Marine (1898.) Department.

✓ G.O., No. 350-51/Mar

DATED 7. May 1898

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Bill of Health {Recording with remarks Correspondence relative to the arrival at Jaffna of the Native Vessel "Mahood Meera Madam" on the morning of the 19th July last without a bill of health leaving Kilakarai on the 16th and touching at and communicating with Pamban on the way. ~~Recorded with remarks~~

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Bill of Health; Letter to the Colonial Secretary Colombo intimating that the arrival of the Vessel "Mahood Meera Madam" at Jaffna from Pamban on the 19th July without a — was due to an error in procedure and that instructions have since been ~~issued~~ to rectify the error.

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Government {1898} of Madras.

MARINE.

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Bill of Health

Letter to the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, intimating that the arrival of the vessel *Mahood Meera Madam* at Jaffna from Pámban on the 19th July without a — was due to an error in procedure and that instructions have since been issued to rectify the error.

No. 351, MARINE, 7TH MAY 1898.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

W. B. DEWINTON, ESQ.,
Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Marine Department,

To

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
COLOMBO.

SIR,

I am now directed to reply to your letter, dated 2nd August 1897, in which you bring to notice that the vessel *Mahood Meera Madam* arrived at Jaffna from Pámban on the 19th July without a bill of health. His Excellency the Governor in Council has caused inquiry to be made into the circumstance and has ascertained that it is due to an error in procedure, instructions to rectify which have since been issued by the Board of Revenue. It is not, therefore, probable that the error will be repeated.

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

Ag. Secretary to Government.

OOTACAMUND,
7th May 1898.

Exd. C. M. Thumbuswamy.

Government (1898) of Madras.

MARINE.

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G.O., No. 350, 7th May 1898.

MAY.

Bill of Health

Recording, with remarks, correspondence relative to the arrival at Jaffna of the native vessel *Mahood Meera Madam* on the morning of the 19th July last without a —, leaving Kílakarai on the 16th and touching at, and communicating with, Pámban on the way.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers:—

From the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated 2nd August 1897.

I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of the Madras Government, that it has been brought to the notice of this Government by its Medical Officer in the Northern Province that a native vessel, the *Mahood Meera Madam*, arrived at Jaffna on the morning of the 19th July without a bill of health. It is reported that the vessel left Kílakarai on the 16th and touched at, and communicated with, Pámban on the 17th, but was allowed to leave that place on the 18th without a bill of health.

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 22nd November 1897, No. 949/409 G.

In reply to Marine Department endorsement No. 519 E., dated 13th August 1897 (enclosure herewith returned), I have the honour to state that, from inquiries instituted, it appears that the native boat *Mahood Meera Madam* left Kílakarai on the 16th July 1897 with two clearances, one for Jaffna and the other for Pámban, as there was cargo on board for both these ports. The boat first went to Pámban and discharged the cargo for that port, but on leaving Pámban the tindal did not take out a clearance from there for Jaffna, as he was under the impression that the clearance taken at Kílakarai for Jaffna would be sufficient. Had he applied for clearance at Pámban, he would have been called upon to provide himself with a bill of health before clearance was granted there.

2. The vessel should have obtained a bill of health at Kílakarai before taking clearance at that port, but she left Kílakarai on 16th July 1897, and the Customs Officer there did not get the orders of Government on the subject of bills of health until *after* that date from the Collector's office.

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 9th December 1897, No. 949/438 G.

In reply to Marine Department memorandum No. 721 E., dated 30th November 1897, I have the honour to state that only one clearance appears to be required by the Sea Customs Act, and that, as far as is known in this office, the issue of more than one at a single port is unusual.

2. The clearance is granted by the Customs Officer and not by the Port Officer, and should Government desire it, the different Collectors of maritime districts will be addressed on the subject.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), No. 114, dated 6th April 1898.

From the Collector of Madura, dated 25th March 1898, R.C. No. 132/B and G., submitting report on the unusual grant of two clearances at the port of Kílakarai by the Customs Officer called for in Board's Proceedings, No. 298 (Separate Revenue), dated 26th January 1898.

Resolution—No. 114, dated 6th April 1898.

Replying to G.O., Mis. No. 219, dated 15th January 1898, the Board begs to report that the *Mahood Meera Madam* took in cargo on the 16th July 1897 at Kílakarai part for Pámban and part for Jaffna, and was furnished with a coasting pass for the former and a port clearance, with memorandum of goods, shipped in respect of the latter.

