

Marine (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 790 Marine

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Enclosures

Letter to the Colonial Secy, ^{Enclosing the summary of the Indian} Colombo ^{and the} ^{despatch}
the form of an early reply to the telegram directing
information as to the precautions taken against
vessels entering the Colombo Harbour with — on board.

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urgent
Explosives (Rules)
 13th September 1898
 Marine Department.

To
 The Honourable
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Colombo.

Sir,

In continuation of your my
 telegram of the 8th instant, re-
 produced in the margin, I am di-
 rected to state that explosives in
 India are divided into the follow-
 ing 7 classes.

- Class 1.... Gunpowder.
- .. 2.... Nitrate-Mixture.
- .. 3.... Nitro-Compound.
- .. 4.... Chlorate-Mixture.
- .. 5.... Fulminate.
- .. 6.... Ammunition.
- .. 7.... Firework.

and that in accordance with rules
 issued under the Indian Explosives
 Act, vessels having on board ex-
 plosives of classes 2 to 5 are
 absolutely excluded from the --
 Madras Harbour, while the landing
 of gunpowder inside the harbour
 is restricted to consignments not
 exceeding 560 lbs in weight.

2. It has been brought to notice
 that this exclusion of explosives
 from the Madras Harbour is both
 unnecessary and inconvenient, and
 that

*What precautions are taken
 against vessels entering Co-
 lombo harbour with explosives
 on board, first when magazine
 is opened in harbour, secondly
 when it is kept closed."

that vessels carrying them are, under proper precautions, permitted to enter the several ports en route, such as Naples, Malta, Aden, Colombo and Tuticorin, and that no exceptional rules are enforced during their passage through the Suez canal.

3. My telegram of the 8th instant was intended to elicit information as to the precautions, if any, taken inside the harbour of Colombo. I am now to request the favour of an early reply.

I have etc.,

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