

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

I am directed to bring to notice that under orders of Government in the Marine Department it is necessary, in

in certain cases, to send telegraphic intimation to foreign ports in regard to the exhibition of lights on the coasts of this Presidency. Early intimation is frequently of great importance, and it is desirable, therefore, that the Presidency Port officer should be authorised to issue these telegraphic intimations. He is not, however, included in the list of officials authorised to send Foreign state telegrams, and on a recent occasion he was compelled to pay for such telegrams as for private messages. To avoid this inconvenience in future, I am to request that the Government of India may be moved to add the Presidency Port officer, Madras, to the list of officials shown under Section XXII of the Indian Telegraph Guide, and that he be authorised to send Foreign state telegrams ^{to places} out of India to which it ~~is~~ may be necessary to intimate changes

Australia, New Zealand

1 Straits Settlements, China,

in the exhibition of lights.

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Ceylon, Aden, Persian Gulf
Ports, Red Sea Ports,
Port Land.

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If places are
specified it will be
necessary to add also
Australia and New
Zealand.

H.S.
1 Sep 98

I have done so. Places
are apparently missing
mentioned in the
Schedule

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1.9.98

Marine (1898) Department.

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From

The Presidency Port Officer,
Madras

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SUBJECT.

Suggesting that the Govt.
of India be moved to
include the Presidency
Port Officer in the List
of officers entitled
to send Foreign state
telegrams.

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Madras, 22nd August 1898.

Commander W. Aves, R. I. N.,
Ag. Presidency Port Officer,
Madras,

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
CHEPAK.

Referring to your telegram of the 19th Instant directing me to wire myself to the Authorities at Port Said, Aden and Pondicherry regarding the Armeighon Light, I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that on the telegrams for Port Said and Aden being tendered for transmission classed as state, the Telegraph Department pointed out that the only British Government Officials in India who are allowed to send Foreign state telegrams are those whose names appear in the List specially sanctioned by the Government of India and that the Presidency Post Officer does not appear in that list. The telegrams in question had therefore

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therefore to be sent classed as Private.

2. As the Accountant General will object to recoup the cost of the telegrams (which was met from the Permanent Advance of this office) owing to their being classed Private, I beg that that Officer may be authorized to waive such objection; and, to meet future cases, I would suggest, that the Government of India be moved to include the Presidency Port Officer in the List of Officers entitled to send Foreign state telegrams, it being important that telegrams such as those under reference should be despatched without delay.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Waves.

Commander, R. S. M.,
Ag. Presidency Port Officer.

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