

Marine (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 108 Marine

DATED 3rd Feb 89

[Despatch Abstract.]

Cost of the Disinfecter purchased for the
Madras Harbour Ins^t B^d

Directing that the _____ be
deprayed from Port Funds, & stating that the
Madras Municipality may be allowed the use of the
Machine on payment of a reasonable rent or fee
to be fixed by the H. J. Board.

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G.O., No. 108, 3rd February 1899.

FEBRUARY.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department (through the Presidency Port Officer), dated Madras, 1st November 1898, No. 3413 A.

I have the honour to submit herewith for favour of payment from Port Funds, in accordance with G.O., No. 139, Marine, dated 22nd February 1898, a bill from Messrs. Oakes & Co. (Limited) for Rs. 4,473-11-0, being cost of one portable Washington Lyons steam disinfecter—£278-16-0 at current rate of exchange—plus landing charges and customs duty.

No. 385 G.

Forwarded for sanction observing that the amount sanctioned for the purchase of the disinfecter in G.O., No. 139, Marine, dated 22nd February 1898, was only Rs. 4,250, whereas the amount now charged on the above account is Rs. 4,473-11-0, the difference being due to landing charges, harbour dues and customs duty as specified in the bill of Messrs. Oakes & Co.

MADRAS,
4th November 1898.

(Signed) H. A. STREET, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer.

Un-official note from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, dated 30th Nov. 1898, No. 429 G.

ORDER—No. 108, Marine, dated 3rd February 1899.

It is observed that the disinfecter in question was obtained for use at the port of Madras for the disinfection of articles brought by sea. The cost, Rs. 4,474, will accordingly be defrayed from Port Funds. The Accountant-General will place the amount at the disposal of the Harbour Trust Board from the balance at the credit of the Port of Madras.

2. The Municipality may be allowed the use of the machine on payment of a reasonable rent, or fee, to be fixed by the Harbour Trust Board.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board,
with 1 bill in duplicate.
" Presidency Port Officer.
" Accountant-General, through the
Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

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Endorsement thereon by the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, No. 385 G., dated 4th November 1898.

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ORDER. No. 108. Madras 3.2.99.

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Harbour Trust Board.

The Chairman,
Harbour Trust Board,
with 1 bill in duplicate.
" Presidency Port Officer.
" Accountant-General
thru' the Financial Dept.

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1,000-14-11-98.

16.1.99

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Circulated to

His Excellency
the Governor.

FOR ORDERS.

Disinfectors

The papers read above relate to the incidence of charge for the disinfectors purchased for the --- Madras Harbour Trust Board. The -- cost of the disinfectors is Rs. 4,473-11-0 and the Harbour Trust Board profess their inability to meet the expenditure.

2. The circumstances under which this disinfectors was obtained are given in the notes attached to G.O. No. 139 Marine dated 22nd February 1898. It will be seen that, at the time, Calcutta was infected, and --- there was imminent risk of the -- introduction of the plague into this Presidency through the port of Madras. The Municipality were disinclined to go to the expense of a disinfectors, and it was thereupon decided, at the instance of the -- Government of India, that the Madras

Harbour

* Lag D + C

A similar risk may occur again.

A.H.
13.1.99

of the payment for the disinfecter.

CP.

M. 14.12.98

Harbour Trust Board should have a disinfecter of its own.

3. This has now been obtained through Messrs. Oakes & Co. at a cost of Rs. 4,473-11-0, and the Chairman of the Board reports that while it is more than probable that the disinfecter will never be used by the Port Health Department, the President Madras Municipality has already intimated his desire to have the use thereof. There thus seems no reason why the Municipality, which has evaded its own responsibility, should obtain the use of this disinfecter free of charge. It should either pay for the hire of the machine or purchase it outright. Meanwhile, Oakes & Co. must be paid and it is proposed, pending final settlement of the matter, to defray their charges from the balance of the Madras Port Fund which amounted to Rs. 81,245 on the 31st March last. This amount would, in ordinary course, have been handed over to the Harbour Trust Board, but was ~~reserved~~ ^{reserved} by Government for expenditure on lighthouses. If the Government of India sanction ^{for lighthouses} the grant applied for, the whole amount of the surplus balance will go to the Board. ~~If not, the balance~~ ^{will be pro tanto ~~deducted~~ in consequence} of

Reduced

The Port Trust should retain the disinfecter and pay for it, - charging the Municipality a reasonable rent or fee, whenever the Municipality use it.

AS4

13.1.99

Ex. No.

There is something
wrong with the last
sentence which I did
not notice until.

If the India Sanctions
the part, the whole
balance will be to
H.T.U. minus the
charge for the disinfectants.

