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Marine (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 340 *Marine*
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DATED 19th April '99

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Enclosures

Letter from the Govt, India making observations on certain amendments proposed by the Govt in the rules to regulate the transport & supercargoes of — in the Port of Madras, communicated to the Chairman, Harbour and Board, with remarks.

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Explaining the circumstances under which the vessel referred to by the Govt of India had to discharge ~~on board~~ packages of smokeless powder outside the Madras Harbour. Stating that the whole question of the Landing & Whipping out of the Madras Harbour has since been referred to a special Committee & suggesting that in the meantime, action be deferred on certain proposals of the Government.

Letter from the Government of India making observations on certain amendments proposed by this Government in the rules to regulate the transport and importation of — in the port of Madras, communicated to the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, with remarks.

No. 340, MARINE, 19TH APRIL 1899.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
MARINE DEPARTMENT.

From H. LUSON, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, 20th February 1899, No. 404.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters Nos. 541 and 624 (Marine), dated, respectively, the 27th June and 18th July 1898, regarding certain amendments proposed in the rules to regulate the transport and importation of explosives in the port of Madras, and to convey the following observations.

2. The draft of rule (c) as revised provides that a vessel may be permitted to enter the Madras Harbour and to discharge or ship therein explosives of class 1, gunpowder class, not exceeding 560lb in weight. The Government of India are advised that the limit fixed, 560lb, is not a convenient one so far as the explosive in question is concerned, as gunpowder is usually packed in barrels of 100lb each. It would, the Governor-General in Council is inclined to think, meet the requirements of the case if the 100lb limit which is fixed in the same rule for explosives of class 6, ammunition class, were adopted for gunpowder.

3. In his Despatch No. 7-Financial (Stores), dated the 28th July 1898, to the Government of Madras, the Secretary of State remarks on the difficulties arising from the present regulations for the transport and importation of explosives in the port of Madras. From the correspondence forwarded with that despatch it appears that the Secretary of the Madras Harbour Trust,

Vide enclosure No. 8 to the Despatch.
in his letter dated the 3rd May 1898, informed Messrs. Binny & Co. that five packages of smokeless powder (nitro compound) and all such explosives, whether for the port of Madras or for Calcutta, must be landed outside the Madras Harbour. Rule (e) of the Port Rules, however, provides that a vessel having on board explosives exceeding 100lb in weight may enter the harbour if such explosives are secured in a properly constructed magazine approved by the Deputy Conservator of the Port or other officer deputed by him to inspect it. It is not clear from the correspondence why the vessel in question had to discharge the five packages of smokeless powder outside the harbour. If the conditions of rule (e) were fulfilled, there was apparently no reason why the vessel should not have discharged inside. I am to ask for further information on this point for consideration in connection with the amendments proposed in the Port Rules.

ORDER—No. 340, Marine, dated 19th April 1899.

Communicated to the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, with reference to paragraph 2, the suggestion in which will be laid before the committee appointed in G.O., No. 993, Marine, dated 29th November 1898.

2. The Government of India will be addressed on the subject of paragraph 3.

[Here enter No. 341, Marine, dated 19th April 1899.]

(True Extract.)

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

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
„ Presidency Port Officer.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

Government {1899} of Madras.
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Enclosures

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Letter, No. 341, 19th April 1899.

APRIL.

Explosives

Explaining the circumstances under which certain vessel referred to by the Government of India had to discharge packages of smokeless powder outside the Madras Harbour and stating that the whole question of the landing and shipment of — inside the Madras Harbour has since been referred to a special committee and suggesting that, in the meanwhile, action be deferred on certain proposals of the Madras Government.

No. 341, MARINE, 19TH APRIL 1899.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

COLONEL A. W. SMART, R.E.,

Ag. Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Marine Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 404, Public, dated 20th February 1899, and, in reply to paragraph 3, to state that revised rule (c), embodied in G.O., No. 232, Marine, dated 16th June 1894, a copy of which was forwarded with letter from this Government No. 320, Marine, dated 11th August 1894, provides for the absolute exclusion from the Madras Harbour of all explosives falling under classes 2, 3, 4 and 5. The vessel in question carried explosives charged with nitro compound, which falls under class 3.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has, however, since relegated to a special committee the consideration of the whole question of the landing and shipment of explosives inside the harbour at Madras, as will be seen from the accompanying copy of Proceedings of this Government, No. 993, Marine, dated 29th November 1898. Meanwhile, I am to suggest that action be deferred on Mr. deWinton's letters of the 27th June and 18th July 1898, Nos. 541 and 624, Marine, respectively.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
19th April 1899.

P. Seetharam.

Marine DEPARTMENT. 18

Read the following:—

Letter from the Government of India, Home Department, Public
No. 404 dated 20th February 1899.

Circulated to

His Excellency the Governor

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To The Chairman, H.T.B.
Presy. Port officer.

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CURRENT No. 296

From The Govt of India

No. 404.

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SUBJECT.

Explosives -
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 the rules to regulate the trans-
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No. 404

FROM H. LUSON, Esq.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,

To SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

26 FEB 1899
Home Department.
Public.
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I have the honour to be,

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Your most obedient Servant,

H. Lusson.
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.