

Marine (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 519-20 Mar

DATED 17 June 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Vessels from Bombay: Ordering that arrangements have been made by the Bombay Govt to prevent delay in the sailing of salt laden vessels from Karanji, after receipt of Port Clearance, & for the issue of list of passengers & crew on board such vessels, & ordering that the Bombay Govt be addressed in regard to amending, at each port of call, the bills of health granted to steamers leaving Bombay for Mangalore.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

W. B. DEWINTON, Esq.,

*Secretary to the Government of Madras,**Marine Department,*

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY,

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 3265, dated 14th May 1898, and to express the thanks of His Excellency the Governor in Council for the arrangements which have been made to prevent delay in the sailing of salt-laden vessels from Karanja after receipt of port clearance, and for the issue of lists of passengers and crew on board such vessels.

2. As regards the bill of health granted at Bombay to Messrs. Shepherd & Co.'s weekly steamers, I am to point out that, as these steamers touch at various coast ports of the Bombay Presidency where they embark and disembark passengers before arrival at Mangalore, there can be no actual agreement between the passengers brought to this port and those entered in the bill of health. It is observed that the Commissioner of Customs of Bombay is of opinion that as the coast ports at which the steamers touch on their voyage are all uninfected and the public health of Bombay has improved, no further precautions are needed. His Excellency the Governor in Council considers, however, that so long as the number of passengers sailing from Bombay cannot be compared with the arrivals at Mangalore, the bill of health will not afford that protection for which it is designed. I am accordingly to suggest for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council of Bombay whether arrangements cannot be made to have the bills of health of these coasting steamers amended at each port of call, should plague continue when the West Coast ports of this Presidency re-open after the south-west monsoon.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. B. DEWINTON,
Secretary to Government.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Revenue Department, dated 14th May 1898, No. 3265.

From the Acting Commissioner of Customs, Salt, Opium and Abkari, Bombay, dated 19th April 1898, No. 1845.

ORDER—No. 519, Marine, dated 17th June 1898.

In the letters quoted in the margin the Presidency Port Officer brought to notice that there was a difficulty in ascertaining the number of passengers and crew on the steamers of Messrs. Shepherd & Co. trading between Bombay and Mangalore *via* Bombay coast ports, and with his letter, No. 777, dated 7th March 1898, the Resident in Travancore and Cochin forwarded a representation from the Travancore Government to the effect that salt-laden vessels from Karanja to Travancore ports delayed sailing after obtaining port clearance, and that they brought no list of passengers and crew.

2. These representations were laid before the Government of Bombay, who now reply that, as regards Shepherd & Co.'s steamers, the numbers of passengers and crew are entered in the bill of health which is handed to the Commander, together with the port clearance, just as the vessel is on the point of departure. These vessels, however, touch at various coast ports of the Bombay Presidency where they embark and disembark passengers before arrival at Mangalore. There can thus be no actual agreement between the passengers brought to Mangalore and those entered in the bill of health obtained at Bombay, though there should not ordinarily be any alteration as regards the crew.

3. The Commissioner of Customs of Bombay is of opinion that as the coast ports at which the steamers touch on their voyage are all uninfected, and the public health of Bombay has improved, no further precautions are needed. His Excellency the Governor in Council, however, observes that so long as the number of passengers sailing from Bombay cannot be compared with the arrivals at Mangalore, the bill of health will not afford that protection for which it is designed. It will accordingly be suggested to the Government of Bombay that, should plague continue when the West Coast ports of this Presidency re-open after the south-west monsoon, arrangements be made to have the bills of health amended at each port of call.

4. As regards the salt-laden vessels to Travancore, it is stated that instructions have been given to the Customs officers to prevent delay in sailing after the issue of port clearances, and to give a list of passengers and crew.

[Here enter No. 520, Marine, dated 17th June 1898.]

(True Extract.)

(Signed) . W. B. DEWINTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.

„ Collector, South Canara.
„ Political Department.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Local and Municipal Department.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

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Again G.O., dated

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of 189 8, dated 16th May 1898, from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Revenue Department.

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No. 498/120d/10th Jan. 1898.
No. 498/102 G, d/11th Mar. 1898.

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(H.E. No. 520 Mac. d/17 June '98)

To

The Secretary to the
Government of Bombay.

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Revenue Department

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observed that the Commissioner of Customs of Bombay is of opinion that as the coast ports at which the steamers touch on their voyage are all uninfected and the public health of Bombay has improved, no further precautions are needed. His Excellency the Governor in Council ^{considers} ~~is~~ however, ~~I am to say,~~ inclined to think that so long as the number of passengers sailing from Bombay cannot be compared with the arrivals at Mangalore the bill of health will not afford that protection for which it is designed. I am accordingly to suggest for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council of Bombay whether arrangements cannot be made to have the bills of health of these coasting steamers amended at each port of call, should plague continue when the west coast ports of this Presidency reopen after the S.W. monsoon.

