

G.O., No. 729-30 war

DATED 24th October 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Return visits paid to Commanding Officers of Foreign Ships of War: Ordered that the Govt of India be informed that no special instructions on the subject of — have been issued by this Govt. but that the usual practice is that specified in para 60 page 17 of the Queen's Regulations & Admiralty Instructions of 1879.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

THE HON'BLE COLONEL D. MCNEIL CAMPBELL, R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Marine Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2664-I—A., dated 21st August 1896, requesting to be furnished with information as to the practice observed at the ports under the control of the Government of Madras in respect to return visits paid to Commanding Officers of Foreign Ships of War.

2. In reply, I am to state that no special instructions on the subject have been issued by this Government, but that the usual practice is that specified in paragraph 60, page 17 of the Queen's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions of 1879, a copy of which is embodied in the accompanying copy of Proceedings, No. 729, Marine, dated 24th October 1896.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
24th October 1896.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

Government { 1896 } of Madras.
MARINE.

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Enclosures

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G.O., No. 729, 24th October 1896.

OCTOBER.

Return visits paid to Commanding officers of Foreign
Ships of War

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From Captain H. DALY, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 21st August 1896, No. 2664-I—A.

I am directed to forward a copy of the despatch cited in the margin regarding return visits paid to the Commanding Officers of Foreign Ships of War.

From Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 77, Political, dated the 16th July 1896, with enclosures.

2. I am to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor, the Government of India may be furnished, at an early date, with the desired information in respect to the practice observed at the ports under the control of the Government of Madras.

ENCLOSURES.

Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 16th July 1896, No. 77, Political.

I transmit, herewith, for the information of Your Excellency's Government, copy of correspondence * with the Foreign Office in regard to return visits paid to the Commanding Officers of Foreign Ships of War.

2. I shall be glad to learn what is the practice observed at the several Indian Ports in respect to these visits.

SIR,

I am directed, by the Marquess of Salisbury, to transmit to you, to be laid before Lord George Hamilton, the accompanying translation of a note from the German Ambassador at this Court, requesting to be furnished with information as to the regulations in force in this country and in Her Majesty's possessions in regard to return visits paid to the Commanding Officers of Foreign Ships of War.

Lord Salisbury would be glad to be supplied with a copy of any instructions on this point which may have been issued by the Secretary of State for India.

A similar letter has been sent to the Colonial Office, the War Office, and the Admiralty.

I have, &c.,

FRANCIS BERTIE.

The Under Secretary of State for India.

(Translation.)

MY LORD,

GERMAN EMBASSY,
LONDON, 10th June 1896.

In consequence of two cases in which the Governor of a non-German colony did not personally return the visits of the Commanding Officers of German Warships, but sent his Adjutant, who held the rank only of a First Lieutenant, to represent him, the Admiral in Command of the Imperial Navy is desirous of learning what regulations are in force in the various maritime states relative to the return of the visits of the Commandants of Foreign Vessels of War by the authorities of the country concerned.

In accordance with my instructions, I have the honour to request your Lordship to be so good as to obtain and forward to me the instructions issued by the Imperial Government to meet such cases in the British Islands and in the British Colonies.

I have, &c.,

P. HATZFELDT.

The Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., &c.

SIR,

INDIA OFFICE,
15th July 1896.

I am directed, by the Secretary of State for India in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th June, and to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that there are no Indian Military regulations in regard to return visits paid to the Commanding Officers of Foreign Ships of War, and that an inquiry will be addressed to the Government of India for information as to the practice which is followed at Indian Ports in respect of these visits.

I am, &c.,

A. GODLEY.

The Under Secretary of State, Foreign Office.

No. 432 E.

Referred to the Presidency Port Officer for report.

(Signed)

D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

2nd September 1896.

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 5th September 1896, No. 826/1293 G.

In reply to endorsement No. 432 E. of 2nd September 1896, on Marine Department Current No. 919 (herewith returned), I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that no special instructions on the point appear to have been issued by Government, but the usual practice observed is, I believe, that specified in paragraph 60 *, page 17, of the Queen's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions of 1879.

* Extract attached.

ENCLOSURE.

60. The following procedure in regard to the interchange of visits between Naval officers and Governors, Lieutenant-Governors and Administrators of Her Majesty's Colonies and Possessions abroad shall be observed :—

- (a) A Governor is to receive the first visit from all Naval officers in command.
- (b) A Lieutenant-Governor is to pay the first visit to a Flag officer or Commodore of the 1st class, being a Commander-in-Chief, but to receive the first visit from all other officers.
- (c) An Administrator or President is to pay the first visit to all Flag officers or Commodores, but to receive the first visit from all other officers.

