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Telegraphic Ships Act X10 of 1895. - From: Public
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& a notification issued by it, regarding the
interpretation of certain of the rules under the
— & directing the republication of the notification
in the Madras Gazette, communicated to
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Communicating to the Marine Department, the District Magistrates of Maritime Districts, the Protector of Emigrants, and the Surgeon-General letter from the Government of India forwarding copy of certain correspondence, and a notification issued by it, regarding the interpretation of certain of the rules under the —, and directing the re-publication of the notification in the *Port St. George Gazette*.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From N. BONHAM-CARTER, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Sanitary), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 16th June 1898, No. 1473.

I am directed to forward, for the information of the Governor in Council, a copy of the correspondence with the Government of Bengal noted in the margin regarding the interpretation of certain of the rules under the Pilgrim Ships Act XIV of 1895.

ENCLOSURES.

From T. H. CLOWES, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Marine Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Calcutta, the 14th March 1898, No. 549.

I am directed to submit, for the information of the Government of India, the enclosed copy of a letter (No. 969), dated the 28th ultimo, from the Port Officer, Calcutta, submitting, with his remarks, a letter from the Engineer and Shipwright Surveyor to this Government, asking for instructions in connection with certain rules made under the Pilgrim Ships Act, 1895, and to request that this Government may be informed whether the Port Officer's interpretation of the rules in question may be accepted as correct.

From the Port Officer of Calcutta, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Marine Department, dated the 28th February 1898, No. 969.

I have the honour to submit a letter in original from the Engineer and Shipwright Surveyor to the Government with the following remarks:—

(1) Rule 37, page 38. Appendix F of the "General Instructions for Pilgrims to the Hedjaz" gives the minimum quantity of water for a pilgrim ship's condenser to distil.

(2) Rule 50 appears clear, viz., 12 superficial feet is allowed in deck cabins provided six superficial feet on deck for each pilgrim's airing space is allowed to each pilgrim. Considerable difficulty is made by the ship owners engaged in the Pilgrim Trade, who do not appear at all inclined to charter their ships under the new rules for pilgrim ships, therefore I do not think that the rules should be interpreted to their disadvantage, and hence I am of opinion that deck cabins should not be construed to mean tween decks.

Rule 53. 288 cubic feet appears to be a clerical error, it should be $48 \times 6 = 288$ cubic feet for women's hospital. The Engineer and Shipwright Surveyor's action on this point may be approved, as I directed him not to be too strict in surveying pilgrim ships according to the new rules until they are brought into working order, understanding that Government wish to encourage ships to come forward just now. The 72 superficial feet in this rule should be altered to 48 superficial feet as suggested by the Engineer and Shipwright Surveyor.

From the Engineer and Shipwright Surveyor, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Marine Department, dated the 14th February 1898, No. 313.

Having recently surveyed the steamer *Jubeda* with respect to her being granted an "A" certificate under Act XIV of 1895 to enable her to carry pilgrims from Chittagong, I have the honour to report my action regarding the following items of the rules under the Act, and to request instructions regarding the same for future guidance.

(2) Clause 37 of the rules not being clear as to whether the condenser should give an extra 500 gallons in the 24 hours in addition to the minimum one gallon for each person on board required by clause 36, I interpreted the meaning to be that the condenser should be able to supply one gallon of drinking water a day for each person on board with a minimum of 500 gallons in the 24 hours, and acted accordingly. The *Jubeda* is certified for 792 pilgrims and has a crew of 100, total persons would be 892, the condenser on test gave drinking water at the rate of 1,106 gallons a day.

(3) Clause 50 not being clear as to the number of pilgrims each reserved cabin on the upper deck of the superficial feet is to accommodate or whether such pilgrims are to be carried in addition to those in the between-decks, I treated the deck cabins on the *Jubeda* (of which she has a lot) as between-decks and allowed her pilgrims there at the rate of 16 superficial feet each in addition to those carried in the between-decks when contained in houses on the upper deck and that the 12-foot rule has been superseded by the 16-foot rule contained in Notification No. 2145, dated 17th September 1897.

