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G.O., No. 106 Marine

✓ DATED 3rd February '99

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G.O., No. 106, 3rd February 1899.

FEBRUARY.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT.

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Under these circumstances I have the honour to enquire how the value is to be adjusted.

Unofficial note from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, dated 2nd December 1898, No. 434 G.

From information furnished by the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, it would appear that the apparatus in question is the property of the Ordnance Department; that the Trustees did not consent to purchase the apparatus, nor were they ever asked to do so; and that in February last the Examiner, Ordnance Accounts, was informed that it was not required by the Trust and could be removed at any time.

ORDER—No. 106, Marine, dated 3rd February 1899.

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(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.

„ Accountant-General, through the Financial Department.

„ Inspector-General of Ordnance.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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(The Financial Dept
for favour of counterinitials)

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which the Ordnance Depart-
ment will be at liberty to
utilise them otherwise.

RS.

L. H. C.

16.1.98

R. S. C.

The Presidency Port Officer
" Accountant General
thru the Financial Dept.
" Inspector General of Ordnance.

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Adjustment of cost of a life
saving apparatus issued by
the Ordnance Dept. to the Dy. Com-
mander of the Port of Madras

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FOR ORDERS.

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Letter from the Inspector General
of Ordnance No. 94278/10-9-94

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P. W. 43
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Under the Cyclone Code it is
provided among other things that
the Port Department shall have at
Command Life Saving apparatus to
be used when necessary.
2. It was ascertained in 1894
that there were 3 complete sets of
rocket apparatus maintained as a
reserve by the Ordnance Department
and 3 other sets kept by the Royal
Artillery in Fort St. George. The
Inspector General of Ordnance ---
X assumed that under the new scheme,
which threw the responsibility for
maintaining life saving apparatus
on the Port Department, the sets
kept in stock by the Military autho-
rities would become "redundant". He
however asked for a distinct assu-
rance that his assumption was --
correct. The matter was referred
to the Presidency Port Officer who
in reply stated, that the Ordnance
Department

Department "might keep in store the six sets of the rocket apparatus and from time to time make them over to the Deputy Port Conservator as required, as the last named officer has no storage space for so many sets".

3. The Order of Government on the Presidency Port Officer's letter last referred to did not, unfortunately, notice the point as to ownership of the rocket apparatus.

4. The Inspector General of Ordnance seems to have felt the defect and again approached Government on 24th May 1895 on the subject. He enquired whether "the six sets of rocket apparatus referred to are to be maintained as a reserve by the Ordnance Department or merely stored in the Madras Arsenal ^{for the Deputy Port Conservator} until such time as they can be taken by the port." He was requested in reply to store the six sets in the arsenal "for use by the Deputy Conservator of the port when required". On the 31st July 1895 the matter was again brought before -- Government when the Lt. General Commanding the Forces enquired whether there was any objection to the Port authorities at Madras being absolutely in charge of ^{the} rocket apparatus and

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P.P.O's letter communicated
with G.O. 258 Mar 8 22 August 1895

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and thus relieve the Military "from all responsibility connected therewith". He was told in reply "that the Military Department need not accept any responsibility in connection with the six sets of rocket apparatus now in their charge beyond keeping them in store in the arsenal and issuing them when demanded by the Deputy Conservator as the Port Department has no store accommodation."

5. The Inspector General of -- Ordnance ^{in his letter of 22 August 1895} now reports that he has issued to the Harbour Trust Board one set of life saving apparatus and that the Board, on being called on to pay for the stores, have -- declined to do so on the following grounds:-

- (1) That the Trustees never consented to purchase the set
 - (2) That it is not now required.
- It is submitted that the resume of the previous correspondence, given above, shows clearly that the Port, and not the Ordnance Department are the owners of the rocket apparatus. It is not clear why the -- Ordnance Department did not call for payment in 1895, when they first undertook the storage of the apparatus. But this circumstance should

Can not be held to vitiate their present claim

claim to payment for the 1 set actually issued at the request of the Presidency Port Officer.

6. It is doubtful whether the whole six sets are actually required for Port purposes. But one set certainly is under the Cyclone Code; and the ~~Conservator~~ ^{Port} ~~Conservator~~ should it is thought, be directed to make ~~business~~ arrangements for storing it, and to at once pay the Military authorities the cost of the articles.

W. B. B.
W. B. B.
M. 14-12-98

x 75 the Harbour Trust Board.

Yes, this should be done.
A.H.
13.1.99

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In the original draft I wrote "the Presidency Port officer should be directed" to. It would be now correct to say ~~that~~ "the Port Conservator" i.e. the Harbour Trust Board.

As "Port Conservator" the H.T. Board is entirely subordinate to Govt. and deals with Port funds which are also under the control of Govt. There is thus no doubt of the power of the Govt. to issue the proposed order.

L. B.
14 Dec 98

See *W. B. B.*
14-12-98

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This is evident that
Port Funds of some
kind must pay for
this 1 set, it can
be free the H. W.
to pay?

W. B.

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Finl Dept

Note to the C.S.

The six sets of life saving apparatus have been kept in store by the Military Dept and it is only on issue, like other stores, that payment is demanded. The decision to defray the cost of the set supplied to the Harbour Trust Board, i.e. the Port Conservator from Port Funds is in order and there is no objection to the draft below being counter-initialled.

For
26/1/99

Cust.
26/1/99

But ^{apparently} only for the convenience of the Marine authorities, with no articles to be issued on ^{indent} requisition as other stores are.

Cust.

Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 1520

From
The Presy. Post Office
Madras

No. 434 Cy

Dated 2-12-98

Received 36-12-98

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SUBJECT

Life Saving Apparatus

Saying that the — is
the property of the
Admiralty Department
& that the Trustees of the
Madras Harbour did
not consent to purchase
the same.

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Marine (1898) Department.

No. 564 E. of 3 Nov: '98.

CURRENT No. 1353

To The Presidency Post Office
Order (unofficially)

For favour of remarks

Please state whether

the Apparatus is the property of the Port, or of the Ordnance. Def^d. It would

appear from the previous
correspondence that
all that the Ordnance

Dept. was expected to do
was to store the Apparatus
on behalf of the Port Dept.
as the latter had no
suitable storage room.

If this be so, it is not understood why the apparatus has not been already paid for by the Pub. Dept.

C.S.

A. C. Russell

Under Secretary to Govt.

N. 434 Ep.

From information
furnished

From

The Inspector General,
of Ordnance,
Madras Comd.,
OOTACAMUND

No. 11620-A.

Dated 20th October, 1898.

Received 25 October '98

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SUBJECT.

Life saving apparatus - Enquires how the value of one set of _____ issued to the Harbour Trust Board & now not required by them is to be adjusted.

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169	Mar	11	6-9
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2^d Decr: 1898 } Presy. Port Officer

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ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

No. 11620-A.

FROM

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MADRAS COMMAND,

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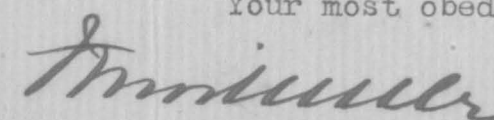
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Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Colonel, R.A.,

Inspector General of Ordnance, M.C.

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This is
the (G.O. letter
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