

— Marine (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 363. 64 Marine

DATED 26th April 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Ceylon Govt ~~vessels~~ Steamers

Stating that the concession granted to
employed exclusively in plague preventive
measures was intended to apply to port dues
only and not to fees for pilotage through the
Pamban Pass, and directing that that Govt
be informed accordingly.

Ceylon Govt. steamers.

Explaining that the concession granted to
employed exclusively ^{in letter No 90 March 1899} in plague preventive measures
was intended to apply to port dues and not to the
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fees for Pilotage through the Pamban Pass which are levied for special purposes.							

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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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ORDER.

The Concession was intended to apply to port dues only and not to fees for pilotage through the Pamban Pass.

2. The Ceylon Government will be informed accordingly.

The Presidency Port Officer.

G.O. No. 364 Mar. 26-4-1899

To

The Colonial Secretary
Colombo.

Despatched 26/4/99

I am directed to invite attention

Letter from the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, dated 18th January 1899.
Letter from the Secy to Govt. Marine Dept. to the Colonial Secretary Colombo, No. 90 Marine dated 30th January 1899.
Letter from the Colonial Secretary Colombo, dated 30th February 1899.

to the Correspondence quoted in the Margin on the Subject of the levy of dues on Ceylon Government Steamers employed exclusively on plague preventive measures when

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Letter from the Presidency Port-officer, Madras
No. 949 G. of 23 March 1899.
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FOR ORDERS.

The Govt. of Ceylon
asked in their letter of 18th
January 1899 that the Steamers
of that Govt. employed ex-
clusively on plague pre-
ventive measures should
be exempted from all dues
when passing through the
Pamban Pass and calling
at South Indian Ports. This
request was acceded to
in the letter sent as a
reply - No. 90 Marine dated
30 January 1899.

It will be seen
from the note for orders
on which that reply is
based that the intention
was to limit the exemption
to the payment of all
Port-dues; Section 34 of
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when passing through the Pamban
Pass and calling at South
Indian ports. In Marine
Department letter No. 90, dated
30 January 1899, you were
informed that His Excellency
the Governor in Council had directed
that these vessels would be exempted
from the payment of dues when
so employed. I am now to
explain that the Concession made
was intended to apply to Port dues
only, and not to fees for pilotage
through the Pamban Pass, which are
levied for special services and go
to pay the pilots performing the
service who would otherwise
have to be reimbursed by the Government
from the general Port Fund. I am
to express the hope that the Concession
as thus limited meets the wishes
of His Excellency the Governor of
Ceylon.

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the Indian Ports Act, 1889 having been quoted as the authority under which the exemption could be sanctioned. It was never contemplated that payment should be remitted for special services rendered, such as pilotage through the Panama Pass, and the Ceylon Govt did not probably expect such exemption.

The Presidency Port officer, however, now points out that the expression "all dues" may be held to include pilotage fees also, and inquires whether it is intended that the pilots, who are paid from the fees levied for piloting vessels, should be remunerated from Port Funds.

The Ceylon Govt might be informed that the exemption sanctioned in letter No 90 D. of 30 January 1899 applies only to Port dues and not to pilotage fees, which are levied for special services and from which the pilots employed have to be remunerated.

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The Ceylon Govt. should be so informed.

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Order

From

The Port officer,
Madras

No. 949
115

Dated 23rd March 1899

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SUBJECT.

Bringing to notice that Port Funds will have to suffer from exemption of Ceylon vessels employed on plague patrol duty from all dues.

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Madras, 23 March, 1899.

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From

Commander H. A. Street, R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer,
MADRAS,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
CHERPAK.

Sir,

Under G.O., Marine, No. 39, dated 30th January 1899, the steamers employed by the Ceylon Government for patrol duty in connection with the Plague Regulations are exempted from all dues when going through the Pamban Pass and calling at South Indian ports. In this connection the Port Officer of Pamban has raised the question as to how the Pilots at that port are to be paid their share of the Pilotage fees due on each vessel and I refer the matter for the orders of Government.

2. At Pamban the Pilots are not regular monthly paid men, but they receive a remuneration of 1/5th of the pilotage collected from each vessel, the remaining 4/5ths being credited to Government (vide G.O., No. 32 Marine, dated 4th March 1891). It certainly seems hard that Port Funds should have to bear these charges also in addition to the loss both of port dues and of Government's share of pilotage fees.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. A. Street

Commander, R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer.

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