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Marine (1896.) Department.

G.O., No. 763 *new*

DATED 6 November 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Return visits paid to the Commanding Officers
of Foreign Ships of War: Letter from the East of India
Naval Dept, requesting that the information called
for on the subject of - may be furnished with
as little delay as possible. Recorded with
reference to G.O. 729-30. War 724. Oct. 1896.

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Marine (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 1064

Order

From

The Govt of India
Foreign Department

No. 2952
I. A.

Dated 21st September 1896

Received 29-9-96

Enclosures -

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SUBJECT.

Requesting an early
reply to their reference
regarding return visits
paid to the Commanding
officers of Foreign Ships
of War

Await the return
of papers in circ
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 23rd October 1896.



From

The Asst Secretary to the Government
of India,

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to the
communication noted in the margin, and to request
that the information
therein called for may be furnished with as little
delay as possible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

S. P. Chapman

Assistant Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No 2664 J/A dated the
21st August 1896

Subject

Return visits paid to the
Commanding Officers of
Foreign ships of war.

orders on the above
are issuing with
729-30-10-96
now in the Press Abstract
Submitted

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No. 2952-I/A.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Foreign Department.

Simla, the 21st September 1896



To The Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St George.

SIR,

I am directed to invite attention to the communication

No. 2664-I/A dated the 21st August 1896.

Subject. Return visits paid to the Commanding Officers of Foreign Ships of war.

marginally noted, and to request the favour of an early reply.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

F. P. Chapman.

Assistant-Secretary to the Government of India.

H.C.

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40.729-30 Marine. at
24 Oct 96. Printing of
this paper to be expedited.

C.S.

C.A.W. Copies have 30 Oct 96
been received
this day from the press. The
order & letter are under
issue. Rur
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Def. & Sec.

How this case

Yt. Rur
2/11

40.729.30 Marine
of 24 Oct 96

Return to 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
Queen's regulations
The above forwarded to
the Govt. of India

The above papers are
in press.

Government {1896} of Madras.
MARINE.

Recd.

Enclosures

1896.

Regd.

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Letter, No. 730, 24th October 1896.

OCTOBER.

Return visits paid to Commanding Officers of Foreign
Ships of War

Stating that no special instructions on the subject of— 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.

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,

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, 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

1896.

Regd.

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

OCTOBER.

Return visits paid to Commanding officers of Foreign Ships of War

Ordered that the Government of India be informed that no special instructions on the subject of — 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.

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.

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

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

FOREIGN OFFICE,
19th June 1896.

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.)

GERMAN EMBASSY,
LONDON, 10th June 1896.

MY LORD,

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.

INDIA OFFICE,
15th July 1896.

SIR,

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.