Marine (1897) Department.

SS

G.O., No. 415-6 Marine

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DATED 3rd May 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Embarkation of British Indian passengers from French ports in India to the Straits Settlements

Ordered that the matter of — by vessels not possessing certificate of fitness to carry native passengers as in the case of the German S.S. "Amigo" which sailed from Karikal embarking native passengers be brought to the notice of the Govt. of Straits Settlements.

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Bringing to notice the case of the German SS. "Amigo" sailing from Karikal embarking British Indian passengers without possessing the requisite certificate of fitness & suggesting that some necessary steps be taken to afford protection to British Indian subjects prov by local ordinances.

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Government (1897) of Madras.

MARINE.

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G.O., No. 415, 3rd May 1897.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

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From Captain L. H. HAWKES, Acting British Consular Agent, Pondicherry and Karikal, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Ootacamund, dated 20th April 1897, No. 74.

In continuation of my telegram of to-day's date, I have the honour to inform you that the German S.S. *Amigo* came from the Straits Settlements with a passenger certificate granted by the Port authorities there to the Coromandel Coast. She intended carrying back passengers, but failed at Madras to obtain a certificate. She has now gone to Karikal to embark, free-paying passengers for the Straits having been unable to do so at the British ports on the Coast.

I have ascertained that there are no French Port regulations to prevent passengers embarking on a foreign ship unlicensed to carry them.

I would suggest that, in similar cases, British Indian passengers should be restrained from leaving British territory to embark at Karikal. ? ?

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Information received that German steamer *Amigo* which was refused clean bill of health at Madras is taking up British passengers at Karikal. Ascertain particulars and report fully.

Telegram from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Ootacamund, dated 22nd April 1897.

Your telegram to-day. Steamer *Amigo* was granted clean bill health here, but was refused certificate as being unsuitable carrying Native passengers. Port officer Negapatam has reported that vessel was at Negapatam where she proceeded on leaving Madras, and was taking in cattle cargo for Straits Settlements and that it was rumoured she would embark 200 passengers at Karikal. He intended keeping Consul acquainted with vessels' movements.

Telegram from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Ootacamund, dated 22nd April 1897.

Amigo left Negapatam Tuesday for Karikal, thence Straits yesterday with passengers.

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Ootacamund, dated 23rd April 1897, No. 460/146 G.

In continuation of my telegrams of yesterday's date *in re* the German steamer *Amigo*, I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that from a report received to-day from the Port officer, Negapatam, on the subject, it appears that the vessel was inspected at Karikal by the Administrator, Port officer and Health officer of that port, and sanction afterwards accorded for shipment of 190 bullocks and 196 passengers for the Straits Settlements.

2. Mr. Mactaggart of the firm of Messrs. Adamson, Mactaggart & Co. of Negapatam has informed me that the greater number of the passengers were booked at Negapatam by the agents of the steamer and sent across to Karikal to embark. He further remarks that it is hard on steamer agents in British-Indian ports to be forced to comply with all the requirements of the Native Passenger Ships Act, while at a French-Indian port, a vessel which has been refused an A certificate is able to take passengers without any difficulty or incurring expense.

3. There is nothing in the Native Passenger Ships Act, nor in the Indian Steam Ships Act (VII of 1884), applying to a vessel which embarks at a foreign port passengers for a British port under conditions similar to those of the *Amigo*, but in section 36 (1) of Ordinance No. VII of 1890, enacted by the Governor of the Straits Settlements, there is a penalty for bringing passengers in a filthy and insanitary condition, and as the *Amigo* carries bullocks as well as passengers, it is possible her state on arrival at Penang or Singapore may be neither clean nor sanitary.

4. Unless some arrangement can be arrived at with the French authorities at Pondicherry regarding the observance by them of the provisions of the Native Passenger Ships Act in the case of vessels which have been refused certificate A at a British-Indian port, the requirements of this Act are likely to be constantly evaded.

ORDER—No. 415, Marine, dated 3rd May 1897.

Ordered that the matter be brought to the notice of the Government of the Straits Settlements.

[Here enter No. 416, Marine, dated 3rd May 1897.]

(True Extract.)

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

To the Presidency Port Officer.
" Public Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Government {1897} of Madras.

MARINE.

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Bringing to notice the case of the German S.S. *Amigo* sailing from Karikal embarking British-Indian passengers without possessing the requisite certificate of fitness, and suggesting that some necessary steps be taken to afford protection to British-Indian subjects provided by local ordinances.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Letter—from

Hon'ble Colonel D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Marine Department,

To

The Honourable the COLONIAL SECRETARY,
Straits Settlements.

Sir,

I am directed to request that the following circumstances in connection with the shipment of British-Indian passengers from French ports in India to the Straits Settlements may be brought to the notice of His Excellency the Governor.

