

Marine 636
Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 667 *new*

DATED 28. Sept 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Designations: Govt of India letter stating that they would prefer that no changes should be made to the present - of the Presy Port Officer & the Dy. Conservator of the Port of Aden & Comd to the P.P. Officer & the Chairman, H. T. Board.

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No. 667, MARINE, 28TH SEPTEMBER 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
MARINE DEPARTMENT.

From Colonel P. J. MAITLAND, Secretary to the Government of India, Marine Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Marine Department, dated Simla, the 17th September 1896, No. 818.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 453, dated the 20th June 1896, recommending that the designations of the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, and the Deputy Conservator of the Port of Madras may be changed, respectively, to those of "Superintendent of Marine" and "Port Officer and Deputy Conservator of the Port of Madras."

2. In reply, I am to state, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that previous to 1885, when the status and rank of Port Officers was fixed by the Secretary of State, considerable inconvenience was experienced by the use of a variety of designations, such as Port Officers, Marine Superintendents, Master Attendants and Harbour Masters, all virtually performing the same duties. In 1888 the Government of India sanctioned the change of the designations of the Port Officer, Madras, and Assistant Port Officer, Madras, to that of Presidency Port Officer, Madras, and Deputy Conservator of the Port of Madras, respectively. Since then eight years have elapsed and apparently no serious drawbacks consequent to the above change have been experienced or brought to the notice of the Government of India. Located as the Port Officer is at Madras, it would further appear that no considerable inconvenience or delay need take place, and as the use of the designation "Superintendent of Marine" implies relations to the Indian Marine which do not exist, the Government of India are averse to its introduction.

After careful consideration of all the circumstances of the case, the Government of India would prefer that no changes should be made to the present designations, and they regret, therefore, that they are unable to concur in His Excellency's recommendation in this instance.

ORDER—No. 667, Marine, dated 28th September 1896.

* Communicated to the Presidency Port Officer and the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, with reference to G.O., No. 452, Marine, dated 20th June 1896.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
 „ Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar,

Government (1896) of Madras.
MARINE.

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G.O., No. 667, 28th September 1896.

SEPTEMBER.

Designations

Government of India letter stating that they would prefer that no changes should be made to the present — of the Presidency Port Officer and the Deputy Conservator of the Port of Madras, communicated to the Presidency Port Officer and the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

Marine (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 1032.

Order 667

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the Chairman Harbour Trust
Board with reference to R.O. 452.
Marine, dated 20 June 1896.

From
The Govt. of India
Marine Department

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SUBJECT.

It would perhaps be
expedient to press this matter
further.

Designation of the Presidency
Port Officer, Madras

Stating that the Govt. of India
does not favour the change
of the — into "Superin-
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BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

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I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Secretary to the Govt. of India.