If India does not sanction
the part, it is not
what we
decided what we
are to do to find
the money for light
which will not be paid
be all debited to
work funds, & the only
thing that seems worth
is to direct the H.T.U.
to pay, subject to

final adjustment
when the l. house
matter is settled

W.H.

14.12.98

M

Please see the pencil
revision which will
perhaps set the matter
right. The amount for
the disinfectors must,
in any case, come out
of the Theatre's Port Fund.

C.F.

14 Dec 98

W.H.

14.12.98

~~copy~~

C.F.

At Play C. for H.

Bliss in answer to

my suggestion that

Port Fund should share the

cost with the H.T.S.

say Port Fund

must pay Port Fund

any money does

he meanly then

that H.T.S. must pay

in Port Fund of

theatre's fund -

What is the balance

in the letter?

W.H.

12.12.98

M

When Sir A. Bliss said that
Port Fund must pay, he
evidently meant the surplus
balance of the Port of
theatre. As a rule, this is

Surplus is handed over
to the Harbour Trust Board,
and it thus follows that
in ordinary course the
Board should ^{from this surplus} ~~have~~ ^{be} liable
on account of the port. The
circumstances that in the
current year, the usual
practice was departed
from and the surplus
balance of Rs 90,102 ^{was} ~~was~~
by ^{for} ~~for~~ to meet lighthouse
expenditure does not
materially affect the position.
This lighthouse expendi-
ture is for the benefit of
the port of Madras, and
it should not be overlooked
that the contributions
of previous years have
helped to swell the existing
balance on the credit
of the Board, which on
the 31 March last
amounted to Rs 88,9958.

The draft note for orders
had this balance in
view, which can be drawn
upon, if the Board wish.

L.F.
13 Dec 98

* vide para 9 of 80243 Minutes,
d/31 Mar 98. I lay F.
Since reduced to Rs 81245-
vide para 7 of 80962 of 16 Nov 98.

C. M.

If we let the loan for
India, there will be no
need to take the
Port Fund balance of
Madras for light houses
interest but it ^{could} ~~could~~
be ^{lent} ~~lent~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{the} ~~the~~
B.T. & the ^{disin} ~~disin~~

sector paid ^{therefrom} ~~therefrom~~.
If the B.T. & need this
balance still the ^{large} ~~large~~
but certainly be
sustainable - as it is. I
don't think it is -
The Municipal ^{shall} ~~shall~~
certainly lay out
in it ^{we} ~~we~~.

L.L.S.
13.12.98

all
Please see proposed
amendment of draft
dated 10/11/98, ^{meanwhile} ~~meanwhile~~.

be paid. The Harbor Trust
pays in any case, as
the balance coming
to them with the profits
reduced.

R.S.

13 Dec 98

Approved - Letter here
it is written

W.S.

13-12-98

Cow

San drop below

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For ORDERS.

The papers read above relate to the incidence of charge for the disinfecter purchased for the Madras Harbour Trust Board. The cost of the disinfecter is Rs. 4473-11- and the Harbour Trust Board prefers their inability to meet the expenditure.

2. The circumstances under which this disinfecter was obtained are given in the notes attached to G.O. No. 139 Marine d/ 22 February '98. It will be seen that, at the time, Calcutta was infected, and there was imminent danger of the introduction of the plague into this Presidency through the port of Madras. The Municipality were disinclined to go the expense of a disinfecter and it was thereupon

decided

13-1-98 11/16-1-98

decided at the instance of the Government of India that the Madras Harbour Trust Board should have a

disinfector of its own.

3. There seems no reason why

the charge should not be met by the Harbour Trust Board. When the dis-

infector was purchased its necessity

was admitted, and the fact that the

plague has since disappeared from

Calcutta is no reason why the

Harbour Trust Board should now

attempt to repudiate its liability.

At the same time there seems no

reason why the Municipality, which

has evaded its own responsibility,

should obtain the use of this dis-

infector free of charge. It should

either pay for the hire of the

machine or purchase it outright.

4. The Harbour Trust Board

profess to be unable to find the

funds to meet the cost. This plea

should not be entertained. The

money can easily be found by the

Board if they wish to do so.

This has now been admitted through Messrs Baker & Co at a cost of Rs 475.11, & the Chairman of the Board reports that while it is more than probable that the disinfector will never be used by the Port Health Dept, the President Madras Municipality has already intimated his desire to have the use thereof.

Meanwhile, Oakes & Co request the Board to pay the charges from the balance of the Madras Port Fund which amounted to Rs 81245 on the 31 Mar. last. This amount would in ordinary course have been handed over to the Harbour Trust Board, but was reserved by Govt for expenditure on light houses. If the Govt of India sanction the Board's request applied for, the whole amount will go to the Board.

