

Marine (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 247 *man*

DATED 16 *man* 1897

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Loss of mineral oil: Letter from the *British*
General of Stores ^{Switzerland} Reporting on the — Caused
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the best possible packing for mineral oils
Count to the P.P. officer.

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Letter from the Director-General of Stores, India Office, reporting on the — caused by bad soldering and stating that every effort is made and will continue to be made to secure the best possible packing for mineral oils, communicated to the Presidency Port Officer.

Marine (1897) Department.

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No. 247, MARINE, 16TH MARCH 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From the Director-General of Stores, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Marine Department, Madras, dated India Office, Whitehall, London, S.W., 19th February 1897, No. S. 2034.

With reference to your letters, No. 811 (Marine), dated 23rd November and No. 2 (Marine), dated 2nd January last, reporting the loss of 12 gallons 9 drachms out of a total consignment of 1,520 gallons mineral oil for lighthouses, and asking that the contractors may be called on to replace 9 gallons of the deficiency, I have the honour to enclose, for your information, a copy of a letter, dated 13th February 1897, from the Secretary to the Corporation of the Trinity House by whom the oil was purchased.

The loss is alleged to be due mainly to bad soldering, but in view of the very trifling percentage of leakage, notwithstanding all the rough handling the cases must have received in transshipment and delivery, it is considered that the soldering must have been, on the whole, very good indeed.

Anything approaching absolute perfection in this direction could only be attained at a cost for labour and inspection which would far exceed in value that of the few gallons of oil which may occasionally be lost by leakage.

Every effort is made and will continue to be made to secure the best possible packing for mineral oils, but I fear that small losses like those now reported are almost inevitable.

ENCLOSURE.

From CHAS. A. KENT, Esq., to the Director-General of Stores, India Office, S.W., dated Trinity House, London, E.C., 13th February 1897, No. L. 633 & 154.

Referring to your letters, dated 10th instant and 9th ultimo (S. 11720 and S. 279), calling attention to certain small leakages which have taken place in the transit of lighthouse oil to India, which is reported to be due to defective soldering of the tins, and which you request may be brought to the notice of the contractors, I am directed to acquaint you the elder brethren have some hesitation in submitting such a complaint to the contractors, as in their opinion a wastage of 9 gallons out of a consignment of 1,200 gallons, and 3 gallons 9 drachms out of a consignment of 320 gallons, is so trifling, especially having regard to the nature and penetrative power of mineral oil, and the frequent handling that the cases must necessarily receive after leaving the contractor's premises, that they are unable to regard it as a matter of which reasonable complaint could be made.

ORDER—No. 247, Marine, dated 16th March 1897.

Communicated to the Presidency Port Officer with reference to the under-mentioned orders:—

G.O., No. 810, Marine, dated 23rd November 1896.

" " 1, " " 2nd January 1897.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

Order No 247 of 16 March 97.

*Communicated
to the Presidency Port Officer
with reference to the under-
mentioned orders.*

From

*The Director General of Stores
India Office, London.*

*G.O. 810 Marine dated 23 Nov 96
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No. S. 2034

Dated 19.2.97

Received 11.3.97

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SUBJECT.

Mineral oil for lighthouses.

Reporting on complaint

regarding the loss of certain

quantity of — due to

defective soldering of tins.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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*The Director General of Stores,
India Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.*

S. 2034.

Whitehall,

London, S. W.

19th February 1897.

Sir,

With reference to your letters No. 811 (Marine) dated 23rd November and No. 2 (Marine) dated 2nd January last reporting the loss of 12 gallons 9 drachms out of a total consignment of 1520 gallons Mineral oil for Lighthouses, and asking that the contractors may be called on to replace 9 gallons of the deficiency, I have the honour to enclose for your information a copy of a letter dated 13th February 1897 from the Secretary to the Corporation of the Trinity House by whom the Oil was purchased.

The loss is alleged to be due mainly to bad soldering, but in view of the very trifling percentage of leakage, notwithstanding all the rough handling the cases must have received in transshipment and delivery, it is considered that the soldering must have been on the whole very good indeed.

Anything approaching absolute perfection in this direction could only be attained at a cost for labour and inspection which would far exceed in value that of the few gallons of oil which may occasionally be lost by leakage.

Every effort is made and will continue to be made to secure the best possible packing for mineral oils, but I fear that small losses like those now reported are almost inevitable.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Marine Department,
Madras.

Director General of Stores.

TRINITY HOUSE, LONDON, E.C.

13th February 1897.

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I am, &c.,

(Sd) Chas.A. Kent.

The Director General of Stores,

India Office,

S. W.

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Marine Department,
Madras.

Your obedient servant,

I am, Sir,

Respectfully,

Director General of Stores

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