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Marine (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 948 Marine

DATED 12-10-99.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Life-saving apparatus.

Sanctioning the payment from the Port Fund of the Madras Port of the cost of the — issued to the port by the Ordnance Dept in 1895.

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G.O., No. 948, 12th October 1899.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
„ Presidency Port Officer.
„ Inspector-General of Ordnance.
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Exd. Shaik Karim.

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FOR ORDERS

× Hag XV.

In the note× for orders attached to G.O. 106 Marine, dated 3rd February 1899, the history of certain sets of life-saving apparatus reserved by the Ordnance Department for the use of the port of Madras is given. One set of this apparatus was issued by the Ordnance Department to the Harbour Trust Board in 1895, and the Government ordered× that this set should be paid for from Port funds.

× G.O. 106 Marine d/3 Feb 99. Hag XV.

2. In his letters read above, the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, represents that the apparatus is unsuitable for the use of the port, and offers to pay only half the cost of certain parts of it, on the ground that the materials have since

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2. The Inspector
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ese parts were new when issued in 1895, and that all the items, except the carts, are of the Board of Trade pattern. He, therefore, contends that, with the exception of the carts which he agrees to take back, the full cost of the apparatus should be paid for.

3. Submitted that the Harbour Trust Board should be instructed accordingly.

Appd. A.G.H. 10.10.99

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Marine (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1263

Order

From The Controller of Military Accounts Madras Command

No. 3799.

Dated 13-9-99

Received 15-9-99

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SUBJECT.

Life-Saving Rocket apparatus:—

Forwarding with an expression of Concurrenc letter from the Inspr Genl of Ordnance Mad Command stating tha he has no authority to accept a reduced price for the R — supplied to the Port Department

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Marine Department.
No 358 E of 13-7-99.

To

The Inspector General
of Ordnance, Madras Command.
(Unofficially)

Please say whether you are prepared to accept the proposals now made by the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, in his letter No: $\frac{32}{7}$ dated 5th July, 1899.

L Bell Irving
Secretary to Govt:

OFFICE OF INSPR. GENL.
Gl. No 5967 A.
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Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 334

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From
The Chairman,
Harbour Trust Board,
Madras.

No. 4664

Dated 3—3—'99

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SUBJECT.

Life Saving Rocket Apparatus

Submitting that, with reference to G.O.Marine No.106 dated 3rd February 1899, the set of -- issued by the Ordnance Department is unsuitable for the use of this Port.

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No.907

Port Office,
Madras 12th July 1898.

From,
The Deputy Conservator of the
Port of Madras,

To.
The Inspector-General of Ordnance,
Madras Command.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that as the Life Saving Apparatus supplied to this department is unsuitable for the use of the Port, the Harbour Trust Board has requested me to return it to you. Please therefore inform me when it will be convenient for you to send some one to take over charge of same.

I have &c,
Signed W.Aves,
Commander R.I.M.,
Deputy Conservator of the Port.

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Secretary,
Harbour Trust Board.

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Harbour Trust Office,

MADRAS, 3rd March 1899.

No. 4664

FROM

Herbert Bradley Esq I.C.S.,

CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,

MADRAS.

To

Colonel A.W.Smart R.E.,

Through, Ag. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

The Presidency Port Officer, *Marine Department.*

MADRAS.

Sir,

G.O 106
3-2-99

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of G.O Marine dated 3rd February 1899 directing that the set of Life Saving Apparatus issued by the Ordnance Department should be retained and stored by the Board and its cost be defrayed from Port Funds.

2. I have the honour to submit that a set of Rocket Life Saving Apparatus is maintained in a state of efficiency by the Deputy Port Conservator, and regularly used for practice by the Harbour Masters and their boats crews.

3. The Apparatus now under reference is unsuitable for the use of the Port, vide copy of letter from the Dy.Port Conservator No.907 dated 12th July 1898 addressed to the Inspector General of Ordnance Madras Command, and is reported to be too cumbersome for quick transport here.

4. Under these circumstances I would submit that Port Funds cannot justly be charged with the cost of a set of Life Saving Apparatus which is superfluous and unsuitable, and would respectfully request that orders may be issued for it to be otherwise disposed of.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

Herbert Bradley

Secy.

Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

No. 85 G/7 Forwarded, observing that the Deputy Conservator of the Port informs me, that "the carts of the Life Saving Apparatus supplied by the Ordnance Department are unsuitable because they are not of the proper pattern, but ammunition or ordnance make, and are too heavy. Their wheels would sink into the sand if taken to the beach. They are not at all fitted like the regular pattern cart. They are simply plain carts."

Presidency Port Office }
Madras. 6 March '99 }

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

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Marine Department.

No: 140 E/ 13-3-99

To

The Chairman, Harbour Trust Board (unofficially):

Your letter No: 4664 d/ 3-3-99

The Govt: is now informed for the first time that the set of life-saving apparatus which formed the subject of G.O. 106 Marine d/ 3rd February 1899 is unsuitable for the use of the port; but it is doubtful whether even this fact relieves the Port Conservator from liability for payment of its cost. The history of this matter is as follows:-

Under the Cyclone Code it is provided amongst other things that the Port Dept: shall have at command Life saving apparatus to be

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enquired whether there was any objection to the Port authorities at Madras being absolutely in charge of the rocket apparatus and thus relieve the Military "from all responsibility connected therewith." He was told in reply⁺ "that the Military Dept: need not accept any responsibility in connection with the six sets of rocket apparatus now in their charge beyond keeping them in store in the arsenal and issuing them when demanded by the Dy: Conservator as the Port Dept: has no store accommodation".

⁺ Presidency Port Officer's letter communicated with G.O. 258 Mar: d/ 22.8.95.

The Inspector General of Ordnance reported in his letter No. 11620-A, d/ 20.10.98, that he had issued to the Harbour Trust Board one set of life saving apparatus, and that the Board, on being called on to pay for the stores declined to do so on the following grounds:-

(1) that the Trustees never consented to purchase the set.

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(2) that it is not now required.

It is thought that the resumé of the previous correspondence given above, establishes the fact that the Port, and not the Ordnance Dept: are the owners of the rocket apparatus. It is not clear why the Ordnance Dept: did not call for payment in 1895, when they first undertook the storage of the Apparatus. But this circumstance cannot be held to vitiate their present claim to payment for the one set actually issued at the request of the Presidency Port Officer.

Please favour me with any further remarks which you may wish to offer, should you still consider that no liability can be fixed upon the port.

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Marine (1899) Department.

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To
The Inspector General of ~~Order~~ Ordnances unofficially –

OFFICE OF INSPR. GENL.
Gl. No 4261 A
16 JUN. 1899
OF ORDNANCE, M.C
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From
The Chairman,
Harbour Trust Board,
Madras.

Please read the accompanying correspondence and say whether, under the circumstances, you have any objection to the sets of Rocket apparatus issued by you to the Madras Harbour being returned.

It will be seen that,
(1) The Port has a Rocket Apparatus of its own.
(2) The one obtained from the Ordnance Dept. has never been used. &
(3) The latter is said to be useless –

Secretary to Govt.

R.S.
With C. No. 4664
Memo 140 Ed/13 Mar 99
C. No 761.
for favour of return –

No. 32/2
Dated 30.5.99
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SUBJECT.

Rocket Life Saving Apparatus

Replying to unofficial note No.140 E dated 13th March 1899 regarding the--------

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Harbour Trust Office.
MADRAS, 30th May 1899.

No. 32/2

FROM

Herbert Bradley Esq I.C.S.,
CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,
MADRAS.

To

W.B.deWinton Esq,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Marine Department.
Through,
The Presidency Port Officer,
MADRAS.

Sir,

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In reply to your unofficial note dated March 13th No.140 E I have the honour to state that the Dy.Conservator of the Port maintains an efficient Rocket Life Saving Apparatus which is light and handy and can be transported across sand by a couple of men. The Apparatus now referred to is worked on Ordnance carts and is so cumbersome that it is practically useless, except when it can be kept on a hard surface.

2. In issuing G.O.No.106 Marine dated 3rd February 1899 it appears to have escaped the notice of Government that the Port Conservator was already in possession of one set of apparatus. The set now under reference has never been used since it was handed over by the Ordnance Department on the 17th December 1895. Had the Harbour Trust Board been then aware that it would be called upon to pay for this apparatus it would have raised the question at once.

