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Marine (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 643-44-Mar

DATED 21. Sept 1896.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

"Main Deck" Accommodation, Ordered that the Govt. of India be requested to lay down authoritative instructions for general guidance in regard to the — for passengers in certain classes of vessels plying under the Native Passenger Ships Act X of 1887.

Ditto. Requesting that authoritative instructions be laid down for general guidance in regard to the — for passengers in certain classes of vessels plying under the Native Passenger Ships Act X of 1887.

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Accommodation on board
for native passengers

Marine
Public Works DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Letter from Commander H. A. Street, R. I. Dr., Presidency Port office, Madras } No 460/289 G. O. 4 Sept. 1896.

No 643 Marine 21st Sept 1896

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed.

The Presidency Port office.

No 644 Marine 21st Sept 1896

Approved, though I am sorry that I do not understand why the Dept of F. & C. should be addressed
18/9/96

The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance & Commerce.

Sir,

Note

This is the Dept of the Government of India which deals with such questions, as the previous correspondence shows.

I am directed to invite the attention of the Government of India to the Proceedings of this Government No 301 Marine dated 12th August 1890, forwarded with Mr. Price's letter No 301 of the same date, in para (a) of which instructions were issued

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issued to Port officers of this
Residency in regard to the
"main deck" accommoda-
tion for passengers in certain
classes of vessels plying under
the Native Passenger Ships
Act X of 1887. It was laid
down that the "main deck"
in these vessels should be
treated as an "Upper deck",
and not as a "between deck",
in calculating the passenger
accommodation. It would,
however, appear from the
accompanying copy of a letter
from the Presidency Port
officers No. 460/289 G dated
4th September 1896 that the
practice in Bombay differs
from that prescribed for
vessels sailing from ports
in this Presidency; and, as
it is desirable that uni-
formity of procedure should
obtain at all ports to
which the Native Passengers
Ships Act applies, I am to
request that authoritative
instructions may be laid
down by the Government of
India for general guidance.

I have &c

[Signature]
14/9/96
[Signature]

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Marine (1896) Department.

CURRENT No.

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Order

From,

The Presidency Port Officer,
Madras

No. $\frac{460}{289} G$

Dated 4th September 1896

Received 7th September 1896

Enclosures "

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SUBJECT.

Soliciting instructions as
to how the "Main" Deck
under a Bombay Certificate
is to be dealt with in this
Presidency.

Recd
9/10/96
[Signature]

No. 460
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PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,
Madras, 4th September 1896.

Commander, N. A. Street, R. I. M.

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,

Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS (MARINE) DEPARTMENT,

~~Madras.~~
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SIR,

SIR, With reference to G. O. No. 300, Marine, dated 12th August 1890, I have to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that it has been brought to my notice that, in the Certificate A granted at Bombay to vessels of the description referred to in the G. O. above quoted, the "main" or "^{2nd Upper} between" deck is treated as a "between deck", and consequently when such vessels call at ports in this Presidency for the purpose of plying under the Statute Passenger Ships Act, they are entitled, under such certificate to take more passengers than they would if the deck had been measured as a 2nd Upper deck which would have been the case had the certificate been granted at any port in this Presidency.

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I therefore have the honor to enquire whether vessels with a Certificate A, in which the main deck is not treated as a 2nd Upper deck, when such deck has moveable shutters, should be permitted to take more passengers than would be allowed had the Certificate been granted at a port in this Presidency. Unless this is directed, the orders of the Madras Government on the manner in which a main deck when fitted with moveable shutters is to be treated will be constantly evaded, and the instructions contained in G. O. No. 300, Marine, dated 12th August 1890 cannot be carried out.

2. It seems to me that as it is left to the several local Governments to issue instructions regarding the working of the Native Passenger Ships Act within their respective limits, orders regarding re-measurements would be legal.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedt. Servant,

A. A. Theet

Commander, R. I. M.

Secy. Port Officer