

Marine (1898) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Bill of Health. Letter to the Government of Bombay and Bengal enquiring whether any special fees are charged towards vessels for the port of a - (1) on Sundays and close holidays (2) at periods beyond working hours and (3) when a second bill of health becomes necessary under the Quarantine Regulations, owing to departure being delayed for the vessel's convenience.

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(1) ^{on}Sundays and Close Holidays

port to which section 45 of the Indian Ports Act applies. Such service, it was stated, should be regarded as covered by the port due.

3. It is not clear whether this ruling is intended to apply to the special occasions enumerated above.

4. The Port and Customs establishments attending at unusual times for the ship's convenience are allowed special fees which the ship pays, and it would thus seem to follow that medical officers should be similarly remunerated. But as the matter is not free from doubt, I am to inquire ~~as to~~ the practice under the Government of Bombay Bengal

I have &c.,

M.

Section 33 of Act X of 1889.

Marine Department.

Hon. Member's note on draft order on Marine Current No. 292 of '98.

The remarks of the Hon. Member on this matter have ^{renewed} caused attention to be directed to the general question of fees for medical inspection of ships. The orders of the Public Department of 1887 and 1888 have been called up, and it is found that vessels can ~~not~~ claim bills of health as a matter of right, without payment of a fee; the grant of a bill of health being regarded as a service covered by the port due. If health officers are put to extraordinary risk or trouble, e.g., bad weather or a long journey beyond harbour limits, they are, under local orders, entitled to a special fee. The fee is, however, not payable by the vessel, but from Port Funds. The principle adopted in the subsequent orders in the Marine Department would seem to be that if the ship requires the attendance of the health officer at unusual times for its own convenience, it should

pay; but the question arises whether Sundays and close holidays are rightly included. Port dues are paid on those days

Fees for medical inspection of ships

The Hon. Mr. Grou
H. E. the Governor
The Hon. Mr. Henry R. A. E.
This proposal to ^{some}
the draft order dated
16.2.98 as it stands
H. H. H.
25.2.98

* G.O. 518 Pub. dated 11-4-87
,, 625 Pub. ,, 18-6-88.

* G.O. 202 Mar. dated 6-3-97.
,, 318 ,, ,, 31-3-97
,, 389 ,, ,, 28-4-97.

I think so. Ships can't demand work on Sundays & close holidays - ~~that~~
I don't quite see how Port dues

days, and it would seem to follow, therefore, that the bill of health should be given to the ship without charge. If health officers are to get a fee at all for work on those days, the charge must apparently fall against Port Funds.

2. As regards inspections between 6 and 9 P.M., the Venice Convention abolishes such inspections, and para 4 of the Rules printed with G.O. 879 Marine dated 16th October 1897, provides accordingly that all inspections shall be made "by day". The question of fees under this head cannot, therefore, ordinarily arise.

3. No fee has ever been prescribed for inspections under Rule 5.

4. If the views as expressed above are accepted, the question of medical officers' fees for plague inspection will have to be reconsidered.

Can be paid on these days - There would be no one at office to receive them, unless special leave had been given to work, when fees would have to be paid. *hs*

This is so. I had overlooked this *hs*

I think we should be *B*
hs
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hs
M. 19.3.98

In reply to the Hon. Member's notes above it is submitted with reference to

A that if a ship wishes to enter or leave on a Sunday or close holiday, the Agent gives prior notice, and certain officials, Customs and Port, attend; the ship paying special fees for services rendered. There would thus always be somebody to receive the

If a vessel requires work on a Sunday or close holiday, it has to pay special fees for the attendance of the Customs & Port officials - but not for the attendance of the doctor to grant bill of health? I cannot see the distinction sought to be drawn. In fact, the arguments tell, being mixed, in the opposite direction to that arrived at in the note. However, the question must have been settled before this in Calcutta on Sunday - Let us ask what the

Customs & Port officials are to the port due, and as it has been ruled by the Government of India, that this due covers the grant of a bill of health, it is submitted that no fee can be charged to the ship for the Health officer's attendance on those days. The ruling of the Government of India is very precise on this point. It is said that the grant of a bill of health is not a "service rendered to --- vessels" within the meaning of the Act for which a fee can be demanded."