2. It would appear that the German S.S. *Amigo* recently arrived at Madras from the Straits Settlements with the intention of embarking Native passengers on her return voyage. Her application for certificate *A* under section 10 of the Native Passenger Ships Act, 1887, was refused on the ground that the vessel did not fulfil the prescribed conditions which require, among other things, that a ship shall be "seaworthy and properly equipped, fitted and ventilated." In order to evade the law prevailing in Brtish India, the agents then booked a number of Native passengers at Negapatam and sent them across to the French port of Karikal where they were allowed to embark. One hundred and ninety bullocks and 196 passengers were thus carried away for the Straits Settlements in the same ship, the state of which is therefore not likely to have been altogether what it should have been.

3. The Madras Government has no power to interfere with the action of the French authorities at their ports in India, but it is understood that His Excellency the Governor of the Straits Settlements is empowered by a local ordinance to impose a penalty on vessels carrying passengers which are found to be in a filthy and insanitary condition.

4. I am accordingly directed to request that this matter may be laid before His Excellency the Governor, and to express the hope of the Madras Government that all the protection allowed by local ordinances may be afforded to British-Indian subjects arriving by vessels which are not possessed of certificates of fitness to carry Native passengers, and also to suggest that if the law in force in the Straits Settlements, as it now stands, should be found insufficient to afford the desirable protection, it may be supplemented by such legislation as His Excellency the Governor may think suitable for the purpose.

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

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

Ootacamund,
3rd May 1897.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Marine
~~Public Works~~ (1897) Department.

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From The Consular Agent
Pondicherry

No. Telegram

Dated 20-4-97

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SUBJECT.

"Port officer Negapatam wires; German Steamer Amigo refused passenger Certificate Madras. Embarking British paying passengers Karikal"

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To (Person) Madras

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From (Person) Consular Agent

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Officer Negapatam wires German steamer Amigo refused passenger certificate Madras embarking British pilgrim passengers Karikal

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Urgent telegram to the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry.

No. 283E & 20 April 1897

Your telegram about refusal of certificate is not intelligible. Wire fully and state distinctly what orders of Govt. you require.

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Telegram.

From

The Consular Agent

Pondicherry

No.

Dated 20-4-97

Received 21-4-97

Enclosures -

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SUBJECT.

German steamer Amigo

States that the — embarks British passengers to Karikal, & was refused passenger Certificate to Madras, and that representations to French Government are necessary.

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To (Person) Madras Marine

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CHIEF SECRETARY 21 APR. 1897 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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CHIEF SECRETARY 22 APR. 1897 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Order

From The Ag British Consular Agent at Pondicherry & Karikal

No. 74

Dated 20th april 1897

Received 22-4-97

Registered 22-4-97

Enclosures -

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SUBJECT.

Informing that the German S.S "Amigo" which failed at Madras to obtain a Certificate to Carry passengers has now gone to "Karikal", to embark free paying passengers for the Straits.

Await the [illegible] Port officer's report

22/4/97

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BRITISH CONSULAR AGENCY, PONDICHERRY,

20th April 1897

No. 74

7 P

From

Captain L. H. Hawkes
Ag. BRITISH CONSULAR AGENT,
PONDICHERRY AND KARIKAL,

To

The Honorable J. F. Price, C.S.S.
Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St. George

SIR,

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put up:
W.D. 572 is
now with us

In Continuation of my telegram of today's date, I have the honor to inform you that the German S.S "Amigo" Came from the Straits Settlements with a passenger Certificate granted by the Port Authorities there, to the Coromandel Coast. She intended Carrying back passengers

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I have ascertained that there are no French Port regulations, to prevent passengers embarking on a foreign Ship unlicensed to Carry them.

I would suggest that in similar cases, British Indian passengers should be restrained from leaving British territory, to embark at Karikal.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

S H Hawkes Captn

of British Consular Agent
Pondicherry & Karikal

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Marine Department.

Ordinary Telegram

To

The Presidency Port Officer.

Information received that German Steamer Amigo which was refused clean bill of health at Madras is taking up British passengers at Karikal. Ascertain particulars and report fully.

22/4/97

M.

There was no such urgency that it was necessary to telegraph — BA 24/4/97

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Marine

~~Public Works~~ (1897) Department.

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From The Presidency Port Officer
Madras

No. Telegram

Dated 22d. April 1897

Received 22-4-97

Enclosures -

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SUBJECT.

German Steamer Amigo

Stating that she left Negapatam on Tuesday for Karikal, thence for Straits yesterday with passengers.

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To (Person) Marine	From (Person) Presidency Port Officer

Your telegram today steamer
Amigo was granted clean
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Negapatam has reported that
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From The Presidency Port Officer Madras

~~No.~~ Telegram

Dated 22nd April 1897

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SUBJECT.

German Steamer Amigo

Stating that the — was granted a clean bill of health at Madras but was refused passenger certificate being unfit to carry native passengers, & that she has gone to Negapatam for taking in cattle cargo to Straits Settlements & that it was rumoured she would embark 200 passengers at Karikal.

