

Marine (1899) Department.

✓ G.O., No. 468 Mar

DATED 29<sup>th</sup> May 1899

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[Despatch Abstract.]

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## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 8th May 1899, No. 178 G.

Before relinquishing charge of the Port Department I desire to bring to the notice of Government the able and loyal assistance I have at all times received from the several coast port officers of the Presidency while I have had charge of the duties of Presidency Port Officer. Each officer apparently having done his best to meet my wishes in every respect, it is difficult to single out any individual, but I feel that I could not without injustice omit to bring to the favourable notice of Government Mr. George Wicks, Port officer of Cocanada, whose great experience and sound judgment in nautical and port matters have been of the greatest use to me. I look upon Mr. Wicks as a most deserving officer and as the best Port officer on the coast.

2. The tact displayed by Mr. F. Icely, Port Officer of Vizagapatam, in connection with the landing and shipping arrangements at that port has done much to further the public interests, and he seems to have the interests of the port at heart.

3. The energy of Mr. H. S. Brown, Port Officer of Mangalore, has done a great deal towards improving the port arrangements of that port and of the sub-ports of the South Canara district. The Superintendent of Works, Lighthouse Division, has informed me that in connection with the construction of the new lighthouses in the South Canara district Mr. Brown has rendered most valuable assistance.

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5. The Deputy Port Conservator of Madras not being directly under my orders, my official dealings with him have been through the Chairman of the Harbour Trust Board; but Commander Aves has shown every desire to meet my wishes whether conveyed to him through the usual official channel or otherwise, and I am of opinion that the efficiency of the Port Conservancy arrangements at Madras has been greatly improved by the watchful care exercised by this officer, and also through his residing at the Port office.

6. With respect to my own office establishment I wish to bring to favourable notice the Manager Mr. W. B. Fernandez and the Chief Clerk, M.R.Ry. M. Srinivasa Mudaliar. Both these men have been in the office for many years, and the intelligence and attention to duty displayed by each have greatly helped me in carrying out the duties of Presidency Port Officer.

7. I would also bring to notice that the work of the Agent for Government Consignments has been efficiently carried out by Mr. H. D. Baddeley, who is also Personal Assistant to the Presidency Port Officer, and, as such, has to carry on the routine work of the office during the Presidency Port Officer's absence on tour.

8. In this office letter No. 1594/20 G., dated 14th January 1893, recorded in G.O., No. 56, Marine, of the 7th February 1893, I drew attention to the necessity of the inspecting officer being accompanied by either the Manager or the Chief Clerk of his office while on inspection duty. The additional experience I have had since making the above recommendation has shown me that the books of the several coast port offices cannot be properly inspected by a cursory examination as suggested in the Government Order above quoted.

ORDER—No. 468, Marine, dated 29th May 1899.

The Government notes with satisfaction the eulogistic terms in which Commander Street is able, after his lengthened term of office, to speak of his subordinates.

2. The proposal that the officer inspecting outports should be permitted to take with him either the Manager or the Chief Clerk of the Presidency Port office to aid in the examination of books and office arrangements is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.  
" Accountant-General.

Exd. S. J. Pereira.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

READ the following:—

Order from the Presidency Post Office, Madras, No. 1789, dated  
5<sup>th</sup> May 1899.

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The A. A. O.  
in Acc't General.

L.S.

L. H. S. V.

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Read the following:—

Order from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, No. 178 G, date 8<sup>th</sup> May 1897.

Validating record in regard to Port Officer's Clerk to accompany the Port Officer on his tours of inspection.

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FOR ORDERS

~~His Excellency the Governor~~  
The Hon. Mr. Arundel C.S. J.

In this letter, the Presidency Port Officer places on record his appreciation of the services of the various Port Officers during the period of his charge of the Port Department.

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2. In his letter No. 823/70 G, dated 10<sup>th</sup> February 1890, he represented that the Clerks at outposts wanted instructions in the keeping of books and accounts, and he proposed the deputation of his office manager to the various outposts to instruct the clerks accordingly. This proposal was sanctioned in G.O. 82 Marine dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1890.

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3. In his letter printed with G.O. 56<sup>x</sup> Marine dated 7<sup>th</sup> February 1893, Commander Stuart further suggested that it would be advantageous if

officer inspecting the outposts  
 is permitted to take with him  
 the Manager or the Chief Clerk  
 his office, in order that the office  
 arrangements and books at the  
 several outposts might be carefully  
 examined. The Government dis-  
 approved of this suggestion and considered  
 the Presidency Port Officer should  
 himself be able to see by a cursory  
 examination whether the office work  
 is being correctly done. Commander  
 Stuart now renews the request and  
 says that the additional experience  
 he has had since 1893 has shown him  
 that the books of the several Coast Port  
 Offices cannot be properly inspected  
 by a cursory examination, as  
 suggested in G.O. 56 Marine dated  
 7 Feb. 1893. I think that  
 the reiterated opinion of  
 the head of the Dept in  
 a routine matter of this  
 kind should be accepted,  
 and recommend that this  
 be done.

You might also note in the  
 later sections the sub-junctive  
 terms in which Commander

6 May 93

Recommendation accepted

A. G. H.

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Please ask P. T. O.  
 just (4-0) how  
 he proposes that  
 the work of his  
 office shall be  
 carried on in the  
 absence of his  
 Manager or Chief  
 Clerk. He should  
 give more detailed  
 information as to  
 what records he  
 wishes these subordinates  
 to inspect  
 2. How are Post Office  
 accounts now  
 inspected?  
 P. T. O. H. L. 19.11

My  
This is mentioned in  
previous letters attached  
to two fcs in the file.  
The next Senior Clerk is  
to do the work in addition  
to his own duties, under the  
supervision of the P.P.O.'s  
Personal Asst.

As regards the records  
to be inspected he mentions  
books, records, & papers?  
i.e. all the belongings of an  
office.

2. The P.P.O. nowhere  
mentions "Accounts". The  
Port accounts do not, I should  
think, require inspection on  
the spot. They are rendered  
to the Accountant General  
and come under regular  
audit. Irregularities  
being promptly notified  
to the Port officer, who would  
require no further instruction  
in this matter. The accounts  
must be simple - not like  
the P.W. accounts.

The Landing & Shipping  
Dues Accounts would be rather  
more complicated, and these  
are to be inspected by the  
Accountant General's itinerating  
Accountant.

R.S.  
19 May 99

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CURRENT No. 623

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

*H. A. Theet*

Comdr., R.I.M.,

Presidency Port Officer.

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