

Marine (1898) Department.

G.O., No.

171/111

DATED

9-3-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Consumption of oil in lighthouses. Orders stating
^{with remarks} that His Excellency the Gov in Council is glad to learn
that an effective control over ~~the~~ has been maintained
in the ~~the~~ Presy Port Office ~~that~~ and that Govt is
well satisfied with the conduct of duties of the
D. D. C.

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Current No. 284

of 1898, dated 4th March, from the P.P.O.

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ORDER.

N^o 171 May 9.3.98.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is glad to learn that an -- effective control over oil consumption has been maintained in the Presidency Port Office, and if the Presidency Port Officer, in submitting his annual report, had made this fact clear, nothing further would have -- been said about the matter. Government has no desire ^{at all} to find fault -- with an officer with whose conduct of his duties it is well satisfied.

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Barham for his
signature
8/3/98

The Presidency Port Officer.

The Hon. Mr. Henry Blair
H. C. J. E.

Note for the Hon. Member.

Representation from the
Presidency Port Officer

The Presidency Port Officer considers the remarks in para 4 of G.O. 112 Marine dated 12th February 1898 to be undeserved, and requests that they be withdrawn. As quoted in his letter the remarks are more accentuated than in the G.O. from which they are taken.

It is now explained that the information as to consumption of oil is on record in the Presidency Port Office, but there was nothing in the papers before Government to show that it had been collated and made available for purposes of control.

Under the circumstances now explained, the terms of the order may perhaps be modified. The accompanying draft order is accordingly submitted for approval.

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For orders.

The P.S.O. considers the remarks in para 4 of L.O. 112 Marine, of 12 Feb 98 to be undeserved, and requests that they be withdrawn.

As quoted in his letter, the remarks are more accentuated than in the L.O. from which they are taken.

It is now explained that the information as to consumption of oil is on record in the P.S.O. office, but there was nothing in the papers before L.O. to show that it had been collated and made available for purposes of control. The P.W. Sec. refers to terms with information in regard to expenditure and progress of works; but if, when the general review of operations comes to be written, the Chap Engineer omits essential particulars and the legitimate inferences to be drawn therefrom, the L.O. might reasonably assume

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CURRENT No. 284

From

The Presidency Port Office
Madras

Order

No. $\frac{1854}{92}$ 9

Dated 3rd March 1898

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SUBJECT.

Requesting that the Government would be pleased to withdraw certain remarks passed in connection with the consumption of oil in Lighthouses.

that ^{information} was not
in record; or, if a record
that it had been neglected;
for the principal object
of an annual review is
to focus operations and
collect results, and
thence to control expenditure.

It will be noticed from
the drafts that you pro-
posed to let the matter
drop, but the ^{Board} ~~is~~ ^{our} ~~own~~
rule the suggestion.

C. F.
Edwards

Yes. I think it was unnecessary
at the time of the Board
's inquiry. It was unfortunate
as it was my intention to say
that the ^{Board} ~~is~~ ^{our} ~~own~~
Board is glad to
learn that an effective
control over oil consumption
- which has been maintained
in the past. But, Mr.
- if the B. O. C. in fact
- nothing in Annual Report
had made this fact clear,
nothing further would
have been said about the
matter. But has no desire
to find fault with an officer
with whose conduct of his,
on his it is well satisfied
W. J. S.

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Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 3^d March 1898.

Heading

From

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

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
CHERAK.

Sir,

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of G.O. N^o 112, Marine, dated 12th February 1898, and with reference thereto beg to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that in 1888 I directed a record to be kept of the hour of lighting and hour of extinction of each light, and also of the expenditure of oil, and in 1895 measures were taken to have a more complete record of the consumption of oil kept. In fact since 1888 there is in my office a record of the number of hours each class of light was exhibited daily, and consequently the number of hours a light was exhibited in a year is already known and

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and has been known since the date the statement was brought into use. This being the case, I submit that an effective control over the expenditure of oil has been maintained in this office by the several Presidency Port Officers, and I therefore regret that Government in the order above quoted should have stated that the form referred to in the order was necessary in order "to enable the Presidency Port Officer to exercise a more intelligent supervision over the consumption of oil." I would further beg that it may be brought to the notice of Government that it is owing to the record of consumption of oil and of other matters connected with lighthouse affairs that the Superintendent of Works, Lighthouse Division, was able to give the information contained in the form he submitted to Government.

2. I would also observe, that this is the first occasion during my tenure of the post of Presidency Port Officer that Government have stated, that a more intelligent supervision on my part was

This quotation
is not strictly
accurate.
R.S.

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L.S.

was necessary, and I submit, that a reference to the Instructions to Port Officials which were drawn up by me originally from orders issued by me on my first assuming charge of the Port Department in 1887 will show that in no single instance have I failed to exercise an intelligent and searching supervision over the department. My efforts to make the department efficient have, I hitherto understood, met with the approval of Government, and I take it for granted that had not this been the case, the Government of Madras would not have accepted my services when the Government of India proposed to reappoint me as Presidency Port Officer. Under these circumstances, I trust that the Government will see their way to withdraw an expression which reflects so strongly on my character as an officer.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedt. servant,

H. A. Theet

Commander, R. I. M.,

Presy. Port Officer.