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To (Person) Madras Marine

From (Person) Presidency Port officer

Amigo left negapatam tuesday for Karikal thence straits yesterday with passengers.

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Order

From,

The Presidency Port officer, Madras

No. 460/146 G

Dated 23rd april 1897

Received } 26-4-97
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SUBJECT.

Reporting regarding the German steamer "Amigo" taking in British passengers at Karikal for the Straits without certificate A.

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No.460/ 146 G

Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 23rd April, 1897.

From

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

To

The Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
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Sir,

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4. Unless some arrangement can be arrived at with the French Authorities at Pondicherry regarding the observance by them of the provisions of the Native Passenger Ships Act in the case of vessels which have been refused certificate A at a British-Indian port, the requirements of this Act are likely to be constantly evaded.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
H. A. Street
Commdr:, R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer.

Embarking of Native Passengers

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~~P.W.~~ DEPARTMENT.

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Marine Department.

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Refusal of "Passenger Certificate"

Note for the Hon. Mr. Bliss, C.I.E.

Telegram marked (1) was received late last evening. Being unintelligible, wire marked (2) was sent to the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry at 8.25 P.M.

We now get telegram marked (3) which is more unintelligible than the first. It is not even clear whether it is a reply to my wire.

The papers are forwarded to the Hon. Member for information. It is not understood what is meant by a "Passenger Certificate". There is

(1). a "Certificate of Clearance" ×
(2). Certificate A under the Native Passenger Ship's Act-Sec. 10.
(3). -Do- B - do - Sec. 11.

If it is any of these certificates that has been refused, then the intervention of the Government does not seem called for.

21/4/97

M.

× Vide Appendix IV, page 82 of Instructions for Port Officers.

I suppose he means that the German Str. "Amigo" was refused a clean bill of health at Madras, but none the less left & is embarking passengers at Karikal. I don't see what we can do, if this is the state of the case. But ask the P.P.O. if he knows ~~or~~ can ascertain anything about the matter. If it is as stated we might remonstrate with the French Govt. – But we must get the facts correctly first BS 21/4/97

It turns out that what was refused was Certificate A under the Native Passenger Ships Act.

Embarking native passengers at Karikal

~~P.W.~~ Marine DEPARTMENT.

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-Do- to the - do - No. 283 E., dated - do-

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Telegram to the Presy. Port Officer, dated 22nd April 1897.
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FOR ORDERS.

It now appears that what was refused at Madras to the German Steamer "Amigo" was certificate A under the Native Passenger Ships Act. Notwithstanding which she embarked passengers at Karikal for the Straits Settlements.

2. The Act extends only to British India.

3. The British Consular Agent proposes that "British Indian passengers should be restrained from leaving British territory to embark at Karikal". But how this is to be done, he does not say.

23/4/97

M.

The Hon Mr. Bliss C. I. E.

We can do nothing to stop this traffic — The case might however be stated to the Govt. of the Straits which might be asked if it can do anything to prevent traffic from this side to that by vessels which are not possessed of ~~[illegible]~~ certificates of their fitness to carry native passengers. ~~[illegible]~~

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Embarking native passengers at Karikal

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✓ Letter from the - do - No. 460/146 G., dated 23rd April '97.

~~The Hon Mr. Bliss C.I.E.~~

~~H.E. the Governor.~~

I think this will do as now corrected. Show H.E. before despatch

30/4/97

Appd.
A.S.H
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No. 415 Marine of 3d May 1897

Ordered that the matter be brought to the notice of the Government of the Straits Settlements.

H.E. No. 416 Marine, dated 3d May 1897

To

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements.

Sir,

I am directed to request that the following circumstances in connection with the shipment of British Indian passengers from French ports in India to the Straits Settlements may be brought to the notice of His Excellency the Governor.

2. It would appear that the German S.S. "Amigo" recently arrived at Madras from the Straits Settlements with

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3. The Madras Government has no ~~legal~~ power to interfere with the action of the French Authorities at their ports in India, but it is understood that His Excellency the Governor of the Straits Settlements is empowered by a local ordinance to impose a penalty on vessels ~~bringing~~ carrying passengers which are found to be in a filthy and insanitary condition.

Is this so? I know nothing about it –
BS
28/4/97

Attention is invited to para 3 of the P.P.O's letter – Flag A. There is no copy of the Ordinance here, but the P.S.O. evidently has a copy.
29/4/97
M

I overlooked this
BS
30/4/97

4. I am accordingly directed to request that this matter may be laid before His Excellency the Governor, and to express the hope of the Madras Government that all the protection allowed by local ordinances may be afforded to British

R.O.

17 P

Indian subjects arriving by vessels which are not possessed of certificates of fitness to carry native passengers, and also to suggest that if the law in force in the Straits Settlements, as it now stands, should be found insufficient to afford the desirable protection, it may be supplemented by such legislation as H.E. the Govr. may think suitable for the purpose.

R.S.

I have &c.

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