

Marine (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 335 Marine

DATED 18th April 1899

[Despatch Abstract.]
Explosives Committee

Ordered that the Rt. Honble the Secy of State be informed that measures are being taken to impede the report of the Govt. And that he be requested to warn this Govt. in advance, if possible, of any shipments of Cordite.

Stating Informing that Rt. Honble the Secy of State for India that measures are being taken to impede the report of the Committee appointed to consider the question of the entry into the Madras Harbour of Explosives, and that the Trustees of the Madras Harbour have agreed to the landing of shipping of ammunition, the property of Govt. within the harbour in any quantity; and requesting that the Madras Govt. may be warned in advance, if possible, of any shipments of Cordite.

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No. 9, MARINE, 18TH APRIL 1899.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—to

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

MY LORD,

We have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch No. 3, Financial (Stores), dated 26th January 1899, on the subject of the revision of the rules governing the discharge of explosives at the port of Madras, and expressing a hope that the consideration of the matter may be expedited, as it is probable that large supplies of cordite ammunition may be required in India next year.

In reply, we have the honour to state that measures are being taken to expedite the report of the Committee appointed to consider the question, and that when the report reaches us it will receive prompt attention. But we fear there will be some unavoidable delay in the assembling of the Committee, as delegates are expected not only from Madras, but also from Calcutta where there are firms having considerable interests at stake. We would, however, mention that the Trustees of the Madras Harbour have agreed to the landing and shipping of ammunition, the property of Government, within the harbour in any quantity no matter what explosive it may be charged with. Meanwhile, we beg that we may be warned in advance, if possible, of any shipments of cordite, so that arrangements may be made to admit them or pass them on, as the case may require, without delay or hindrance.

We have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servants,

(Signed) A. E. HAVELOCK.

(") A. T. ARUNDEL.

(") H. M. WINTERBOTHAM.

OOTACAMUND,
18th April 1899.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Government {1899} of Madras.
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G.O., No. 335, 18th April 1899.

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Explosives Committee

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, dated 14th March 1899, No. 4823.

ORDER—No. 335, Marine, dated 18th April 1899.

Ordered that the Secretary of State be addressed.

[Here enter No. 9, Marine, dated 18th April 1899.]

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. W. SMART, Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Secy. to Government.

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

Etd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Marine

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

~~Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secy of State~~
~~for India no 3 Financial (Stores) of 26 January 1899~~
 Letter from the Chairman H.T. Board Madras no 4823
 dated 14 March 1899.

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Ordered that the
 Secretary of State be
 addressed.

The Ch H.T. Board.

(H.E. no 9-18-4-99)

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R. S.

Ans
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Read the following:—

Letter from the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board,
Madras, No 4823, dated 14th March 1899.

Entry of Explosives inside
the Madras Harbour

Circulated to

His Excellency the Governor

FOR ORDERS.

The Right Honourable the
Secretary of State for India, in
acknowledging receipt of despatch
from this Government reporting
that the question of the admission
of Explosives inside the Madras
Harbour had been referred for the
consideration of a representa-
tive Committee, stated that it
is probable that large supplies of
Condite ammunition will ~~be~~
be required in India next
year, and asked that the Consider-
ation of the matter might therefore
be expedited. The Chairman, Har-
bour Trust Board, was thereupon
directed to arrange for the early
Submission of the report of the
Committee.

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2. He now replies that he does not anticipate that the Committee can meet before the middle of April next at earliest, as the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce and Trades Association have not yet replied to the reference made to them regarding the representation of Calcutta firms on the Committee.

3. But, the Chairman points out, the Trustees have already, as reported in his letter No 1359 dated 27th June 1898, agreed to the landing and shipping of Ammunition, the property of Government, within the harbour in any quantity, no matter what Explosive, it may be charged with. He thinks, moreover, that the Inescapable Members are not likely to object to such admission, as their object also is to obtain ^{the} relaxation of the existing rules. The new rules will require the sanction of the Government of India before they can be brought into force.

4. Pending receipt of the report of the Committee no definite reply can be given to the Secretary of

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I think it would be better to tell the Sec. of State how matters stand ^{as at present} with regard to the admission of cordite and as to the unrecorded delay in obtaining the Report of the

of State. This report might therefore be awaited.

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Committee. His Lordship might be asked to warn us in advance, if possible, of any shipments of cordite, so that we may arrange to admit them or prevent them in, as the case may require, — without delay or trouble.

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Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 388

Order

From

The Chairman,
Harbour Trust Board,
Madras.

No. 4823

Dated 14-3-99

Despatched " " "

Received 16-3-99

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SUBJECT.

Explosives

Replying to G.O. Marine No. 178
dated 27th February regarding
landing and shipping of-----
at Madras and requesting to
furnish 12 more copies of the
above quoted G.O.

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPER

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Harbour Trust Office,

MADRAS, 14th March 1899.

No. 4823

FROM

Herbert Bradley Esq. I.C.S.,

CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,

MADRAS.

To

Colonel A.W. Smart R.E.,

Ag. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Marine Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of G.O. Marine No.178 dated 27th February communicating copy of Despatch from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India No.3 Financial (Stores) dated London 28th January 1899 approving the proposal to refer to a representative Committee the whole question regarding the rules for the discharge of explosives at Madras and the admission thereof to or exclusion from the artificial Harbour.

2. The Calcutta firms interested were addressed through the Chamber of Commerce and Trades Association at that Port on receipt of G.O.No.112 Marine dated 17th February but no reply has yet been received from either body.I do not anticipate that the Committee can meet before the middle of April at earliest.

3. The Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State intimates that it is probable that large supplies of cordite ammunition will be shortly shipped to India, and directs that the consideration of the rules may be expedited.

I would remark that the Harbour Trustees have already agreed to the landing and shipping of ammunition within the Harbour in any quantity, and as the object of