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3. It will be observed that when Commander Powell wrote his letter printed in G.O.No.108 Marine dated 11th April 1895 the Conservator of the Port had had no opportunity of testing the efficiency of the apparatus, and that it was the Presidency Port Officer and not the Conservator who requested that the apparatus should be left in the possession of

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4. G.Os.Marine Nos.I69 dated June IIth I895,and No.258 dated August 22nd I895 do not appear to have been communicated to this office.The apparatus was finally indented for by the Presidency Port Officer not the Conservator vide letter from the Inspector General of Ordnance printed in G.O.No.I06 Marine dated February 3rd I899. Flag R

5. Under the circumstances I submit that if the Trust had known in I895 that it was intended to charge them for the apparatus in question objection would have been taken at once,and it is very hard that it should now be called upon to pay Rs 2700 for what is absolutely a white elephant to them.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Herbert Bradley

Chairman,

Harbour Trust Board.

Secy.

No 202 G.

Forwarded.

2. There is nothing in the Records of this Office to shew from what fund was met the cost of the sets of Rocket Life Saving Apparatus now with the Ordnance. This point should be settled before any claim is preferred against the Madras Port. Apart from this question, the apparatus, on the revision of the Cyclone Code in 1895 (G.O. Marine No 108, dated 11th April 1895) could not be utilized by Flag Y

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the Military authorities, nor had it any appreciable value in the open market.

3. It was on these grounds that the suggestion was made that instead of going to the expense of ordering out new stores from England the articles lying useless in the Ordnance Stores should be utilized.

4. No claim for payment was contemplated nor was any claim made until some years after the revision of the Code in 1895. If the Ordnance Department accepted the debit of the cost of these stores from 1873 to 1894, the mere fact of the apparatus being worked by a different agency hardly justifies a claim to the value, as the stores were supplied in the general interests of humanity and not for the benefit of the port of Madras.

5. The Ordnance Department might be called upon to state how they would have disposed of these stores, had they not been transferred to the Deputy Conservator, and why, as the latter officer does not require them, they should not be so disposed of now.

6. Under any circumstances the

the value of the stores is not their book value as some have deteriorated.

7. If for convenience the Fort Flagstaff were worked by a party of Signalmen supplied by the port, it would hardly be contended that the cost of the Flagstaff should be borne by the Harbour Trust Board.

8. In conclusion I would remark that if the claim for payment is a good one the stores have been obtained under a misapprehension, as it was distinctly understood that they had been finally paid for and were practically lying waste. The present value of the apparatus — 25 years after purchase — cannot, moreover, be the book value.

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Presy: Port Office, Madras, 8th June 1899 } Commander, R. I. M., Presidency Port Officer

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CURRENT No. 809

No. 317 E of 23-6-99

To The Chairman
Harbour Trust Board
(unofficially)

For favour of remarks.

Secretary to Govt.

R.D.

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CHAIRMAN
MADRAS 26 JUN 99
HARBOUR TRUST

From The Inspector General of Ordnance Madras Command

No. 4350 A.

Dated 17 June 99

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SUBJECT.

Rocket Apparatus—

Informing that the only item regarding which complaint of unsuitability appears to be made is the Carts and these may be returned to the Madras Arsenal.

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ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

No. 4350 -A.

FROM

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF ORDNANCE,
MADRAS COMMAND.

To

THE SECRETARY
to Government,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND.

OOTACAMUND, 17th June, 1899.

Reference:- Your No.302-E.,* dated 15th June, 1899.

*Herewith returned.

The only item regarding which complaint of unsuitability appears to be made is the Carts and these may be returned to the Madras Arsenal. The other items, it is considered, should be retained by the Port authorities and paid for, as they are of Board of Trade pattern.

2. The remainder of the Rocket apparatus stored in the Madras Arsenal has been disposed of by transfer to other Ports in India, to avoid deterioration and loss as it was not likely to be required at the Madras Port, so that any further liability on account thereof will not be incurred by the authorities at the latter port.

3. The reason that the Port was not asked to pay for the apparatus in 1895 was that they remained on the Books of this Department and debits for stores are not raised by the Military Accounts Department until formal issue transactions are made and the stores change hands. Under ordinary conditions this would have been to the advantage of the Port as the cost would have fallen on the Port authorities in instalments as issues were made, and they would have been

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absolved from all risk of deterioration of the stores, a no inconsiderable item where such quantities of Cordage and other perishable items are concerned.

