

Marine (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 672-73

DATED 28 July 1897

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Shipment of methylated spirits, muriatic acid &c from England: Ordered that the Govt of India be informed that the P. & O. Govt in Council is of opinion that vessels carrying native passengers should not be allowed to take — but that packages can be consigned to the port of call where they can be conveyed to ports of destination either by native coasting craft or by rail.

The Govt of India addressed.

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No. 672 March 28 July 1897

Ordered that the Govt of India be addressed.

No. 673 March 28 July 1897

To the Secretary to the Govt of India - Finance and Com. Marine Dept.

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2891 S.R. dt 1 July 1897, on the subject of the difficulties encountered by the Store Dept. of the India office in shipping methylated spirits, kerosene oil and turpentine to the port of Vizagapatam in the Presidency. The Director General of Stores remarks in his memorandum of the 13 April 1897, a copy of which accompanied your letter under reply, that nearly all the regular lines of steamers from home carry considerable quantities of deck cargo, as well as large numbers of European and other passengers, and that it thus appears

Strange that the conveyance of this cargo by vessels carrying native passengers should be prohibited. He further asks for advice as to what steps should be taken to obviate the inconvenience and expense thereby caused to food. At the Governor in Council is advised that the steamers referred to by the Director General of Stores do not carry deck passengers, and that there is thus not the same objection as applies to vessels in this country flying under the Native Passenger Ships Act which invariably carry deck passengers in large numbers, to whom serious injury may be caused by leakage from such ^{deck} cargo as methylated spirits, muriatic acid and turpentine. H.E. in Council is, accordingly, of opinion that vessels carrying native passengers should not be allowed to take such cargo.

Sackages can, however, be consigned to the ports of Madras, whence they can be conveyed to ports of destination either by native coasting craft or by rail. As regards the latter means of conveyance there should be no difficulty and very little extra cost.

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~~H. E. THE GOVERNOR.~~
Sir Henry
THE HON'BLE ~~MR.~~ BLISS, C.I.E.
~~THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

Ships marks of acids, &c.
from England.

C. No. 1014 of 1897.

SUBJECT

FOR ORDERS.

This correspondence has arisen out of the difficulty experienced by the Director General of Stores ~~in~~ shipping direct to coast ports of the Madras Presidency of such articles as Methylated Spirits, Muriatic Acid, and Turpentine, in consequence of the provisions of Section 15(1) of the Native Passenger Ships Act, X of 1887.

2. The Director General points out that nearly all the regular lines of steamers from England carry considerable quantities of deck cargo in addition to large numbers of European and other passengers, and he cannot therefore understand why the conveyance of these spirits, acids, &c., should be prohibited by vessels carrying native passengers.

3. The Presidency Port Officer explains that the regular liners

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from England do not carry deck passengers, whereas the vessels licensed under the Native Passenger Ships Act do, and that therefore it is objectionable for the latter to carry such cargo as Methylated Spirits, Muriatic Acid and Turpentine, which might cause serious injury to such passengers should leakage occur.

4. The only way at present is to send such articles by Native Coast-inf Craft (from Madras).

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or by rail from Madras. This can always be done, and easily
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Marine (1897) Department.

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From

*The Presidency Port Office,
Madras*

Order

No. *B#11*
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Dated 20 July 1897

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SUBJECT.

Submitting remarks regarding shipment of methylated spirits by the Store Department of the India office for the use of the East Coast Railway.

Simla, the 18th July 1897.

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The Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Marine Department.

Sir,

I am directed to forward copy of the

* In original.
(Retain requested)

Memorandum from the Director General of Stores,
dated 13th April 1897.

Letter from Manager, East Coast Railway,
No 1271 - 190, dated 13th February 1897 & enclosure.

Reply from the Revenue Department to the
Director General of Stores, dated 15th April 1897.

Memorandum from the Director General of Stores,
dated 7th May 1897.

papers marginally noted,
regarding difficulties en-
countered by the Store
Department of the India
Office in shipping

methylated spirits, Muriatic Acid, and
Turpentine for the use of the East Coast
State Railway at Vizagapatnam, and to
request that the Government of India
may be favoured with the remarks and
opinion of His Excellency the Governor in
Council

Council on the subject.

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

G. M. Hart
Off. Assistant Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE.

Madras, 20 July 1897.

From

Commander N. A. Stuart, R. & M.
PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MARINE DEPARTMENT,

Chepak.

SIR,

With reference to Marine Department memorandum, No. 455, E, dated 10 July 1897, (enclosure herewith returned) I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of Government, that the regular line of steamers from England referred to in the memo. from the Director General of Stores dated 15 April 1897 which accompanied Government memorandum above quoted do not carry deck passengers, and therefore are able to take deck cargo of a nature which if carried by a vessel with native deck passengers on board might cause serious injury to such passengers should leakage occur. In my opinion methylated spirits, muriatic acid and turpentine should not be conveyed in a vessel carrying native passengers.

2. Until the Madras Government has, like the Governments of Bengal and Burma, an Indian marine steamer placed entirely at its disposal to meet local

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local requirements, the only way to
meet the difficulty would be to send
the articles by a Native Coasting Craft.

I have the honor to be,
Your ^{obd.} obed. servant,
H. A. T. T. T.
Commander, R. F. M.,
Presy. Port-officer.

Marine (1897) Department.

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Order No. 45588 (10 July 1897)

Referred to the
Presidency Port officer
for remarks.

From
The Government of India
Finance & Commerce Dept.

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No. 2891 S. R.

To The I. P. O. with papers in
original to be returned
R. S.

Dated 1-7-97.
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SUBJECT.

Methylated Spirits, Muriatic acid and
Turpentine

Forwarding Correspondence regarding
the difficulties encountered by the
Store Department of the India
office in shipping _____ in
Native Passenger ships & requesting
to be furnished with the remarks
of the Madras Government on
the subject.