

Marine (1897.) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Bills of Health. Residing Port and Customs authorities to warn masters of vessels of their liability to be put into quarantine on arrival at port of destination if they present old —, & directing that the circumstances of the case of the Dhoney "Najalatchmi" which presented an old bill of health in a port in Ceylon, be explained to the Govt.

Bills of Health. Explaining that the Dhoney "Najalatchmi" shortly after she left Point Calimere was driven back to her anchorage by stress of weather that she made no entry inwards for Customs purposes and did not obtain fresh port clearance or a revised bill of health. That Port & Customs authorities have however been instructed to warn masters of vessels of their liability to quarantine on arrival at port of destination if under similar circumstances their bills of health are not renewed.

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Letter, No. 627, 15th July 1897.

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Bills of Health

Explaining that the Dhoney "Rajalatchmi," shortly after she left Point Calimere, was driven back to her anchorage by stress of weather, that she made no entry inwards for customs purposes and did not obtain fresh Port Clearance or a revised Bill of Health, but that Ports and Customs authorities have, however, been instructed to warn masters of vessels of their liability to quarantine on arrival at port of destination if, under similar circumstances, their Bills of Health are not renewed.

No. 627, MARINE, 15TH JULY 1897.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

THE HON'BLE COLONEL D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Marine Department,

To

THE HON'BLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
COLOMBO.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 12th May 1897, and to inform you, in reply, that the case referred to appears on inquiry to be that of the Dhoney "Rajalatchmi," which, shortly after she left Point Calimere, was driven back to her anchorage by stress of weather. This caused the vessel's detention for some days for repairs during which period she made no entry inwards for customs purposes and thus did not obtain fresh Port Clearance, or a revised Bill of Health. His Excellency the Governor in Council has now, however, instructed all Port and Customs authorities to warn masters of vessels of their liability to quarantine on arrival at port of destination if, under similar circumstances, their Bills of Health are not renewed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

OOTACAMUND,
15th July 1897.

Exd. W. D'Moss.

Government { 1897 } of Madras.
MARINE.

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G.O., No. 626, 15th July 1897.

JULY.

Bills of Health

Desiring Port and Customs authorities to warn masters of vessels of their liability to be put into quarantine on arrival at port of destination if they present old —, and directing that the circumstances in the case of the Dhoney "Rajalatchmi," which presented an old Bill of Health in a port in Ceylon, be explained to that Government.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Marine Department, dated 12th May 1897.

Referring to my letter of 31st March 1897, I am directed to inform you that it has been brought to the notice of this Government that a vessel from Toputurai arrived at Kayts with a Bill of Health, dated twenty days prior to her departure, and that this Government have decided, in such circumstances, to treat vessels as though they held no Bill of Health.

No. 347 E.

Referred to the Presidency Port Officer for inquiry into the circumstances connected with this case.

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Colonel, R.E.,
21st May 1897. Secretary to Government.

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 15th June 1897, No. 949/230 G.

With reference to Marine Department Memorandum, No. 347 E., dated 21st May 1897 (enclosure herewith returned), I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that the case referred to appears to be that of the Dhoney "Rajalatchmi." This vessel, which was at the time lying at anchor at Point Calimere, obtained clearance at Toputurai (of which port Point Calimere is a sub-port) on 6th May 1897 to sail from Point Calimere for Jaffna. Shortly after she left Calimere she was driven back to her anchorage through stress of weather. This caused the vessel's detention for some days at Point Calimere for the purpose of carrying out sundry repairs to ship and sails, which accounts for the Bill of Health being dated twenty days prior to her departure for Jaffna.

ORDER—No. 626, Marine, dated 15th July 1897.

His Excellency the Governor in Council desires that Port and Customs authorities will warn masters of vessels of their liability to be put into quarantine on arrival at port of destination if they present old Bills of Health. In cases such as that now in question the master of a vessel should apply for a fresh Bill of Health.

2. The circumstances in this case will be explained to the Government of Ceylon.

[Here enter No. 627, Marine, dated 15th July 1897.]

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
„ Collectors, Maritime Districts.
„ the Revenue Department.
„ the Public Department.

Ezd. W. D'Moss.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

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To
The P.P.O.
„ Collectors, Maritime Districts.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Public Department.

27/7/97 H.E. No. 627 Marine dated 15th July 1897.

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The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Colombo.

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similar circumstances, their Bills of
Health are not renewed.

I have &c.

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Reply to the questions of the Hon:
Sir Henry Bliss K.C.I.E. on Marine De-
partment Current No. 895.

