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Marine (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 657 mar

DATED 25 Sept 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Standard Lights: Declining to modify
G.O. 549 mar of 12 August 1896 or to sanction
the proposed expenditure on so-called
Standard—.

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Requesting sanction for
the proposal contained
in letter no. $\frac{498}{230}$ G of 3 July
1896 regarding side lights
of country vessels.

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Marine
P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Standard Lights for Country vessels.

Read the following:—

Letter from Commander H. A. Street, R. I. M., Presidency Port
officer, Madras, No 498/296 G, dated 8 September 1896.

FOR ORDERS.

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I think so too and am
not prepared to sanction
the expenditure proposed

It will be seen from the
notes written on Current No 809
that the proposal of the Presidency
Port officer to supply standard
lights to each Port officer was
objected to by His Excellency.

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No. 498
296 *G*PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,
Madras, 8 September 1896.

From

Commander *H. A. Street, R.N.*
PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,

Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

~~PUBLIC WORKS~~ (MARINE) DEPARTMENT,~~Madras.~~
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Sir,

With reference to G.O. Marine, No. 549, dated 12th August 1896, I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that Messrs Leighton & Co. of this port have consented to obtain a few sets of side lights suitable for native coasting craft, but as it is desirable that the Inspector of Lights at the principal ports at which native coasting vessels call should have some standard to refer to when inspecting lights, I would ask that the proposal contained in this office letter No. 498/230 G of 3rd July 1896 may be sanctioned.

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2. The Board of Trade, I would observe, "attach great importance to the instructions of the lights referred to in the Regulations for preventing collisions at sea and regard it as one of the most important duties entrusted to Surveyors", and direct

direct that Surveyors should take frequent opportunities of comparing lights they may have to inspect with lights which they know comply, as regards colour and visibility, with the Regulations." These instructions cannot be carried out by an Inspector of lights in this country unless he has a standard to go by, and therefore I submit that it is absolutely necessary that a set of lamps of the pattern fulfilling the Board of Trade requirements on the subject should be kept at each of the Port Offices specified in my previous letter on this subject.

3. I beg to state that in 1882 a notice was issued by this department to Owners and Induls in accordance with the rules concerning ships lights, but owing to there being no standard to follow, the lamps used by native craft seldom if ever have been found to comply with the instructions on the subject.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedt. servant,
H. A. Theet
Commander, R. S. M.,
Presidency Port Officer.