

Marine (1897) Department.

G.O., No.

350-57R *Mar*

DATED 2 Oct 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

*Steamer for the Officers inspecting the lights
of this Presidency: Ordered that enquiry be
made whether it would be practicable for the
Govt of India to place, at the disposal of this Govt
for two months in each year the services of a
suitable —*

The Govt of India addressed

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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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ORDER. 8500 mar. 82nd October 1897

TO THE P.P.O.

To

Sir,

cannot be satisfactorily carried out under present circumstances where, unless a journey is made by land, the only means available are usually the coasting steamers of the B.I.S.N.Co. the routes and time tables of which are not always the most convenient for inspection purposes. The range of a light and its arc of visibility should in all cases be tested, and this can best be done from the deck of a steamer under the control of the inspecting officer. A vessel employed for the purpose should be one of light draft, capable of passing through the Pamban channel and the Palks Straits.

3. If a steamer cannot be made available free of charge, the Madras Government would perhaps be disposed to defray the actual cost of stores and fuel expended on the service, an estimate of which could no doubt be furnished by the Director, Royal Indian Marine, under the orders of the Government of India.

I have &c.

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Marine (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 1003

For orders.

A similar request was made before by Commander Street and was negatived in 1886 Marine, d/12 Aug. 1893 on the score of expense which is estimated at Rs 15,000 for each month the steamer ^{From} ~~Order~~ is employed, as stated in the P.F.O's letter attached to this go.

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The Presidency Port Office
Madras

No. 1730
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Dated 17th July 1897.

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SUBJECT.

It seems difficult to imagine that Rs 15,000 a month would be the cost of employing a small steamer as proposed. So far as I can make out, the steamer are kept up & crew paid whether in harbor or at sea, and the coal expense would only be that of fuel & stores expended. The P.F.O. might be asked to ascertain what that would come to. It is a fair comparison of cost could then be made - I have seen it have been made with the

Requesting that the Government of India be asked to place at the disposal of the Govt of Madras a steamer belonging to the Royal Indian Marine for inspection purposes.

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No. 1730/2664

Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 17 July, 1897.

From

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

Presidency Port Officer,

MADRAS.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Marine Department,

С Н Е Р А К.

Sir,

With respect to the reference in G.O., No.513, Marine, dated 4th June 1897, to the proposal contained in para 9 of this office letter No.1730/164,G, dated 13th May 1897, that a Steamer should be obtained for the use of officers when inspecting the lights of the Presidency, I have the honour to point out that the purchase of a vessel for the purpose was not advocated as such a course would not be in accordance with the views of the Government of India as set forth in previous correspondence on the subject. I simply requested that the attention of Government might be drawn to the necessity of employing a Steamer for the use of officers inspecting lights, and I now submit that the Government of India, Marine Department, should be asked whether it would not be possible for the Director Royal Indian Marine to arrange to place at the disposal of the Madras Government a suitable Steamer for the purpose for two months each year from the 15th January. By a suitable vessel is meant, one of light draft capable of passing through the Pamban Channel and the Palks Straits.

2. In connection with this proposal I would point out

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out that as a Royal Indian Marine Steamer is stationed at Rangoon for services in connection with the lights in Burmah and the Bengal Government is permitted to maintain a sea-going Steamer for duties in connection with the inspection of outports and attendance on the Pilot Vessels at Sandheads the requirements of the Madras Presidency with its 28 lights and extensive seaboard appear to have been overlooked by the Government of India.

3. I would add that the most suitable months for making an inspection of the coast are January and February.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

M. A. Theobald

Commander, R.I.M.,

Presidency Port Officer.

Op 48722 2^o August 1897
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Memorandum

It would appear from the Presidency Port Officer's letter No. 1630/248 of 19 July 93 that the cost to the State of one of the smaller vessels of the Royal Indian Marine if employed on light house inspection duty would be Rs 15000 monthly. It is understood that they would be kept up and their crews paid whether in harbour or at sea, and that therefore the extra cost to the State by employing a steamer on inspection duty would be only that of fuel and stores expended. The undersigned is divided to inquire what this would come to, and how it compares with that involved in present arrangements.

To the P.O. 20/8/97
I Remind Sent 20. 9. 97

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Marine (1897) Department.

The Hon Sir Henry Mordaunt K.C.B. CURRENT No. 1282

For orders.

Submitted with
reference to the Hon. Mem.
lurs inquiry dated 29/7/97
on Ch. 100B

From

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The Presy Port Officer,
Madras

Order

28/9/97

No. 896
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We are no better off than we
were before - However, let us definitely
ask India whether a small steamer
be made available in Jan & Feb so that
they would charge for crew as a only
provisions & fuel expended - we might

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sum to the letter
perhaps. The
D. I. M. C. do
not give an
idea of India
about it.

Dated 24th September 1897

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding copies of letters
regarding the cost of
employing one of the Royal
Indian Marine Vessels for
lighthouse inspection purposes.

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No. 896 M
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Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 14th September 1897

To The Director of the
Royal Indian Marine,
Bombay.

Sir, In connexion with the inspection of the
Coast ports of the Madras Presidency, I have
been directed by the local Government to
ascertain if possible the monthly charge
that would be made should it be prac-
ticable for you to place at their disposal
one of the smaller vessels of the Royal
Indian Marine. The Government are
under the impression that the cost would
be only that of fuel and stores expend-
ed and that no charge would be made
on account of establishment &c.

I have &c.
(S/d) N. A. Street,
Comdr. R. I. M.,
P. O. O.

No. 1591

R. I. M. Dockyard,
Bombay, 22nd September 1897.

From The Director of the Royal Indian Marine,
To The Presidency Port Office, Madras.

Sir, With reference to your letter No.
896/1102 M of the 14th Instant enquiring as
to

to the monthly charge that would be made for the services of a R. I. M. vessel placed at the disposal of the Madras Government, I beg to inform you that it would depend on what vessel was lent, and if the Government of India was disposed to defray all the expenses in connexion with this work except the cost of fuel and stores as the Madras Government appear to consider probable.

As no vessel is now available, or likely to be, for this work I do not consider it necessary to address the Government of India on the subject.

I am, Sir,
Your obedt servant,
(s/d) W. Chandler.

for Director of the
Royal Indian Marine

(2 true copies)

H. A. Street

Commander, R. I. M.,
Presy. Port Officer

Mar. Genl
12/24/97

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No. 896
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PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,
Madras, 24 September 1897.

From

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

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Chennai.

SIR,

With reference to Marine Department Memorandum No. 487E, dated 2nd August 1897 and subsequent reminder, No. 487E dated 20th September 1897, I have the honor to submit, for the information of Government, a copy of my letter to the Director, Royal Indian Marine, on the subject and of his reply thereto.

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