2. As already reported by the Presidency Port Officer, the orders of Government on the subject of bills of health had not been received by the Assistant Superintendent, Kílakarai, on the date of departure of the vessel thence and the tindal, having already received a clearance for Jaffna from Kílakarai, did not apply for a second one at Pámban; hence the arrival of the vessel at Jaffna without a bill of health.

3. The mistake that has been made was the granting both of the customs pass for Pámban and the port clearance for Jaffna by the Assistant Superintendent of Sea Customs at Kílakarai. It is reported that this is in accordance with a custom which is obviously erroneous. The Collector of Madura has already issued instructions to Sea Customs Officers in his district in the matter, and copy of these Proceedings will be communicated to other Collectors of maritime districts with the request that they will issue instructions to a like effect.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. M. THURLEY,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

Mis. No. 1805, Revenue.

Transferred to the Marine Department, with the remark that the instructions issued by the Board of Revenue appear to be sufficient.

(By order.)

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

25th April 1898.

Order—No. 350, Marine, dated 7th May 1898.

Recorded, with the remark that the instructions issued by the Board of Revenue are accepted as sufficient.

2. The Ceylon Government will be addressed.

[Here enter No. 351, Marine, dated 7th May 1898.]

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. C. M. Thumbuswamy.

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Marine **DEPARTMENT.**

Bill of Health

Papers to be read in proceedings :—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. 1089 of 1897, dated 7th Aug. 1897, from the Colonial Secretary Colombo.

" " 1495 " 1897, " 24th Nov. 1897, " the Presy. Port Offr.

" " 1591 " 1897, " 11th Dec. 1897 " the Presy. Port Offr.

" " 537 " 1898, " 2nd May 1898, from the Revenue Deptt.

The Hon Sir Henry Bliss K.C.I.E.

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ORDER. No. 350 Mar Dy 7th May '98

Recorded with the remark that the instructions issued by the Board of Revenue are accepted as sufficient.

2. The Ceylon Government will be addressed.

To

The Presidency Port Officer.

" Revenue Department.

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No. 351 Mar Dy 7th May '98

To

The Honourable the

Colonial Secretary,

Colombo.

Sir,

I am now directed to reply to your letter dated 2nd August 1897 in which you bring to notice that the vessel "Mahood Meera Madam" arrived at Jaffna from Pamban on the 19th July without a bill of health. His Excellency the Governor in

Council

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Council has caused inquiry to be made into the circumstances and has ascertained that it is due to an error in procedure, instructions to rectify which have since been issued by the Board of Revenue. It is not therefore probable that the error will be repeated.

I have &c,

R.S.

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Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 537

Order

From The Revenue Department

Endt. No. 1805 Mis

Dated 25 April 1898
Received 2 May 1898
Enclosures 5
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SUBJECT.

Transferring Proceedings of the Board of Revenue reporting the facts of the case in which a vessel was allowed to leave Kilakarai with 2 clearances & stating that the attention of the collectors of Maritime Dts has been called to the matter so that there may be no repetition of the error.

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BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.
749 E of	14.12-97
721 E of	30-11-97
519 E of	13-8-97
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~~934 of~~	~~15-11-97~~
~~881-2 of~~	~~27.10-97~~
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~~327 of~~	~~3-4-97~~

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 2829

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From The Secretary to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari, and Separate Revenue, Madras.

Press **No.** 114.

Dated 6th April, 1898.

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~~**Order**~~ Endorsement thereon Mis No. 1805 d/25.4.98.

Transferred to the Marine Department with the remark that the instructions issued by the Board of Revenue appear to be sufficient.

(By order)

N. E. Marjoribanks

Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

To,

The Marine Department.

SUBJECT.

Reporting to Government the facts of the case in which certain vessels was allowed to leave the port of Keelakarai with two clearances as a consequence of which it arrived at Jaffna without a bill of health and calling the attention of the Collector of Sea Customs to the facts of the case so that there may be no repetition of the error committed

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BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

MEMORANDUM.

Dated Madras, 14th December 1897.

Letter from the Hon'ble the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, dated 2nd August 1897.

— do — the Presidency Port Officer, No. 949/409 G. d/ 22d Novr '97

— do — — do — No. 949/438 G. d/ 9th Decr '97.

Referred to the Revenue Department.

It will be seen that the evasion of the Rules under the Epidemic Diseases Act was, in this case, due to the grant by the Sea Customs Officer of two clearances at the port of Keelakarai. This procedure would seem to be unusual, and is unsafe under existing conditions of Epidemic Disease. It should it is thought be prohibited.

Ag. Secretary

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To
The Revenue Department.

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Roc. No. 132/B&G 98

Dated 25 - 3 - 98

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue),

Dated 6th April 1898.

