

Marine (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 289 *Mar*

DATED *24 March* ~~February~~ 1897

24/3/97

[Despatch Abstract.]

*Exhibition of Lights: Passing orders in regard
to the period of notice of the exhibition of
lights, to be given to mariners.*

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Passing orders in regard to the period of notice of the — to be given to mariners.

ORDER—No. 289, Marine, dated 24th March 1897.

His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that in his despatch recorded with G.O., No. 278, Marine, dated 29th September 1871, the Secretary of State requested to be furnished with certain particulars regarding "all new light-houses" before they were completed, in order that when the telegram announcing the exhibition of the new light arrived, he might be in a position to cause the necessary information to be supplied to the Board of Trade and to the Hydrographer without delay.

2. In G.O., No. 334, Marine, dated 15th July 1881, it was directed that these particulars should be submitted by the head of the Marine Department "at least a month before lights were exhibited."

3. Subsequently the Government of India, in calling * attention to the amount of notice given in certain cases, stated they were of opinion that, though a month and a half might be a sufficient notice for coasting steamers, it was inadequate for masters of vessels from foreign countries; and that it was desirable that six months' notice should be given as a rule of "any changes in lights."

4. On receipt of this expression of opinion on the part of the Government of India, the Presidency Port Officer referred the question as to whether the six months' notice applied to all lights, or only to those in the track of foreign vessels. He was told in reply † that the extended notice did not apply to lights outside the track of foreign vessels. As regards these, *suitable notice* was to be given. A period of two months has been regarded as sufficient in these cases; and as it would appear that there would be no danger to foreign vessels in consequence of the exhibition of these small lights, no change in respect to the length of this period will now be made.

5. In cases, however, where it is found impracticable to give the full six months' notice for sea lights, or two months for the smaller lights, the Presidency Port Officer will specially report the fact, in view to telegraphic intimation being sent to the authorities concerned. Such telegraphic intimation will be given by Government to the Secretary of State in the case of sea lights, and to the Governments of Bombay, Bengal and Ceylon in the case of sea as well as the smaller lights. The Presidency Port Officer will similarly advise the agents of the vessels engaged in coasting traffic.

6. It is observed that all notices to mariners are sent in usual course by the Presidency Port Officer direct to the several marine authorities in England. It would thus seem unnecessary that telegraphic intimation should be sent to those authorities in the case of the smaller lights outside the track of foreign vessels.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Notice to Mariners - Lights -

No 289 Mar of 24-3-97

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

Letter from the Presy: Port officer,

Madras. A.B. No. 1731 G of 18 December/97

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Governor in Council observes that in his Despatch recorded with G.O. No. 278 marine dated 29 September 1871, the Secretary of State requested to be furnished with certain particulars regarding "all new lighthouses" before they were completed, in order that when the telegram announcing the exhibition of the new light arrived, he might be in a position to cause the necessary information to be supplied to the Board of Trade and to the Hydrographer without delay.

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stated they were of opinion
that, though a month and
a half might be a sufficient
notice for coasting steamers,
it was inadequate for masters
of vessels from foreign
countries; and that it was
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rule of "any changes in
lights."

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part of the Government of
India, the Presidency Port
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to whether the 6 months
notice applied to all lights,
only to those in the track
of foreign vessels. He was
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G.O. 367-68 marine
of 10 October 1892.

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of 16 January 1903.

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The P.P.O.

Marine (1896) Department.

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CURRENT No. 1403

Order

From,

The Presidency Port Officer,
Madras

No. $\frac{1731}{416}$ G

Dated 18 December 1896.

Received 11 Dec 96.

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Informing that early
exhibition of Mangarkotta
Light was a matter of
considerable importance
to the Masters of Messrs.
Shepherd & Co's Steamer
and the Home Government
is not interested in
exhibition of these
port lights.

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
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726	oil	mar	24-10-96 ✓
2458	oil	loo.	8-4-96 ✓
12	mar	-do-	16-1-93 ✓
367	oil	-loo.	10-10-92 ✓
327-8	oil	-do-	9-9-92 ✓

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PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,

Madras, 18th December 1896.

From

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

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,

Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MARINE DEPARTMENT,

Chepak.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. No. 807 Marine, dated 21st November 1896, I have the honor to beg that it may be brought to the notice of His Excellency the Governor in Council that, as the early exhibition of Kanguar Kotta light was a matter of considerable importance to the masters of Shepherd & Co's steamers, measures were taken to display it as soon as the sanction of Government

to its exhibition was received. The
tabular Statement referred to in
the G. O. above quoted could not
have been filled in accurately in
this instance until the apparatus
had been placed in position and
certain information connected
with the arc of illumination and
the height of the light above high
water had been determined, and
even had it been possible to give this
information beforehand, the
delay of a month would have
caused inconvenience to the
Masters of the steamers for
whose guidance in anchoring off
the port at night the light was
urgently required. G. O. No. 12, dated
16th January 1893 only requires "suitable"
notice to be given of the intended
exhibition of small lights of the
description