I have etc.,

W. B. S.
10.6.98

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Marine DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 656 of 1898.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Particulars of passengers etc. on port clearances of vessels from ^{Coast} Bombay ports.

FOR ORDERS.

* No. 498/12 G d/10th Jan. '98
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No. 498/102 G d/11th March '98
Flag L.

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* Letter No. 224 Marine d/
25th March 1898 - Flag B.
- Do - 226 Marine - do Flag L.

In the letters quoted in the margin, the Presidency Port Officer complained that there was a difficulty in ascertaining the number of passengers and crew on the steamers of Messrs. Shepherd & Co. trading -- between Bombay and Mangalore via Bombay coast ports.

The Travancore Government also ^{separately} pointed out that salt laden vessels from Karanja delayed sailing after issue of port clearance, and that -- they brought no list of passengers and crew.

These complaints were laid before the Government of Bombay ^{who now reply} that as regards Shepherd & Co's steamers the number of passengers and crew are entered in the bill of health -- which is handed to the Commander together with the port clearance just as the vessel is on the point of departure. These vessels, however, touch at various coast ports of the Bombay

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Bombay Presidency where they embark and disembark passengers before arrival at Mangalore.-- There can thus be no actual agreement between the number of passengers brought to Mangalore and ~~that~~ entered in the bill of health obtained at Bombay, *but there should be no alteration in the number of the crew.*

Orders are solicited as to whether the arrangements made by the Bombay authorities in regard to these half weekly steamers may be accepted as sufficient. The Commissioner of Customs in his letter No. 1845 dated 19th April 1898 thinks that nothing more is needed as the coast ports at which the steamers touch on their voyage are all uninfected places, and the public health of Bombay has improved, *but on my*

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Reference is also made in para 2 of the letter of the Commissioner of

That is, if plague continues then the port is open to the sea.

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as the number of passengers sailing from Bombay for Mangalore cannot be compared with the arrivals the bill of health will afford Mangalore no protection. It must either be amended at each port of call or the risk accepted. I think Bombay must be asked if the former is not feasible.

Yes

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No. 968 Marine d/30th Nov. 1897.
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of Customs to the case of the --- native craft in respect to which the Bombay Government ^{was} addressed in the letter quoted in the margin. It is stated that as regards these vessels, the names, sex and age of passengers and crew are now invariably given in a list accompanying the port clearance.

RS.

L. B. S.
7.6.98

Marine (189 8) Department.

CURRENT No. 656

Order

From

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Bombay
Revenue Department

No. 3265

Dated 14th May 1898.

Received 18-5-98

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SUBJECT.

Vessels leaving Bombay for Mangalore
Forwarding copy of a letter from the
Commissioner of Customs stating
that ~~the~~ the passengers and
crew of all — are care fully
examined by the Health Officer and
full details as to their numbers
are invariably furnished in
the manifest on port clearance.

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

Bombay, 19th April 1898.

ing the Port Clearance. These vessels also obtain Bills of Health from the Port Health Officer.

3. With reference to the complaint about salt laden vessels from Karanja instructions have been issued to the Customs Officers to prevent delay in sailing after issue of port clearances and to give a list of passengers and crew as desired by the Madras Government.

Sd./ J. M. Campbell.
Acting Commissioner of Customs,
Salt, Opium and Abkari.

True Copy

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Superintendent,

Revenue Department.

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No. 3265 of 1898.

Revenue Department.

Bombay Castle, 14 May 1898.

From

The Honourable Mr. J. Monteth,
C. S. I., I. C. S.,

Chief Secretary to the
Government of Bombay,

To

The Secretary to the Government of
Madras,

Marine Department.

Sir,

With reference to your letters specified in the margin I am directed to forward for the information of the Government of Madras copy of a memorandum from the Commissioner of Customs Salt, Opium and Abkari No. 1845, dated 19th April 1898, from which it will be seen that the passengers and crew of all vessels leaving Bombay for Mangalore are carefully examined by the Health Officer of the Port and full details as to their number are invariably furnished in the manifests or port clearances. I am to add that the requisite instructions have been issued to the Customs officers concerned to prevent any delay arising in the sailing of vessels laden with salt from Karanja.

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

Monteth
Chief Secretary to Government.

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No. 224, dated 26th March 1898,
No. 226, dated 25th March 1898.