Rev No. 114

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Read letter from the Collector of Madura Roc.No.132/B & G of 1898, dated 25th March 1898, submitting report on the unusual grant of two clearances at the port of Keelakarai by the Customs officer called for in Board's Proceedings No.293 (Separate Revenue), dated 26th January 1898.

Resolution.

Replying to Government Order Mis.No.219, dated 15th January 1898, the Board begs to report that the "~~Mohamed~~ Mahood Mera Madam" took in cargo on the 16th July 1897 at Keelakarai part for Pamban and part for Jaffna and was furnished with a coasting pass for the former and a port clearance with Memorandum of goods shipped in respect of the latter.

2. As already reported by the Presidency Port Officer, the orders of Government on the subject of bills of health had not been received by the Assistant Superintendent, Keelakarai, on the date of departure of the vessel thence and the

tindal ,having already received a clearance for Jaffna from Keelakarai ,did not apply for a second one at Pamban. Hence-- the arrival of the vessel at Jaffna without a bill of health.

3. The mistake that has been made was the granting both of the Customs pass for Pamban and the port clearance for Jaffna by the Assistant Superintendent of Sea Customs at Keelakarai. It is reported that this is in accordance with a custom which is obviously erroneous. The Collector of Madura has already issued -- instructions to Sea Customs officers in his district in the matter and a copy of these Proceedings will be communicated to other Collectors of Maritime Districts with the request that they will -- issue instructions to a like effect.

(True extract)

Ag. Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with enclosures returned.

Copy to the Collectors of Maritime Districts.

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Marine (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. ~~1591~~
537/98

Order

From

The Presidency Port Officer,
Madras

No. 949/438 G

Dated 9 December 1897

Received } 11. 12. 97
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SUBJECT.

Stating that the issue of more than one Port Clearance at a single port is unusual.

BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.
721 E	30.11.97
519 E	13.8.97

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

No. 949/4389

Heading

Presidency Port Office,

Madras, 9th December, 1897.

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From

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

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
CHEPAK.

Sir,

In reply to Marine Department, Memorandum, No. 721 E, dated 30th November 1897, I have the honour to state that only one clearance appears to be required by the Sea Customs Act, and that as far as is known in this office the issue of more than one at a single port is unusual.

2. The Clearance is granted by the Customs Officer and not by the Port Officer, and should Government desire it, the different Collectors of Maritime Districts will be addressed on the subject.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

H. S. Bamsley
for Presidency Port Officer.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT
Reference No. 3
Current No. 10824

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Marine (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 1495
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Order

From

The Presidency Port Officer, Madras

No. 949/409 G

Dated 22d November 1897
Received } 24-11-97
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SUBJECT.

Reporting the circumstances that lead the native Vessel "Mahood Meera Madam" to leave Pamban without a Bill of Health.

BACK PAPERS.

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934-35 mar	15-11-97
882-83 mar	27.10.97
579 E	13.8.97
344 mar	8-4-97
327 mar	3.4.97

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

CHIEF SECRETARY
-6 AUG. 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo 2 August, 1897.

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you for the information of the Madras Government, that it has been brought to the notice of this Government by its Medical Officer in the Northern Province that a Native Vessel the "Mahood Meera Madam" arrived at Jaffna on the morning of the 19th July without a Bill of Health. It is reported that the Vessel left Keelakari on the 16th, and touched at and communicated with Paumben on the 17th but was allowed to leave that place on the 18th without a Bill of Health.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

for Colonial Secretary.

The Hon'ble,
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George,
Madras.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT
Endorsement No.
Current No.

No. 949/409 G

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PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,
Madras, 22nd November 1897.

From

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

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Chepak.

SIR,

In reply to Marine Department Endorsement No. 519 E, dated 13th August 1897 (enclosure herewith returned) I have the honor to state that from enquiries instituted it appears that the native boat "Mahood meera madam" left Keelakarai on the 16th July 1897 with two clearances, one for Jaffna and the other for Pamban as there was cargo on board for both these ports. The boat first went to Pamban and discharged the cargo for that port; but on leaving Pamban the Tindal did not take out a clearance from there for Jaffna as he was under the impression

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2. The vessel should have obtained a Bill of Health at Keelakarai before taking clearance at that port, but she left Keelakarai on 16th July 1897 and the Customs officer there did not get the orders of Government† on the subject of Bills of Health until after that date from the Collector's Office.

† G.O. 549 Marine d/17 June 97 (copy put up)

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obdt. servant,

H A Street
Commander, R.I.M.
Depy. Port Officer

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