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description sanctioned for
Kangarkotta and this notice was
given by me to the Firmus whose
vessels were likely to make use
of the light. The Home Government,
I take it, is not interested in the
exhibition of these small port
lights as they are not intended
for purposes of general navigation,
and certainly are never used by
large sea-going vessels trading
between Europe and the East, con-
sequently the safety of such
vessels is not jeopardised by the
want of previous notice of the
exhibition of such lights. A
telegram to the Home Government
respecting the exhibition of these
small lights appears to me to.

so unnecessary, that I submit,
the Secretary of State should
be asked whether a telegram in
future should be sent. In conclusion
I beg respectfully to point out
that the rule regarding a month's
notice of the exhibition of Hagar Kotta
light would have been followed
had it been practicable to do so.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obt. servant,
H. A. Street
Commander, R. I. M.
Presidency Port Officer.

Notice of intended exhibition of new lights
Marine
P. W. DEPARTMENT.

The Hon. Mr. G. C. J. E. ✓

Read the following:—

Letter from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras,
No. 1731/416 G, of 18th December 1896.

FOR ORDERS.

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with G. O. No. 278 Marine dated
29th September 1891, the Secretary
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4. On receipt of the last mentioned expression of opinion on the part of the Government of India, the Presidency Port Officer referred the question as to whether the 6 months' notice applied to all lights, or only to those in the track of foreign vessels. He was told in reply that the extended notice ^{did not} apply to lights ^{only} in the track of foreign vessels. As regards these, ~~the~~ "suitable notice" ^{was to} be given.

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G.O. 364-368 Marine
d/10. Oct 1892

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5. In the case disposed of in G.O. 807 Marine dated 21st November 1896 now referred to by the Presidency Port Officer, the light was exhibited on the 9th November 1896, and the fact of the exhibition was not reported to the Government till the 17th idem. The Presidency Port Officer states that it was not practicable in the present case to give the ^{minimum} ~~six months~~ notice required by rule. It would, it is submitted, have saved correspondence if he had mentioned this fact in the first instance.

6. The Presidency Port Officer is, further, of opinion that "a telegram to the Home Government respecting the exhibition of these small lights is unnecessary", and he suggests that the Secretary of State should be asked whether telegraphic information in such cases is really required.

7. It is submitted that if any reference is to be made

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should be submitted by the Head of the Marine Department at least a month before lights were exhibited."

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4. On receipt of this expression of opinion on the part of the Government of India, the Presidency Port officer referred the question as to whether the 6 months' notice applied to all lights, or only to those in the track of foreign vessels. He was told in reply that the extended notice did not apply

G.O. 364-68 Marine
of 10 October 1892.

G.O. 120 Marine of
16 Jan'y 1893.

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6. The Presidency Port officer is, further, of opinion that "a telegram to the Home Government respecting the exhibition of these small lights is unnecessary," and he suggests that the Secretary of

of state should be asked whether telegraphic information in such cases is really required.

7. It is observed that if any reference is to be made to the Secretary of state, it will be necessary to refer to the lights involved in terms somewhat more precise than ^{those} used by the Presidency Post officer. The expression "these small lights" would not be sufficient. It would perhaps be well to mention the ports considered to be within the track of foreign vessels, and to ask the Secretary of state whether he would be satisfied with telegraphic intimation in regard to lights at these ports only.

8. Moreover, the expression "suitable notice" used in G. O. No 12 marine dated 16th January 1893 requires more exact definition. Some precise period should be prescribed.

9. On both these points,

the Presidency Post officer will favour the Government with his opinion

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The Presy Post Officer.

Government of Madras.
Marine
 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MEMORANDUM.

Dated Madras, 20 January 1897.

Letter from the Presy. Port office, Madras,
 No 1731/416 G, of 18 Dec 1896.

With reference to the letter from the Presidency Port office quoted above, the undersigned is directed to inquire whether, in the Presidency Port office's opinion, it is not pursuing an extremely dangerous course to exhibit any new light whatever without giving full notice. A "foreign" vessel may, it is surmised, get out of her course, and fall in with, and be fatally misled by, one of "these small lights" referred to by the Presidency Port

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The Presy. Post office.

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No.1731/204

Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 25 January, 1897.

From

Commander H. A. Street, R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer,
Madras,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Chepak.

Sir,

In reply to Marine Department Memorandum No43, E, dated 20th January 1897, I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that in my opinion it is not pursuing a dangerous course in exhibiting a small coast light without giving the full six months' notice required in the case of sea lights. The small lights of this Presidency are only of use to vessels employed in the coasting traffic, and the Masters of these vessels certainly do not require six months' notice of an intention to put up an additional small light, as notice of any alteration or addition to a light, en route, is always obtainable at the previous port of call.

