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Marine (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 591 mar

DATED 2^d Sept 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition from M. M. Woodville praying that the
Scheme regarding the Beacon Lighthouse may be
reconsidered by Government and justice done,
recorded.

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Private Secretary to
H. E. The Governor

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Dated 25th August 1896.

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SUBJECT.

Transfers a petition dated 20th August 1896 from Mr. H. Woodville of Madras praying that the scheme regarding the Madras Light Houses, may be re-considered by Government and justice done.

By order

H. A. Albert
Private Secretary

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Madras
August 20th 1896

To
The Right Honble
Sir Arthur Elibank Havelock, G.C.M.G.
Governor of Madras.

Your Excellency,

I beg most respectfully to submit the following appeal on behalf of a Branch of the Public Service, which has strong claims on your kind protection, especially when it is considered that it is not free to speak out in its own defence. It is true that the Head of the Department was consulted, but good, harmless man that he was, he was on the eve of retirement, and he had not the leisure to give the matter the patient and mature consideration it required.

The Madras Mail recently published a summary of the scheme proposed by Mr Ashpitel overthrowing the whole system of Madras Lights. It is not sought to discuss here the changes intended in respect to the lighthouses, for anything by way of improvement is to be welcomed, but it is a different matter when the rights and interests of old and faithful servants of Government are treated with scant justice.

Mr Ashpitel's scheme with regard to the light establishments simply aims at the annihilation of a system which has stood the test of long years, and affords an economical and efficient means for the upkeep of the lights. In respect to the fitness of the present men for their work, it is unquestionable, and the fact can be readily ascertained by appointing a Committee of Officers to report on the matter after personal examination. It will be found that not only are ^{the} Superintendents carefully selected men equal to their duties, but also that the lightkeepers are thoroughly trained.

Petition
regarding Light house establish-
ments -

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Read the following:-

From Mr. M. Woodville of Madras, of 20 August 1896.

FOR ORDERS.

Submitted, that no
action on the petition is
required for the following
reasons:-

The writer gives no
address or information
as to his identity
He alleges no personal
interest in the subject
matter of the petition.

The prayer of the
petition seems to be that
"justice may be done to a
deserving class of men,
and all needless changes
and expenditure avoided."
It may be assumed that
this will be done.

This may be
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There is no
Woodville among
the list of students
in Madras.
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Mr. Woodville