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[Despatch Abstract.]

Exhibition of rights: Approving the Presy, Port-Main's
proposals in the matter of the procedure to be followed
in the ~~ex~~ — in the native States of Travancore
and Cochin, and requesting that the requisite
action be taken in the Colonial Dept.

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Presidency Port Office,

Madras, 15th April 1898.

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From

Commander A. A. Street R. I. N.
Presidency Port Officer,
Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MARINE DEPARTMENT,

ШЕРАК.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence on the subject of placing a light at Quilon ending with G. O. No 835 M dated 1st December 1897. I have the honor to acquaint you that the Coasting steamer in which I was proceeding to Tuticorin from Calicut called at Quilon on the 8th instant, and I was surprised to find that a white fixed light had been placed in position to mark the anchorage. The Commander of the Steamer told me that the light had been displayed since February last. On the Port Officer paying the vessel a visit, the next morning I mentioned that no notice to Mariners respecting this light had reached me, and since my return to Madras I have received a letter from him giving the date

- date on which the light was exhibited but affording no details regarding its character, position and arc of illumination. So I have written to the Master Attendant, Allipce, for the particulars required.

2. I submit, that it is very advisable that the native governments under the Madras Government should conform to the instructions of the latter Government regarding the exhibition of lights as set forth in G. O. No 289 M., dated 24th March 1897, and beg that the Resident in Travancore and Cochin may be directed to acquaint the Travancore ^{& Cochin} Government that with respect to the exhibition of lights the following procedure should be followed - viz: that two months' notice of intention to exhibit a small port light - that is a light whose range is not over 10 miles - and six months' in the case of larger lights, should invariably be published, and that a copy of the Notice to Mariners on the subject should be sent to this office. It would be also advantageous if the particulars regarding each light were supplied in a form similar to the copy sent herewith.

I have the honor to be
your Obedient ^{son} Servant
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Commander R. J. L. B.
Presidency Port Officer.