

Marine (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 303 Marine

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DATED 5 April 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Wreck of the S.S. Galatia.

Requesting the 1st Lt. Commanding the
Forces Madras, to furnish the Cons with information
as to whether the work of clearing up the
of the wreck can be undertaken by a military officer
under his command.

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Letter from the Presidency Post Office No: $\frac{1871}{984}$ of 11th March '99
Note from - do - - No: $\frac{1871}{1174}$ of 23rd March '99

The Lt. General Commanding
the Forces, Madras, will
be requested to be so good
as to favour the Govern-
ment with information
as to whether the work
can be undertaken by
a Military Officer and
his Command.

R.S.

Ans
27/3/99

Notes

Copy forwarded to the Dy:
Asst. Secy for the information
of the Lt. Genl: Commanding
the Forces.

It will be seen from the
Presidency Secy's reply
to the reference made to
him that he is unable
to do the work in the Secy.

Dec^r 14/99 him that he is unable to do the work in the Park

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Dear
R.S.

27/3/99

Marine (1899) Department. *Agent*

CURRENT No. 364

No. 157 E. d/22 "March 99"

The Presidency Port office
(unofficially)

From

The Presidency Port Office
Madras

No. $\frac{1871}{98}$ L.

Please report further
what ^{Order} arrangements you propose
to make to ensure that the work
shall be carried out under the
supervision of men who have
some experience in the use of
dynamite. Otherwise the operations
are likely to be costly and possibly
dangerous to life.

Dated 11.3.99

Received
Registered 13.3.99

Enclosures

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Attest

Under Secretary to Govt.

SUBJECT.

Quoting the probable
cost of removing the
wreck of the "Galatia"
at Tuticorin with
Dynamite.

To be returned with reply

FURTHER PAPERS.

No. 1871/984

Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 11th March, 1899.

From

Commander H. A. Street, R.I.M.,

Presidency Port Officer.

Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government.

Marine Department.

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Sir,

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With respect to the rocks the Diver states:--"On
"the 6th, left at 6 a.m. and proceeded off to Karaipar
"this rock is 32 feet in diameter and 13 feet in height
"and is of coral formation. VelanguPar is of coral 42
"feet in diameter at base, 11 feet height, and has 3
"feet of water over it; both rocks are described as
"pinnacle, with nearly circular bases."

The Port Officer writes:--"The examination of the
"wreck and two rocks shows there is actually very lit-
"tle needed to ^{fully}completely remove them and I estimate that
"as follows is required,-

- " 3 cases (50 lbs each) Dynamite
- " 30 coils sub-aqueous Fuse
- " 2 boxes Detonators.

"I have no experience in the use of Dynamite and the
"above estimate is framed from information obtained from
"the Diver's assistant, the Diver himself never having
"carried out any blasting operations."

2. I am unable to say whether the quantity of
dynamite, &c, which the Port Officer has asked for will
be sufficient as I have no previous experience to guide
me. The cost of these articles would be about Rs.230,
and there would be the cost of conveyance to Tuticorin
by rail, Rs.25. The Port Diver at Madras was employed
in blowing up a small wreck at Porto Novo in 1893, and
his services ^{possibly might} be obtained. The cost would be Railway
fare, double second class, Rs.27-3-0 each way, plus Rs.
10 per diem while employed in the work. He would pro-
bably require an assistant, the charges on whose account
would be Railway fare, double third class, Rs.9-4-0 each
way, plus Rs.4 per diem while employed.

3. The operations should be carried out by some
person acquainted with the use of dynamite in removing
obstacles, and the sooner operations are commenced the
better as the S.W. Monsoon will be soon setting in.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
H. A. Theobald
Commandr., R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

Urgent.

Read the following:-

Let *it* from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, No. $\frac{1841}{98}$ G,
dated 11th March 1899.

*Removing wreck sea at
Tuticorin*

Circulated to

His Excellency the Governor

FOR ORDERS.

The Presidency Port Officer
does not submit a complete
estimate of cost, and does
not indicate the Source whence
the expenditure, in the sense
of budget provision, is to be met.
2. He makes recommendations
as to the grant of daily al-
lowances at arbitrary rates much
higher than the ordinary daily
allowances of the men to be em-
ployed. A report from the
Accountant General seems
necessary in the first instance.
3. The matter, however, is marked
"urgent" by the Presidency Port
Officer, and he might have
general sanction to start
work; leaving the financial
details

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details for subsequent adjustment in accordance with what may be ascertained to be the rules on the subject.

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The Presidency Post Office may be asked to report further what arrangements he proposes to make to ensure that the work shall be carried out under the supervision of men who have some experience in the use of dynamite - Miners the operations are likely to be costly and perhaps dangerous to life.

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(1899.) Department.

CURRENT No. 431.

From

The Presidency Post Office
Madras.

No. 1871 G.
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Dated 23rd March 99

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SUBJECT.

Wreck of the "Galatia": -

Suggesting that either the
Public Works Dept. or a
military officer be asked
to undertake the work
of removing the -
with dynamite.

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BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

No 1871 of Presidency Port Office
117 Madras 23 March 1899

To
The Secretary to Government
Marine Department
(unofficially)

Your unofficial Reference
No 157E dated 22 March 1899,
herewith returned. As I have
no one belonging to the Port
Department who is sufficiently
acquainted with operations with
Dynamite, I can only suggest
that either the Public Works
Department or a Military
Officer be asked to undertake
the work.

for the
Commander R.M.
Presidency Port Officer.

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