(4) Clause 53 (1) requires that a pilgrim ship with 50 or more female pilgrims should have a separate permanent hospital of at least 72 superficial feet and 288 cubic feet; the *Jubeda* has such an hospital of only 57 superficial feet and 399 cubic feet fitted with two bunks, this I accepted as in Order, my reason being that 72-foot hospital is not in the same proportion as the other of 144 feet, and with a cubic capacity of 288 feet allows for a height between-decks of only 4 feet whereas one of 48 superficial feet is in proportion to the other and allows for a height between decks of 6 feet.

(5) Referring to my report on the pilgrims ship *Sultan*, dated 22nd January 1897, I may state that the *Jubeda* has boat accommodation in accordance with the rules.

From J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Sanitary), to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Marine Department, dated Simla, the 10th June 1898, No. 1418.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 549, dated the 14th March 1898, forwarding copies of letters from the Port Officer, Calcutta, and the Engineer and Shipwright Surveyor to the Government of Bengal, regarding the interpretation of certain of the rules under the Pilgrim Ships Act XIV of 1895.

2. The Engineer and Shipwright Surveyor points out that, during his survey of the S.S. *Jubeda* for the purpose of granting her an "A" certificate under section 11 of the Pilgrim Ships Act, he was in doubt as to the meaning of rules 37, 50 and 53 (1) of the rules under the Act, and requests, for the reasons stated by him, that instructions in regard to these rules may be issued for his future guidance.

3. In reply, I am to state that the correct interpretation of these rules is as follows:—

Rule 37.—This rule directs that 500 gallons of water shall be the minimum quantity which a ship's condenser shall be able to distil in 24 hours, even though the number of persons on board including the crew is less than 500, but the 500 gallons are not in addition to the one gallon for each person on board.

Rule 50.—The cabin accommodation to be reserved on the upper-deck under this rule must have not less than 12 superficial feet and 72 cubic feet of space for each pilgrim. Pilgrims carried in such cabins are in addition to those in the between decks.

Rule 53 (1).—The hospital accommodation to be provided under this rule for female pilgrims should contain a deck-area of at least 72 superficial and 432 cubic feet of space.

4. With regard to the rule last mentioned, I am to explain that the cubic space of 288 feet referred to in this rule is a mistake, and that the necessary steps* will be taken to have it altered to 432 feet which will allow of a height of 6 feet.

*Vide Home Department Notification No. 1417, dated 10th June 1898 (copy attached).

Notification of the Government of India, Home Department (Sanitary), dated Simla, the 10th June 1898, No. 1417.

The following draft of a notification which it is proposed to issue in exercise of the powers conferred by section 58 of the Pilgrim Ships Act, 1895 (XIV of 1895), is published for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby, and notice is hereby given that the said draft will be taken into consideration by the Governor-General in Council on or after the 10th July 1898.

2. Any objection or suggestion which may be received from any person with respect to the draft before the date aforesaid will be considered by the Governor-General in Council.

No. 859, PUBLIC, 7TH JULY 1898.

DRAFT NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 58 of the Pilgrim Ships Act, 1895 (XIV of 1895), the Governor-General in Council is pleased to direct that the following amendment shall be made in the rules published in the Notification of the Government of India in the Home Department, No. 262, dated the 5th October 1896:—

In rule 53 (1) the figure 432 shall be substituted for the figure 288.

(Signed) J. P. HEWETT,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER—No. 859, Public, dated 7th July 1898.

Communicated to the Marine Department, District Magistrates of Maritime Districts, the Protector of Emigrants, and the Surgeon-General.

2. The notification of the Government of India will be re-published in the *Port St. George Gazette*.

(True Extract.)

A. K. M. S.
for Chief Secretary.

To the Marine Department. ✓
" District Magistrates of Maritime Districts.
" Protector of Emigrants.
" Surgeon-General.
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