4. It appears to this Office that the Port authorities have been exceptionally well treated in this matter as for many years six sets of Rocket apparatus were maintained, with detachments of men in a state of efficiency, solely at the expense of the Military estimates for the use of the Port, an expense and duty which it can hardly be contended was of a Military character; and now they are only asked to pay for one which was handed over to them in new and serviceable condition.

E B Standbridge

Lieut.Col., R.A.,

Inspector General of Ordnance, M.C.

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Port Office,
Madras, 3rd July 1899.

No.262 H

From
The Deputy Conservator of the
Port of Madras.

To
The Secretary,
Harbour Trust Board,
Madras.

Sir,

In reply to your No.32/F dated 28th June 1899, I beg to inform you that I have examined the various articles of life saving apparatus and find that all the perishable stores have more or lese deteriorated. The signal rockets were rotten and have been thrown away. The Life Saving rockets look some what mildewed; but as they are in iron cases they may be sufficiently good for practice, those previously used were found efficient. The rope which is old and worn can be used up in the Harbour Master's department. I should consider half the value quoted by the Ordnance department as ample payment for the rope and combustibles. The empty boxes might fetch a small sum if sold by auction, the majority of the other ×stores are useless and will probably have to be thrown away, as no one will buy them.

× an axe, pickaxe &c. might sell for small sums.

I have &c,

Signed H. D. Baddeley,

Ag. Dy. Conservator of the Port.

(True copy)

Secretary,
Harbour Trust Board.

absolved from all risk of deterioration of the stores, a

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Harbour Trust Office,
MADRAS, 5th July 1899.

No. 32/7

FROM

Herbert Bradley Esq I.C.S.,
CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,
MADRAS.

To

W.B. deWinton Esq,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Marine Department.
Through,
The Presidency Port Officer,
MADRAS.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement dated 23rd June No.317 E forwarding for remarks current number 809 Marine Department, which is herewith returned with enclosures.

2. In his letter No.4350 A dated 17th June '99, The Inspector General of Ordnance remarks that "the only item "regarding which complaint of unsuitability appears to be "made is the carts, and these may be returned to the Madras "Arsenal". The carts are bullock carts and are useless on the sand here and without carts suitable for use on the sand the whole apparatus is as useless as a gun without a gun carriage.

3. With regard to risk of deterioration referred to by the Inspector General in his para 2 the Acting Deputy Port Conservator has examined each item in detail, and a copy of his report is submitted herewith

4. It will be observed that he reports (a) the Life Saving rockets as sufficiently good for practice (b) that the rope though old and worn can be used up in the Harbour Masters Department, and he considers half the value quoted by the Ordnace Department as ample payment for these items. The

absolved from all risk of deterioration of the stores, a

The values claimed for them are as follows.-

		Rs.	As.	Ps
Rockets life saving boxes	I8	326.	I.	0
" Sticks 9' 6"	I8	65.	4.	0
" Washer India rubber	36	3.	0.	0
" " metal	I8	4.	0.	6
" Sticks pins	I8	0.	7.	6
Lines rocket coils	3	99.	0.	0
" life 20 fathoms	2	2.	8.	0
Hawser		I5.	I3.	7
Port fires		I7.	6.	2
Primers		5.	2.	7
Port fire		7.	I4.	9
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Half of this amount would be	Rs	273.	5.	I

The Acting Deputy Conservator further reports that "the "majority of the other stores are useless and will probably have to "be thrown away, as no one will buy them". The Board cannot be justly called upon to pay for these stores which are useless for Port Service.

5. Under these circumstances I submit that the utmost which the Ordnance Department can expect the Board as Conservator of the Port to do is that it shall take over the above articles at the valuation placed upon them by the Dy. Conservator viz Rs 273.5.I.

These stores could then be used for practice with the Rocket Life saving apparatus belonging to the Port Department, which as already reported is kept in a state of efficiency and regularly used by the Harbour Masters and their boats crews. Should those stores then prove defective little or no harm will be done; but it is out of the question to retain them for use in an emergency when the failure of old and doubtful stores might result in loss of life.

6. It is hardly to be expected that stores which have been in Madras for 20 years or more are serviceable. I cannot understand the Ordnance Department saying that they are new, vide last para of the letter quoted.