Final Report

Note in this case

As it was decided in G.O. No. 139 Marine, 22 Feb. 1898, that the cost of the disinfector should be met from the Madras Port funds and the proposed order upholds that decision there is no objection to its being counter-initialed.

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C.S. 14.12.98 1/16.1.99

12.12.98

Ly No 33 988
Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No.

1512-1399

No: 574 E. d/8 Nov: '98.

Order

To The Presidency Port
office (unofficially)

From

The Chairman,
Harbour Trust Board,
Madras.

Please send up a
reappropriation. State-
ment in the prescribed
form - vide No 932 Marine
d/7 November 1898.

No. 3413 A

Dated 1 Nov 1898

Despatched 23-12-98

Received 7-11-98

Enclosures one (in duplicate)

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A. L. Russell.
Under Secretary
to Government

SUBJECT.

A. L.

No 429 G

The Secretary to Government
Marine Department
(Unofficially)

Submits for favor of pay-
ment from Port funds a
bill from Messrs Oakes & Co
for Rs 4473-11-4 cost of one
portable washing in Lyons
steam disinfection -

It will be observed from the
accompanying copy of letter No
3872 A, dated 29 November 1898,
from the Chairman, Harbour
Trust Board, Madras, that he is
unable

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No 2272 A

Madras Harbour Trust

29 November 1898

From

J. H. Atkinson Esq. I.C.S.

Chairman, Harbour Trust

To

The Presiding Port Officer - Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 1407 dated 21 Instant and to inform you that the sum of Rs 44,3-11- cannot be met under any particular grant in the Budget Estimate for 1898-99, nor can any specific reappropriation of funds be effected for the purpose. The allotments in the Budget for 1898-99 will ^{all} be used up or approximately so, for the purposes for which they were originally intended. The Harbour Trust Board in its draft Budget provided Rs 38017/- as contribution to the Harbour Trust Board, being the balance of Port Funds available after providing all other allotments required. But in G.O. No ²⁴³ 238 Marine, dated 31st March 1898, it was stated that this contribution would not be made, as all balances under Port Funds are required for construction of light houses. Had this contribution remained as an item in the budget I would have suggested reappropriation from it for the cost of the Steam Disinfecter

7.11.14.12.98 11.16.1-98

2. I take the opportunity of asking that Government may be moved to reconsider its orders that the cost of this disinfectant be debited to Port Funds. At the time this order was issued Calcutta had been declared a plague infected port; and there seemed every probability that cases of plague would be imported here by sea. These fears have proved entirely groundless and it is more than probable that the Steam Disinfectant will never be used by the Port Health Department at all. On the other hand plague is being imported by rail, and the President, Madras Municipal Commission has already intimated his desire to have the use of the disinfectant. It is pointed out that there is no conceivable reason why Port Funds should be made to bear a charge that ought to fall on Municipal or Provincial Revenues.

I have

(25) J. H. Atkinson

Chairman, H. T. Board

(True copy)

[Signature]

Commander R. H.
Presidency Port Office

Harbour/Trust Office,
MADRAS, 1 Nov 1898.

No. 3413A

FROM

J. H. Atkinson Esqre & Co

CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,

MADRAS.

TO

W B de Winton Esqre

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Marine Department.

Through the Presidency Port Office - Madras

I have the honor to submit herewith for favor of payment from Port Funds, in accordance with S. O. No. 139 dated 22 Feb 1898 a bill from Messrs Baker & Co Ltd for Rs 4,473-11-2 being cost of one portable Washington Lyons Steam Disinfectant Rs 278-16-0 at current rate of exchange plus landing charges and Customs duty.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours most obedient servant

J. H. Atkinson

Chairman
H. T. Board

[Signature]

Forwarded

By No 202498
Mio

No 3854

Forwarded for sanction observing that the amount sanctioned for the purchase of the Disinfector in G.O. No 139 Marine, dated 22nd February 1898 was only Rs 4250, whereas the amount now charged on the above account is Rs 4473-11-0, the difference being due to landing charges, harbour dues and Customs duty as specified in the bill of Invoice Cakes and Co.

[Signature]

Commander R. S. M.
Presidency Port Officer

Presidency Port Office
Madras 4th November 1898.

[Signature]

Unable to suggest any re-appropriation of funds, for the expenditure in question as all the sanctioned Budget Grants will be used up or approximately so, for the purposes for which they were originally intended, and that under the circumstances stated by him, he is of opinion that the cost of the Steam Disinfector, should be paid for, by Municipal or Provincial funds and not by Madras Port Funds. In this opinion I concur.

[Signature]

Commander R. S. M.
Presidency Port Officer

Presidency Port Office
Madras 30th Nov 1898.

[Signature]