Point Calimere being affiliated to
Thopputhurai must be regarded as the
same port under the Government of India
ruling *(vide first note to section 12 General S.C. 12)*
2. No precedent can be traced bear-
ing upon the second question Whether a
fresh Port Clearance is required in the
case of a Vessel which left a port with
port clearance but returned thereto
through stress of weather.

Reading sections ~~63, 64, 65~~ ^{61 to 65}
of the Sea Customs Act together, it
appears (1) ~~that the mere arrival of~~
the vessel within the limits of any
port will not constitute it an "entry
of vessel inwards" unless an applica-
tion has been presented by the master
to the Customs Collector and an order
has been given thereon for such entry-
and (2) that the entry must be for
the purpose of landing goods. In the
case put, there is no question of land-
ing goods at all, and no application will
be made in such cases for the "entry" of
the vessel inwards. The particulars to
be entered in the application for port
clearance under section 63 of the Act
would seem to refer clearly to the first
occasion of the vessels leaving the port.

Moreover if it is held as
stated above, that there is no "entry" of
the vessel inwards, there can be no entry
of her outwards. Looking at the matter
in this light a second port clearance

That the Port clearance is
given only for customs purposes
and signifies that the ship
has ^{been} ~~been~~ taken on board the
loads which have been entered
in her manifest "outward"
She has been allowed to clear
from the port. I will submit
therefore that when a ship
enters the limits of a Port
and does not break bulk
or take in any cargo she
makes no entry inwards or
outwards and needs no.

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would appear to be unnecessary.

Port clearance or other
Customs document when
leaving the Port.

6/7/97

Submitted with reference
to the Hon. Member's letter of
29/6/97. As regards a fresh
bill of health, the onus perhaps
rests on the Master of the
vessel. Had he applied for a
fresh bill of health, he would
doubtless have got one. Neglect
of this precaution renders
him liable to quarantine on
arrival at port of destination.

R.S.

7/7/97

The Hon. Sir Henry Phillimore

(1897)

Suppose this is the
way to look at it - If
he suffers inconvenience
it is his own fault. But
the Port & Customs people
should be told to warn
masters of vessels &
the crisis should be ex-
plained to Ceylon

BS
8/7/97

Marine (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 895

The Hon. Sir Henry Phillimore

In Orders.

It is suggested that From
the papers be "recorded". The The Presidency Port Office,
circumstances were exceptional, alladras
and were doubtless ascertained
by the Ceylon Authorities from the No. 949
Master of the vessel. If the 230
Gods decided, in case of this Dated 18 June 1897
kind, to ignore a Bill of Health, Received 25-6-97
it is doubtless at liberty to do so. Enclosures 1.

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SUBJECT.

R.S. This seems to raise a curious
point - Pt Calimere being a sub-port of
Thupthurai must, of course, be reported
as the same port. The vessel, having
left her port with port clearance returned
through steps of quarantine to the same port - Did
she then require fresh port clearance?
I don't know - Perhaps the R.D. can say.
Anyway the port authorities should have seen
that the vessel had fresh Bill of Health, for a Bill of
Health 20 days old is absurd -

BS
29/6/97

To The Secretary, Rev. Dept.

For favour of the required
information as regards port
clearance

R.S.
28/6/97 R 30-6-97

Returning with remarks letter
from the Colonial Secretary,
Colombo, as to the circumstances
which caused the Bill of
Health of the vessel being
dated 20 days prior to her
departure.

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Madras, 18th June 1897.
Despatched 23.6.97.

Commander H. A. Street R. I. M.,
PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
Madras,

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MARINE DEPARTMENT,

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Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,
W. A. Theet
Commander R. I. M.,
Presidency Port Officer.

Marine (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 730

No. 3479 8.21-5-97
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Referred to the Presi-
dency Port Officer for inquiry into
the circumstances connected
with this case.

From

The Colonial Secretary
Colombo.

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The P.F.O. in original - to be returned.

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Dated 12-5-97

Received 19-5-97

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SUBJECT.

Bill of Health

Informing that it has been
brought to the notice of the Ceylon
Govt. that a vessel from Zophuturai
arrived at Kandy with a
dated 20 days prior to her
departure & that it has been
decided in such circumstances
to treat vessels as though they
held no Bill of Health

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Colonial Secretary's Office,



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I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. C. Cunningham

For Colonial Secretary.

The Hon'ble,

The Chief Secretary to the Government of

MADRAS.