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7. The demand for Departmental charges is Rs 246 odd. I submit that if this be paid the apparatus will not have been maintained solely at the expense of the Military authorities.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Chairman,

Harbour Trust Board.

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20,000.—10-7-99.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

3350
20 JUL. 1899

No. 6285 -A.

FROM

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF ORDNANCE,
MADRAS COMMAND.

To

THE Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
OOTACAMUND.

Through the Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command,
Madras.

OOTACAMUND, 18th July, 1899.

In returning your No.358-E., dated 13th July, 1899, and enclosures, I have the honour to intimate that I have no authority to accept a reduced price for the articles in question. It will presumably need the sanction of the Government of India; the papers are however returned through the Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command, for opinion on that point.

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E B Standbridge

Lieut.Col., R.A.,

Inspector General of Ordnance, M.C.

No. 3799

OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF MILITARY ACCOUNTS,
Madras Command,

Madras, the 13th *of* September 1899.

Forwarded.

2. The sanction of the Government of India would be necessary to any reduction in the price of the articles referred to.

3. The remarks in para 2 of letter No.6285-A dated 18th July 1899 from the Inspector General of Ordnance, Madras Command, are concurred in.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Ootacamund.

Major,
Controller of Military Accounts.

To

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Marine (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1159

Order

From
The Inspector General of Ordnance
Madras Command
Ootacamund.

No. 8547-A.

Dated 25th August 1899.

Received 26-8-99.

Enclosures Plans nil
others one } Total 1.

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SUBJECT.

Life saving apparatus — States that a reply has been sent regarding — through C.M.A. & forts: copy of the same.

Await the remarks of the Contr. of Military accounts.

30.8.99

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ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

Copy of ~~Extract from~~ a memo from the Inspector General of Ordnance, Madras Comd

to the Secy: to Govt: Marine Department
through the CMA, MS.

No. 6285A, dated 18th July 1899.

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True copy

J. Rush. for Chief Clerk,

Office of Inspr. Genl. of Ord. M. C.

P. No. 61—A.
5000—18-10-98.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

No. 8547-A.

From

The INSPECTOR GENERAL of ORDNANCE,
MADRAS COMMAND.

To

The Secretary to Government
Marine Department,
Ootacamund.

Ootacamund, 25th August, 1899.

Sir,

With reference to your No. 358.F/1., dated 24th August, 1899, I have the honour to inform you that a reply has been sent through the Controller of Military Accounts, Madras, vide this Office No. 6285-A., dated 18th July, 1899, copy of which is herewith forwarded.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

E B Standbridge Colonel,

Inspector-General of Ordnance, M.C.

Marine (189~~8~~9) Department.

CURRENT No. ~~1302~~ C M. 459

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PORT OFFICE

Order

From
The Chairman,
Harbour Trust Board,
Madras.

No. 32/10

Dated 18-9-99

Despatched — " —

Received 25-9-99.

Enclosures nil

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SUBJECT.

Life Saving Rocket Apparatus

Requesting early orders on letter No. 32-7 dated 5th July '99 on the subject of paying for the-

Await return of C.No 1263 from circulation.
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Harbour Trust Office.

MADRAS, 18th September 1899.

No. 32/10

FROM

Herbert Bradley Esq, I.C.S.,

CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,

MADRAS.

To

W. B. deWinton Esq.,

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Marine Department.

Through

The Presidency Port Officer,

MADRAS.

Sir,

I have the honour to invite attention to letter No.32-7 dated 5th July 1899 submitting remarks on the subject of paying for the Life Saving Rocket Apparatus and request the favor of early orders. The Ordnance Department is pressing for payment.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Herbert Bradley

Chairman,

Harbour Trust Board.

Secy. & T.M.

No. 445/318 G

Forwarded, with reference to this Office No. 202 G. dated 8th June 1899.

x with C.O. No. 1263 sent to H.S. on 18-9-99.

H. D. Baundley

for Presy: Port Officer.

Presy: Port Office,
Madras, 21st Septr 1899

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Marine (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 949 } Marine
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DATED 13—10—99

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Port Limits of Azhikal, Malabar Dt.

Approving the proposal to alter the limits of the port of Baliapatam and to ~~call~~ change ~~the port by~~ the name of the port to Azhikal, and directing that the sanction of the G. of I. be obtained to the ~~proposed~~ proposed alterations.

Port Limits of Azhikal, Malabar Dt.

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