Certainly not, within working hours - But the question is what should be done out of working hours?

I don't think a fee can be charged

hs
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hours or when a second bill of health is required because a vessel's departure has been delayed for the vessel's convenience a second bill of health is required. *hs*

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B. If the above view be accepted, there would also be no fee for inspections under Rule 5.

hs
M. 25.3.98



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Madras
6th April 1898.

My dear Selkinton,

If you think that the enclosed file should be put at once before His Excellency, I will put it before him; but being that the idea apparently is to cancel a previous G.O. no. 42, that of the 28th of April 97, no. 389 marine, I think a good deal of your office note is by way of answer to questions asked by Sir Henry Miss himself, don't you think that it would perhaps be as

Marine DEPARTMENT.

[500-11-10-97.]

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

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ORDER.

The Hon. Sir Henry Blundell, K.C.S.I.

Is this quite the way to put it? I am sure that the ship has for inspections between 6 & 9 P.M. on Sundays & also for second inspections necessitated under Reg. 5 by the vessel not having gone to sea on the day of the first inspection - Is not that so? Yes, better say so distinctly.

RS

16/3/98

His Excellency the Governor in Council concurs with the Presidency Port Officer. Fees for medical inspections are not payable by the ship when the inspection is made otherwise than at the ship's request, and merely as a precaution against the introduction of plague.

LS

Copy for W. H. B. 14/5/98

To the P.P.O.

,, Collectors of Maritime Districts.

,, Public Department.

,, L & M Department.

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H.E. 28/3/98

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W. H. H. who: 8 March 1898
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demanded.

B. If the above view be
accepted, there would also be
no fee for inspection under
Rule 5.

I agree S.S.
24 Mar 98

Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 292

From

The Presidency Port Officer,
Madras

Order

No. 949/93

Dated 4th March 1898

Received 7th March 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Returning with remarks the
letter of the Sellicherry Agents
of the B.S.S. & Company dated
22nd February 1898 regarding
fees for medical inspection
of vessels under the Epidemic
Diseases Act III of 1897.

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H.M. 28/3/98

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BURNETT & SON.

Steam Navigation Company, "Limited."

Tellicherry, 22nd Feb 1898

Per,

14 Mar 98

Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 254

No 1358 d/1-3-98

Referred to the
Presidency Port Office
for remarks.

From The Agent

British India Steam Navigation
Company Ltd.

R.P.

28/2/98
D.W.

No.

The P.P.O. to be returned.

Dated 22nd February 1898

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SUBJECT.

Medical officers can claim
fees for plague inspection

Requesting information if —
as per Marine G.P. 389 d/28.

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Presidency Port Office,

Madras, 4th March 1898.

Receiving

From

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

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MARINE DEPARTMENT,

CHEPAK.

Sir,

With reference to the letter of the
Tellicherry Agents of the B. I. S. N. Company,
referred to me for remarks with Government
Memorandum No. 135 E. of 1st March 1898,
and returned herewith, I have the honor
to acquaint you, for the information
of Government, that according to G. O.
Marine No. 389 dated 28th April 1897,
a Medical Officer is entitled to a fee
of Rs 15 for each medical inspection
under the Epidemic Diseases Act III
of 1897. conducted between the hours of
6 P. M. and 9 P. M. and on Sundays
and

and close holidays, but it appears
to me that he is only entitled to claim
the fee in the cases specified in Rules 3
and 10 of the Notification printed
with G. O. N^o 879. Marine dated
16th October 1897.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
N. A. Theet
Commander R. I. M.,
Presidency Port Officer.

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