- (d) Return visits are to be paid within 24 hours, and in person, to all Flag officers, Commodores, Lieutenant-Governors, Administrators and Presidents; but by an Aide-de-Camp or other officer deputed by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Administrator, or President, as the case may be, to all other Naval officers.
- (e) Should the Governor or any other Officer Administering the Government of a Colony find that from indisposition or pressure of important business he is unable to pay or return these visits in person, he will depute his Aide-de-Camp or some other officer to do so. In like manner, should a Flag officer or Commodore from indisposition or pressing occupation be precluded from paying or returning these visits, he will depute his Flag Lieutenant, or other officer not below that rank, to do so. In each case the officer failing to pay the required visit in person will report the circumstance, and assign the reasons which led to the omission, to the department under which he is acting.
- (f) Officers acting temporarily in higher Civil offices or Commands are, in respect to these visits, to be upon the same footing as if they were confirmed in such offices or Commands.

ORDER—No. 729, Marine, dated 24th October 1896.

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed.

[Here enter No. 730, Marine, dated 24th October 1896.]

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.

„ Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor,
with copy of letter to India.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

Return visits to Foreign Ships of War

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

No. 729 Marine & 24th October 1896

READ the following

Letter from the Govern-
ment of India, Foreign
Department } R 2664 $\frac{I}{A}$ of 21 Aug. 1896.
Letter from the Presidency
Port Officer, Madras } R 826/1293 of 5 Sept. 1896.

Ordered that the
Government of India
be addressed.

The Presidency Port Officer.
„ Private Secretary to
H.E. the Governor with
copy of letter to India.

(H.E. R 730 ^{Marine} of 24th Oct. 1896)

To The Secretary to the
Government of India,
Foreign Department.

Letter ask in the Private
& Mil. Sec's' office
before issue if anything
is known on the subject Sir;

BS
30/9/96

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11.10.96

BS
23/10/96

I am directed to
acknowledge the receipt
of your letter R 2664 $\frac{I}{A}$
dated 21st August 1896
requesting to be fur-
nished with information
as to the practice observed
at the ports under the
control

control of the Government of Madras in respect to return visits paid to Commanding officers of Foreign Ships of War.

2. In reply, I am to state that no special instructions on the subject have been issued by this Government, but that the usual practice is that specified in para 60, page 17 of the Queen's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions of 1879, a copy of which is embodied in the accompanying copy of Proceedings No 129 Marine dated 24th October 1896.

I have &c

29/9/96

M

* Note

This is to some extent an assumption. There are no means of verifying it in the Secretariat. It may perhaps be verified in the Private Secretary's office where ceremonial functions are arranged.

A.S.

Return visits to Foreign Ships of War

Marine Department
C. No 919

Note for the Hon. Mr Bliss.

24/10/96

Inquiry has, with reference to the Hon. Member's note dated 30th September 1896, been made in the Private Secretary's office, but without result. No information is available there; and as both the Private Secretary and the Military Secretary are on tour, instructions are requested whether the draft may be sent on to His Excellency at once, or kept till his return to Madras when the

Draft passed for issue 11/10/96

Send on, I should say

BS

24/10/96

31/10/96

Forward with the draft.

24/10/96

for approval.

11.10.96

Draft letter resubmitted to the Hon Mr Bliss

16/10/96

BS

control of the Government

Private Secretary's office
will be in better working
order.

2/10/96

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

2nd October 1896.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry I am not
able to give you any informa-
tion regarding the interchange
of visits with Comdg. Officers
of Foreign Ships of War. Most
of our records have been
sent away to Madras, &
what remains shows no
light whatever on the subject.

Yours faithfully
Donald Gordon

Government of Madras.
Public Works Department.
2nd October 1896.

To

The Manager
Private Secretary's office.

Dear Sir,

Information is desired by Govern-
ment as to the rules or practice for the
interchange of visits with Commanding
officers of Foreign ships of war.
There is nothing on record in the
Secretariat. I am accordingly
directed to apply to you. Can you,
please, throw any light on the matter
from the records of the Private
Secretary's, or Military Secretary's, office.

Yours faithfully
(J) Parsons
Chief Assistant.

End

20/10/96

He. C. No. 977

The indexes from 1877
inclusive, must be care-
fully searched for in struc-
tions, if any, on this
subject, and the regula-
tions quoted by the P.P.O.,
put up.

