

Marine (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 535 Mar

DATED 16th June 1899

[Despatch Abstract.]

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of — in vessels sailing under the Native Passengers
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Harbour.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From H. BRADLEY, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 1st June 1899, No. 23/10.

Referring to paragraph 3 of my letter, No. 23/8, dated 12th May 1899, I have the honour to submit, herewith, the report of the committee regarding the conveyance of explosives in vessels coming under the Indian Passengers' Ships Act X of 1887.

ENCLOSURES.

REPORT of the Committee appointed under G.O., No. 993, Marine, dated 29th November 1898, and requested in G.O., No. 389, Marine, dated 4th May 1899, to take into consideration the question of the conveyance of explosives in vessels coming under the Native Passengers' Ships Act X of 1887, in connection with the difficulty experienced by the Ordnance Department in getting explosives conveyed to Burma, dated Madras, 16th May 1899.

We are of opinion that there is no objection to explosives being carried in native passenger vessels provided that the following precautions are taken:—

That they should be secured in a magazine approved by the Deputy Conservator of the port.
That this magazine should not be on any deck to which passengers have access, unless it be separated from the passengers by an efficient bulkhead.
That detonators and explosives containing their own means of ignition should not be stored with other explosives.

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But it is the Rangoon Port rules regarding explosives (copy enclosed) which more than anything tend to prevent vessels proceeding from Madras to Rangoon from carrying explosives. For it will be seen that vessels carrying explosives before entering the port of Rangoon have to discharge below the Hastings Shoal, and this we are informed may delay a vessel for a tide.

Notice to Mariners.

From Commander H. S. BLACK, R.I.M., Port Officer, Rangoon, to the Owners, Agents and Masters of Vessels visiting the port of Rangoon, dated 28th February 1899.

Under instructions from the Local Government notice is hereby given that all vessels entering the port of Rangoon with gunpowder or other explosives for Government in excess of 25 lb. shall cause the same to be discharged below the Hastings Shoal.

The prohibition referred to above does not apply to the importation of explosives exempted from the provisions of Rules 1 and 2 of Judicial Department notification No. 276, dated the 20th July 1897, namely, fuzes and tubes consigned to the Ordnance Department, and the explosives specified in the first division of class 6 in the rules published under Government of India Home Department notification No. 1393, dated the 8th July 1897, namely, safety cartridges, safety fuzes for blasting railway fog-signals, percussion caps and under specified conditions fuzes for shells and tubes (friction) for guns brought as part of a general cargo which have been lawfully placed on board the vessels while lying in dock at the port of shipment.

No. 535, MARINE, 16TH JUNE 1899.

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Three days' notice must be given to the Port Commissioners that the consignment of matches is about to arrive.

Persons contravening these orders will be liable to a fine, which may extend to Rs. 1,000, under Rule 4 of the rules published in notification No. 276, dated the 20th July 1897.

This notice is issued in supersession of previous notices.

ORDER—No. 535, Marine, dated 16th June 1899.

His Excellency the Governor in Council approves of the proposed rules for the conveyance of explosives in vessels sailing under the Native Passenger Ships Act, subject to any restrictions which may be imposed on dangerous explosives while inside the Madras Harbour.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. B. DEWINTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.

- " Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
- " Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, for the information of the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras.
- " Superintendent, Government Press, for publication.

Erd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

READ the following:—

Letter from the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras,

N. 23 dated 1st June 1899.

Explosives carried in native passenger ships.

Circulated to

N. 23 to the Government

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No 555 dated 16 June 99

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To
The Presy. Port Officer
" Chairman, H.T.B.
" Dy. Assistant General Manager
Command for the information
of the L. C. Genl. Comd. the
forces, Madras.
" Superintendent of the
Publications Press for
publication.

Exclusion from the Harbour of
certain classes of explosives,
and for precautions in the
case of others which are
admitted inside.

L.S.

Herbert
12-6-99

W. B. deWinton

Harbour Trust Office.

MADRAS, 1st June 1899.

No. 23/10

FROM

Herbert Bradley Esq., I.C.S.,

CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,
MADRAS.

TO

W. B. deWinton Esq.,

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Marine Department.

Sir,

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Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Secy.

Herbert Bradley

Chairman,
Harbour Trust Board.

Enclosures

Original report and three spare copies.

J. B. deWinton

Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 724

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From

The Chairman,
Harbour Trust Board,
Madras.

No. $\frac{23}{10}$

Dated 1. 6. 99

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SUBJECT.

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Committee regarding the convey-
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the Native Passengers' Ships
Act X of 1887.

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Andrew Barclay
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H. S. BLACK, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Port Officer.

RANGOON:
The 28th February 1899.

G. B. C. P. O.—P. O., Rangoon, 6-3-99—408.