2. A foreign vessel is not likely to get out of her course to such an extent as to sight any of the small lights in question, and even should such a case happen, and a light is seen of which the Master had no previous notice, it seems to me that he would at once take measures to verify his position and to ensure the safety of his vessel before approaching the coast any closer.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
K. A. Street
Commandr., R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer.

N^o 942 of 10.2.97

Marine Dept:

26/1/97

Memo:

Adverting to the
Presidency Port officers
letter N^o 1731/20 G of 25th
January 197, the under-
signed is directed to
inquire whether, assuming
that six months' notice
is not necessary in the
case of port lights, it
would not be advisable to
let the Secretary of State
know of the existence of all
and every new light, so
that they may be marked
on charts - also whether it
would not be well to notify
to the Government of India
the intention to exhibit
all and every new light.

2. It would probably
facilitate the disposal of

of the matter if the
Presidency Port officer
would frame draft rules
for the consideration of
Government.

[Signature]
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The P.P.O. 8/2/97

Marine (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 284

Order

From,

*The Presidency Port Officer,
Madras*

No. *1731* / *69* *G*

Dated 26 February 1897

Received 1-3-97

Enclosures *enc.*

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SUBJECT.

Informing that the
existence of all new lights
is always made known
to the Secretary of state,
the several Governments
and departments specified
in the attached List.—

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List of Officers to whom Notices to Mariners, issued by the Presidency Port Officer, are to be sent.

To the Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, Calcutta	..	..	..	..	..
Do. do. do. Bombay, Marine Department, Bombay	..	..	..	..	..
Do. do. do. Bengal, Municipal Department, Calcutta	..	..	..	..	..
Do. Chief Commissioner of Burma	..	..	..	..	..
Do. British Consul, Port Said	..	..	..	..	..
Do. Political Resident, Aden	..	..	..	..	..
Do. Colonial Secretary to the Government of Ceylon, Colombo	..	..	..	..	..
Do. do. do. the Straits Settlements, Singapore	..	..	..	..	..
Do. do. do. Hongkong	..	..	..	..	..
Do. do. do. New South Wales, Sydney	..	..	..	..	..
Do. do. do. Victoria, Melbourne	..	..	..	..	..
Do. do. do. South Australia, Adelaide	..	..	..	..	..
Do. do. do. Queensland, Brisbane	..	..	..	..	..
Do. do. do. Western Australia, Perth	..	..	..	..	..
Do. do. do. New Zealand, Wellington	..	..	..	..	..
Do. Director, Royal Indian Marine, Bombay	..	..	..	..	..
Do. Deputy Director, Royal Indian Marine, Calcutta	..	..	..	..	..
Do. Consul for Netherlands Government, Calcutta	..	..	..	..	..
Do. Master Attendant, Alleppey	..	..	..	..	..
Do. Port Officers and Conservators	..	..	..	..	..
To Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co., Calcutta	..	..	..	..	..
Do. Binny and Co., Madras	..	..	..	..	..
Do. Wilson and Co., Madras	..	..	..	..	..
Do. Gordon, Woodroffe and Co., Madras	..	..	..	..	..
Do. Arbuthnot and Co., Madras	..	..	..	..	..
To the Agent, Messageries Maritimes	..	..	..	..	..
Do. Assistant Secretary, Marine Department, Board of Trade, London, S.W.	..	..	..	..	..
Do. Secretary to the Admiralty, London	..	..	..	..	..
Do. Under Secretary to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, London	..	..	..	..	..
Do. Hydrographer to the Admiralty	..	..	..	..	..
Do. Editor, Nautical Magazine, London	..	..	..	..	..
Do. do. Mitchell's Maritime Register, London	..	..	..	..	..

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N.B.—This List does not apply to Notices issued by officers outside the Madras Port Department and re-issued by the Presidency Port officer which are to be circulated only to Port officials in the Madras Presidency.

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Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 26 February, 1897.

From

Commander H. A. Street, R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer,
Madras,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Chepak.

Sir,

With reference to Marine Department Memorandum No. 94, E, dated 10th February 1897, I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that the existence of all new lights is always made known to the Secretary of State, the several Governments and departments specified in the attached list and also to the Hydrographer to the Admiralty so that they may be marked on Charts.

2. In the case of "Sea lights", notices & tabular statements respecting the same are issued six months beforehand, and two months whenever practicable in the case of the smaller and unimportant lights. In the rare instances where the usual six monthly and two monthly notices cannot be given, it has been customary to telegraph the information regarding Sea lights to the Secretary of State and to the Governments and Departments concerned, but in the case of the smaller lights - lights not used by vessels other than coasting - it is only necessary, in my opinion, to telegraph the change to the Government of Bombay, Ceylon and Bengal, and to the Agents of the vessels concerned in the coasting traffic, and I beg to be

informed.

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informed whether Government concurs in this view.

3. As the procedure in respect to affording the necessary Notice regarding the exhibition of lights or any change in the same is well understood in this office, I submit no new rules are required.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

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Commander, R.I.M.,

Presidency Port Officer.

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