

Marine (1899) Department.

G.O., No. $\frac{440}{441}$ Marine

DATED 23 May 1899.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Mr. H. D. Baddeley, Agent for Govt. Consignment
Madras
Memorial from — Appealing against
the order of the Local Govt. Censuring him.
forwarded to the Govt of India.

In September 1897, sixty-three packages of Stamps were shipped by the India Office per S.S. "Dromboosa" and the Consignment was discharged at the port of Madras on the evening of the 3rd October. Some of the boats containing the cases of Stamps did not reach the pier till 7.30 P.M. after work had ceased. They accordingly lay alongside the pier all night in charge of a watchman in the employ of the Landing Contractor. The following day being a holiday, the packages remained in charge of the Landing Contractor and were not delivered into the Godowns of the Agent for Government Consignments till the morning of the 5th, when it was found that only 62 cases had been delivered as against 63 entered in the Invoice.

2. On the 6th October, the Agent, ignoring the deficiency of one case, sent a letter of advice to the Superintendent of Stationery stating that 63 cases had been landed and asking him to

"What first appeared" *in more words*

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May E.

* Para 3 of letter d/19th August 1898 *May A*
Copy attached.

At
Para 2 of letter C/12 dated 6th July 1898
Copy attached. *May B*

G.O. 815 Mar. 12 3rd September 1898
Copy attached. *May V*

to arrange for their removal. It was thus clear to H.E. the Governor in Council that the Agent had not counted the packages carefully. He was accordingly informed in G.O. 341 Rev. dated 14th June 1898 that he had incurred the severe displeasure of Government.

3. Mr. Baddeley subsequently explained that he knew before sending out the letter of advice that one of the packages was missing, and he assumed that this letter of advice was "merely a printed form". He accordingly asked for a reconsideration of the order of Censure. The Government did not consider the Agent's explanation to be satisfactory and declined to modify the Censure. I am to state that, as the Agent made a definite statement of fact, knowing it to be incorrect, His Excellency the Governor in Council considered that it would be opposed to

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all sound administration to
admit the plea subsequently
wept that the incorrect state-
ment was a mere form. I am,
therefore, to say that his Govern-
ment has no recommendation
to make on behalf of the
demonstrator.

I have &c

MS. 3.5.99
SP 14/5/99

In the letter it is said
that the Agents had
not counted the packages
carefully — but
is it the duty of the
Agent to count — I
believe not.

Ans.
1/5/99

The draft quotes from the
order of Govt. which the
Govt. has itself declined
to modify. The draft
is based on "orders" and
must keep within the
prescribed limits.

As to whether it is the
duty of the
Agent or somebody else to
count, is a matter of
opinion. The Govt. have
held their former responsible,
on the principle apparently
that the chief is res-
ponsible for the acts of his
subordinates. As a matter
of fact, the packages were
counted correctly as 62
but were misquoted by

Revenue Department
NOTE FOR THE SECRETARY.

Marine Current No 227
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The draft may be counter-initialed

Ans.
9.5.99

SP 14/5/99

Read the following:—

Letter from the Presidency Post officer, Madras, No. $\frac{221}{62}$ G., dated 16th February 1899.



Circulated to

FOR ORDERS.

His Excellency the Governor
through the Revenue Dept.

This paper is circulated through the Revenue Department which will perhaps kindly note any remarks which it thinks should be embodied in the covering letter to the Government of India, the previous discussions and decisions having been worked out in that Department.

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25/3/99
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Revenue Department

To Secy.

The circumstances under which Mr. Baddeley, the Agent for Govt. Consignments, was censured, are fully set out in the notes under G.O. No. 31.

d/ 14.6.98, 815, Marine, d/ 23.9.98,
and 1008, Marine, d/ 3.12.98.

2. Certain packages of stamps were landed at the port of Madras on the night of the 3rd October 1897, and were received into the godowns of the Agent, on the morning of the 5th idem; but only sixty-two ^{packages} were found, the number for which advice had been received being sixty-three. On the 6th idem, the Agent forwarded a memo to the Supt of Stamps stating that sixty-three packages had been landed. With the information before it, the Government observed as follows:-

"It is clear that the Agent for Govt Consignments had not counted the packages carefully as he reported that sixty-three cases had been landed, while the correct number was only sixty-two. The Agent should be informed that he has incurred the severe displeasure of Government."

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This is the heart of the matter. The Agent made a definite statement of fact in reporting that 63 packages had been landed. The statement was incorrect & he says that it was a mere form. To admit such a

para 2 of G.O. 341 Rev.
14.6.98
plea would be of opposite to
a sound administration.

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8.11.99

20.4.99

Letter No. $\frac{c}{142}$ d/ 6.7.98
under G.O. 815 Marine
23.9.98

for a reconsideration of this order pointing out that when the packages were counted by the Storekeeper the number was found to be sixty-two, that there was no carelessness in counting them, and that the letter to the Supt of Stamps was merely a preliminary advice of the expected arrival of goods. But in as much as the letter stated that "sixty-three packages" have been landed and as at the time of its despatch, the fact was known that one package was missing, the Agent's explanation for not intimating the real facts was regarded as not satisfactory, and the Govt declined to modify the opinion already expressed.

G.O. 815 Marine
23.9.98

memorial under G.O. 1008 Marine
3.12.98

H. The Agent, having again petitioned this Government without success, forwards a memorial to the Governor-General of India in Council. The Marine Department has submitted the file to H.F. through this Dept for indicating the remarks to be embodied in the letter forwarding the memorial.

As it has been decided that the
of 14. censure should stand, the only remark
and to be made, in addition to the
2. statement of facts, appears to be
that this Govt has no recommendation
of to make on behalf of the memo-
retorialist.

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on 29-3-99
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had See

the Mr. Mr. may now go back to
for the marine Dept? It is
of presumed that the draft
the to India with is sent to this
Dept for acceptance in due
it course.

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22/4/88

for Mr. S. P. Rao

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Marine (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 227

From

The Presidency Port office,
Madras

Order

No. 221/9
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Dated 16th February 1899

Received

Registered

Enclosures x 4

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SUBJECT.

Submitting a memorial
from Mr. H. S. Baddley,
Agent for Government
Consignments, to His Excellency
the Viceroy praying that
the censure passed on him
by the Madras Government
in connection with the
Stamp case may be
withdrawn.

BACK PAPERS.

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Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 16 February 1899.

DEPARTMENT

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

To
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
CHEPAK.

Sir,

Sir,
By desire of Mr. H. D. Baddeley,
Agent for Government Consignments, I for-
ward the accompanying Memorial from
him to His Excellency the Viceroy, and in doing
so would beg permission of Government to
add that, I have already placed before
Government my views on the Subject of the
Memorial, and regret that the Government is
unable to withdraw the censure passed on an
officer whose record hitherto has been un-
blemished.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Yours Obedient Servant,
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Commander R. I. M.
Presidency Post Office

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Madras, 16 February 1899.

Heading

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H. A. Street

Commander R. I. M.,
Presidency Port Officer

~~27 Jan 83~~

28.5.05

DEPARTMENT

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