendations

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recommendations numbered 1 to 4 in page 17,
and issued interim Instructions to their Surveyors
on the subject, copies of which are forwarded herewith.

Subsequently, Her Majesty was pleased by an
Order in Council of the 3rd ultimo to rescind
the Order in Council of the 30th January 1893,
above referred to, and I am to transmit herewith
copies of the rescinding Order in question.

I am to add that the Board of Trade
propose shortly to revise their general Instructions
to Surveyors with respect to ships' lights in the
lines of the suggestions made by the Committee
and that copies of the revised Instructions will
be forwarded to you as soon as they are
published.

The Board have forwarded the usual
number of copies of their Instructions to
Surveyors and of the Order in Council of the
3rd ultimo to the India Store Department for
the use of the Government of India.

I have &c
(Sd) J. J. B. Walker

Consecutive Office No. 535.
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BOARD OF TRADE,
Marine Department,
December, 1895.

INSTRUCTIONS

TO

SURVEYORS

AS TO

SCREENING OF SIDE LIGHTS.

The Committee appointed by the Board of Trade under
Minute of the 18th March, 1895, to consider the question of the
screening of Side Lights have reported, *inter alia* :—

1. That the Order in Council of January 30th, 1893, be
cancelled.
2. That in the case of oil lamps the forward edge of the screen,
or chock on it, should be in a line parallel to the keel with
the inside edge of the wick.
3. That in the case of electric lights there should be a similar
screening in regard to the inside edge of the filament.
That the breadth of the wick of oil lamps, and of the
filaments in the case of the electric light, should be not
more than two inches, nor less than one inch, measured at
right angles to the fore and aft line of the ship.

The Board having decided to adopt the above recommendations,
the Surveyors are informed that the instructions as to the
Screening of Side Lights contained in the present issue of
"Instructions as to the Survey of Passenger Accommodation,
Master's and Crew Spaces," "Lights and Fog-signals," so far as
they have either direct or indirect reference to the lights being
screened to an angle of convergence of 4° from the outside edge of
the wick, are no longer to be put in force, but instead thereof the

Surveyors are to carry out the directions as to screening contained in above paragraphs numbered 2, 3, and 4.

When Form Surveys 69 is issued, the remarks as to the mode of screening at present contained therein are to be obliterated.

Circular No. 470 is withdrawn.

COURTENAY BOYLE,
Secretary.

INGRAM B. WALKER,
Assistant Secretary.

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AT THE COURT AT OSBORNE HOUSE, ISLE OF WIGHT,

The 8th day of February, 1896.

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council made in pursuance of the Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862, and dated the 11th day of August, 1884, Her Majesty, on the joint recommendation of the Admiralty and the Board of Trade, was pleased to direct that on and after the 1st day of September, 1884, the Regulations contained in the Schedule thereto should, so far as regards British Ships and Boats, be substituted for the Regulations contained in the First Schedule to an Order in Council made as aforesaid, and dated the 14th day of August, 1879.

And whereas by two Orders in Council made in pursuance of the said Act, and on such joint recommendation as aforesaid, and dated respectively the 30th day of December, 1884, and the 24th day of June, 1885, certain modifications and additions were made to the said Regulations contained in the Schedule to the said recited Order in Council of the 11th day of August, 1884, as regards British fishing vessels and boats.

And whereas by another Order in Council made in pursuance of the said Act, and on such joint recommendation as aforesaid, and

dated the 18th day of August, 1892, certain modifications and additions were made to the said Regulations contained in the Schedule to the said recited Order in Council of the 11th August, 1884, as regards Steam Pilot Vessels.

And whereas by the said Regulations contained in the Schedule to the said Order in Council of the 11th day of August, 1884, it is, amongst other things, provided as follows:—

Art. 3.—A seagoing steamship when under way shall carry—

- (a.) On or in front of the foremast, at a height above the hull of not less than 20 feet, and if the breadth of the ship exceeds 20 feet, then at a height above the hull not less than such breadth, a bright white light, so constructed as to show an uniform and unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of 20 points of the compass, so fixed as to throw the light 10 points on each side of the ship, viz., from right ahead to two points abaft the beam on either side, and of such a character as to be visible on a dark night, with a clear atmosphere, at a distance of at least five miles.
- (b.) On the starboard side, a green light, so constructed as to show an uniform and unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of 10 points of the compass, so fixed as to throw the light from right ahead to two points abaft the beam on the starboard side, and of such a character as to be visible on a dark night, with a clear atmosphere, at a distance of at least two miles.
- (c.) On the port side, a red light, so constructed as to show an uniform and unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of 10 points of the compass, so fixed as to throw the light from right ahead to two points abaft the beam on the port side, and of such a character as to be visible on a dark night, with a clear atmosphere, at a distance of at least two miles.
- (d.) The said green and red side lights shall be fitted with inboard screens projecting at least three feet forward from the light, so as to prevent these lights from being seen across the bow.

And whereas by another Order in Council, made in pursuance of the said Act and on such joint recommendation as aforesaid, and dated the 30th day of January, 1893, the said regulations contained in the Schedule to the said Order in Council of the 11th day of August, 1884, were further modified by the addition to the said recited Article 3 of the provisions contained in the Schedule to the said Order in Council now in recital and set out in the Schedule hereto.

And whereas the Admiralty and the Board of Trade have jointly recommended to Her Majesty that the said recited Order in Council of the 30th day of January, 1893, should be rescinded to the intent that the modifications and additions made to the said recited Article 3, and set out in the Schedule hereto, should no longer continue in operation.

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, on the 12th day of December, 1895, by a *Provisional* Order within the meaning of The Rules Publication Act, 1893, to rescind the said Order in Council of the 30th January, 1893.

And whereas the provisions of Section 1 of The Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with.

NOW, THEREFORE, Her Majesty, by virtue of the powers vested in Her by the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to rescind the said recited Order in Council of the 30th day of January, 1893, and to direct that from the date of this Order the provisions contained in the Schedule to the last-mentioned Order and to this Order shall cease to be in operation, and the said recited Article 3 of the said Regulations contained in the said Order in Council of the 11th day of August, 1884, shall have effect as if the said Order in Council of the 30th day of January, 1893, had never been made.

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(4) To ensure that the red and green side lights shall show an uniform light from right ahead of the ship to two points abaft the beam on the port and starboard sides respectively and shall not show across the bow of the ship itself, the said lights must be fixed and the screens fitted so that the rays from the red and green lights shall cross the line of the ship's keel projected ahead of the ship at a reasonable distance ahead of the ship.

With regard to all vessels whose lights are inspected by the officers of the Board of Trade the red or green side light will not be deemed to be fixed and fitted in accordance with the Regulations unless it is so fixed and screened that a line drawn from the outside edge of the wick to the foremost end of the inboard screen of such light shall make an angle of 4 degrees or as near thereto as may be practicable with a line drawn parallel with the keel of the ship from the outside edge of the wick.

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