

Marine (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 422 Marine

DATED 4 May 1897

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Heavy mineral oil

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 23rd April 1897, No. 9 S./145 G.

With reference to paragraphs 2 and 3 of G.O., No. 346, Marine, dated 10th April 1897, I have the honour to offer the following remarks for the information of Government, viz.:—

(i) The columns of the indent, to which my attention has been drawn, have not hitherto been filled in, for the reason that, owing to fluctuations in consumption of oil and chimneys, due to changes in temperature and force of wind, a fixed established proportion has not been possible. Under these circumstances I would enquire whether the instruction to fill in the columns is to be carried out.

(ii) In this office letter No. 280 G., dated 4th October 1895, the question of despatching separate consignments of oil from England was fully reported on, and the reasons given therein for continuing the present practice apparently appeared conclusive to Government as in G.O., No. 108, Marine, dated 21st February 1896, this practice was permitted to remain undisturbed.

ORDER—No. 422, Marine, dated 4th May 1897.

The Presidency Port Officer states that the columns of the indent for oil, to which attention was called in G.O., No. 346, Marine, dated 10th April 1897, have not hitherto been filled in owing to the difficulty of fixing an "established proportion." His Excellency the Governor in Council, however, observes that this difficulty does not extend to the following columns:—

- (a) Number or quantity in store.
- (b) Number or quantity due on previous indents.
- (c) Value { of number or quantity due on previous indents.
of number or quantity now indented for.
- (d) Shipped or under provision.
- (e) Proposed to be provided.

These columns should accordingly be filled up in future, as far as possible.

2. The "established proportion" should be fixed as in the Public Works Department where it is based on the average of the previous three years' consumption. It is not clear how the Presidency Port Officer can maintain any control over expenditure without a standard of comparison such as that now laid down.

3. As regards distribution stations, it is observed that what Mr. Ashpitel recommended * was "a system of obtaining 18 months' supply and distributing it from certain centres, say Madras and Cocanada on the East Coast, and Cochin on the West Coast," by sea route apparently. This recommendation was remitted to the Presidency Port Officer for consideration in paragraph 15 of G.O., No. 245, Marine, dated 8th April 1896, to which no reply has hitherto been received. The order of the 21st February 1896, No. 108, Marine, referred to by the Presidency Port Officer, dealt with the question of local purchase and not with that of distribution, and did not thus accord formal approval to the existing distribution arrangements. These should now be reconsidered. It seems to the Government to be improbable that the present system of shipping such very small quantities of oil direct to numerous stations can be an economical one.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following

From the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, No. 9. S/145 G., dated 23rd April 1897

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The Presidency Port Officer

states that the columns of the Indent for oil to which attention was called in G.O. 346 Marine dated 10th April 1897 have not hitherto been filled in owing to the difficulty of fixing an "Established proportion". His Excellency the Governor in Council however, observes that this difficulty does not extend to the following columns:-

- (a). Number or quantity in store.
- (b). Number or quantity due on previous indents.
- (c). Value of No: or quantity due on previous indents.
- (c). Value of No: or quantity now indented for.
- (d). Shipped or under provision.
- (e). Proposed to be provided.

These columns should accordingly be filled up in future, as far as possible.

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To
The P.P.O.

2/12/57/17

422 Marine
P.W. DEPARTMENT.

Read the following:—

Marine indents and
distribution of oil.
From the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, No. 9. S/145 G., dated 23rd April 1897.

See Mr. Philist J. E.

page 26 of G.O. 245 Marine
dated 8th April 1896.

FOR ORDERS.

The Presidency Port Officer states that the columns of the Indent to which his attention has been called have not hitherto been filled in owing to the difficulty of fixing an "Established proportion". But this difficulty does not extend to the following columns:—

- (a) Number or quantity in store
- (b) Number or quantity due on previous indents
- (c) Value { of No: or quantity due on previous indents
 of No: or quantity now indented for
- (d) Shipped or under provision
- (e) Proposed to be provided.

Certainly not.
RS

I certainly think there ^{RS}
be an "established proportion" to
be fixed as a standard of
comparison for each lighthouse.
Just, I don't in the least see
how the ~~Port~~ ^{Port} can maintain
any control over the expenditure
RS

2. As regards "Established proportion," it is suggested that it be fixed as in the P.W. Department, where supplies, in most cases, fluctuate far more largely than oil in the Marine Department which is a fairly constant supply. The "Established proportion" in the P.W. Department is based on

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FOR ORDERS.

the average of the previous three years' consumption, and this can easily be calculated in the lump for the whole Presidency as regards oil for the Marine Department.

3. It is quite true, as stated in clause (ii), that the Presidency Port Officer reported in October 1895 on the question of distribution stations, but the arrangements in force were never formally sanctioned. G.O. 108 Marine dated 21st February 1896 dealt with the question of local purchase and not with that of distribution. Para 15 of G.O. 245

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Marine dated 8th April 1896, of later date than any of the preceding papers, specially remitted to the Presidency Port Officer for consideration the question of distribution of oil, but the present letter is the earliest notice taken of the matter after issue of this

G.O. What Mr. Ashpitel recommended was "a system of obtaining 18 months' supply and distributing it from certain centres, say Madras and Cocanada on

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page 26 of G.O. 245
Marine dated 8-4-96.

the East Coast, and Cochin on the West Coast", by sea route apparently. Orders are solicited whether the Presidency Port Officer should be called on to report on this suggestion, or whether the existing arrangements, described in

the Presidency Port Officer's letter of the 4th October 1895, should be formally sanctioned.

M. 28/4/97

Yes. It seems more important that the existing system of procuring such small quantities can be economical one.

30/4/97

From,

The Presidency Port Officer,
Madras

Order

No. 95
145 G.

Dated 23rd April 1897.

Received

Registered { 26.4.97

Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Submitting remarks in connection with the Indent for Heavy Mineral oil.

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10.4.97

BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.
8008-346-7	07-10-4-97
	Happen
Mar: 310-117	29-10-98
108	21-2-96

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.
Mar: 556	7.19-6-97

Heading.

Stores.

No.9,S/ 1454

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,
Chepak.

Sir,

With reference to para's 2 and 3 of G.O.No.346,
Marine, dated 10th April 1897, I have the honour to offer
the following remarks for the information of Government,
viz,-

(1) The columns of the Indent, to which my atten-
tion has been drawn, have not hitherto been filled in,
for the reason that, owing to fluctuations in consump-
tion of oil and chimneys, due to changes in temperature
and force of wind, a fixed established proportion has not
been possible. Under these circumstances I would en-
quire whether the instruction to fill in the columns is
to be carried out.

(ii) In this office letter No.280,G, dated 4th Octo-
ber 1895, the question of despatching separate consign-
ments of oil from England was fully reported on, and the
reasons given therein for continuing the present practice
apparently appeared conclusive to Government as in G.O.,
Marine, No.108 dated 21st February 1896 this practice was
permitted to remain undisturbed.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. A. Street

Comdr.: R.I.M.,

Presidency Port Officer.

Indent for oil

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29-10-95
H. A. Street

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21 Feb 96 did not deal
with the question of
distribution, but that
of local purchase -
H. A. Street
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