N.P.
10 Sep 96

C. A. W.

I have made a thorough
and careful search in the indexes
from 1879 under all headings
possible, but could find nothing
on the subject

No copy of the Regulations
quoted by the P. P. O. is available
in this office or the Chief Secretariat.
The P. P. O. has however furnished
an extract of the para quoted by him.

Maj
26/9/96

Marine (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 977

Order

From

The Presidency Post Office,
Madras

No. 826
293 9

Dated 5 September 1896

Received 10 September 1896

Enclosures 1 + cc. 919 ret.

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SUBJECT.

Returning with remarks
Marine Department
Endorsement regarding
return visits paid to
the Commanding officers
of Foreign ships of war.

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No. 826/293 4

Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 5-September, 1896.

Despatched 8 September 96

From

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

Presidency Port Officer,

Madras,

To

The Secretary to Government,

Marine Department,

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Sir,

In reply to Endorsement No. 432, E, of 2nd September 1896 on Marine Department Current No. 919 (herewith returned) I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that no special instructions on the point appear to have been issued by Government, but the usual practice observed is, I believe, that specified in ^x Para 60, page 17, of the Queen's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions of 1879.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

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Commdr: , R. I. M.,

Presidency Port Officer.

x Extract attached.

July

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(True Extract)

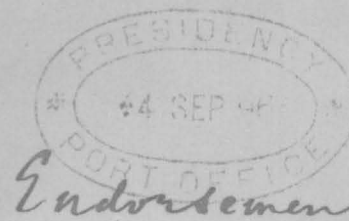
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Commander, R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer.

Marine (1896-) Department.

CURRENT No. *919*

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Endorsement

Order

432 E, d/s September 1896

Referred to the
Presidency Port Officer for
report.

From
The Gov^t of India
Foreign Department

No. 2664 *1/A*

J. R. Sanghvi Colonel R.E.
Secretary to Govt.
Marine Dept.

Dated 21st August 1896
Received 28th August 1896
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To the Presidency Port Officer
to be returned.

L.S.

SUBJECT,
Foreign Ships of War
Requesting to be furnished with
information in respect to the
practice observed at the ports
under the Control of the Gov^t of
Madras in regard to the
return visits to the Commanding
officers of ———

BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

No. 2664-I/A.

FROM

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

TO

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Fort St George.

Dated Simla, the 21st August 1896.

FOREIGN DEPT SIR,

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

H. Daly.

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Cho 919
For orders ^{Kept out of the file}

The Hon. Mr Bliss
note of 30/9/96

Both the Private Secretary and the Military Secretary are away. I can, if required, make a reference to the Manager of the Private Secretary's Office, but his reply will not be authoritative, especially if he says, as is most probable, that he can find no information on the subject.

R.S.

1 Oct 96

Art Manager Office
would not be able to
give me the information
an authoritative

1/10/96

Wrote 2 Oct 96

PIP 219
I have the pleasure to
inform you that the
first issue of the
Journal has been
sent to you by
the printer. It is
in the form of a
booklet and is
very small. It
contains a list of
the names of the
members of the
Society and a
list of the names
of the officers.
I am, Sir,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
W. H. P.

W
2/10/54
Draft note for the
Hon. Member submitted.
The substance has
been slightly altered from
the instructions given above.
It has possibly been overlooked
that the draft must
circulate to His Excellency
in any case. A letter of
this kind could not
issue without His Excellency's
signature.

India Office,
London, 16th July 1896.

Political,
No. 77.

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

MY LORD,

*As to return visits paid to the Com-
manding Officers of Foreign ships of war.*

I transmit herewith, for the information of
your Excellency's Government, copy of corre-
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Foreign ships of war.

* Letter from Foreign Office, dated 19th
June 1896.
Letter to ditto, 15th July 1896.

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these visits.

I have the honour to be,
My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,

Despatch for India
(Signed) GEORGE HAMILTON.

Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India

ENCLOSURES.

No. 1.

Foreign Office to India Office.

Foreign Office,
19th June 1896.

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I have, &c.,
FRANCIS BERTIE.

The Under Secretary of State
for India.

Enclosure in above.

Count Hatzfeldt to the Marquess of Salisbury.

(Translation.)

German Embassy,
London, 10th June 1896.

My Lord,

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I have, &c.,
P. HATZFELDT.

The Marquis of Salisbury, K.G.,
&c., &c., &c.

Mar. Genl
9/19/96

No. 2.

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I am, &c.,
A. GODLEY.

The Under Secretary of State,
Foreign Office.

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No. 3.

Political,
16th July 1896.

Copy

Letter to the Govt. of India,
No. 77, and enclosures

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