

Marine (189) Department.

G.O., No. 720 Mar

DATED 1st August '99

7/4/99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Ventilation and lighting of native passenger ships. Letter from the Govt of India re — command to the Presidency Port Officer, who will issue ^{requisite} instructions to the officers authorized to grant certificates A under the native passenger ships Act —

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AUGUST.

Ventilation and Lighting of Native Passenger Ships

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No. 720, MARINE, 1st AUGUST 1899.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From J. E. O'CONOR, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Marine Department, dated Simla, 14th July 1899, No. 3213 S.R.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 165 T./Marine, dated the 26th June 1899, suggesting the issue of a rule under Act X of 1887, requiring that all the passenger accommodation in a native passenger ship shall be adequately lighted by day and night.

2. I am to say that, in the opinion of the Government of India, the issue of a rule is not necessary. The certificate A granted under section 10 of the Act must state that a ship is properly equipped, fitted and ventilated, and under sub-sections (2) and (3) of section 15 the officer authorized to grant the certificate can withhold it in his discretion subject to the control of the local Government, if he thinks that a ship is improperly fitted as regards lighting arrangements. All that is necessary, therefore, is the issue of instructions which will attain the end in view by the local Government to the officer by whom certificate A is granted, and I am to suggest that such instructions may be given.

ENCLOSURE.

From Colonel A. D. McARTHUR, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Bengal, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, dated Darjeeling, 26th June 1899, No. 165 T./Marine.

I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of letters marginally noted relative to the action of the Engineer and Shipwright Surveyor to this Government in disallowing the between deck of the S.S. *Umta* for passengers on the ground that it was not properly lighted, the only openings for lighting being the cargo hatches which would be almost wholly closed on the vessel getting to sea.

2. The Legal Remembrancer who was consulted on the subject has given his opinion that the Surveyor was justified in his action, and accordingly the Engineer and Shipwright Surveyor has been informed that vessels of the *Umta* class are unsuited for the carriage of passengers, and that his action in disallowing the between deck space is approved. The rules issued by the Government of India under section 53 (1) of the Native Passenger Ships Act, X of 1887, do not provide for the circumstances of the present case, and as it is necessary that the action of the Surveyor should be supported by a regulation made under the law, I am to suggest, for the consideration of the Government of India, the issue of the following rule:—

All passenger accommodation should be properly lighted both by day and by night. Properly fitted side scuttles placed about 14 feet apart should be fitted on those places that allow for their being above water line.

ORDER—No. 720, Marine, dated 1st August 1899.

Communicated to the Presidency Port Officer, who will issue the requisite instructions to the officers concerned, viz., those authorized to grant certificate A under section 10 of the Native Passenger Ships Act.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
" Collectors of Maritime Districts.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

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Letter from the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, No. 3213 S.R., dated 14th July 1899.

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Ventilation + lighting of native
Passenger ships

Circulated to

His Excellency the Governor

ORDER.

No. 720 Marine of 1-8-99

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R.S.

12th Aug
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To
The Presidency Port Officer,
" Collectors of Maritime Districts

15/8/99

Marine (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 1008

Order

From The Govt of India.

No. 3213 S.R.

Dated 14 July 1897

Received 22 July '97

Registered 24 July '97

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SUBJECT.

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Copy of a letter to the Govt of
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Marine Department.

From

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Finance and Commerce Department.

Dated, Darjeeling, the 26th. June 1899.

Sir,

I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of

No.300 of 6th May 1899 from Engineer and Shipwright Surveyor.

No.362 of 29th May 1899 from Legal Remembrancer.

Letters marginally noted
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I have &c,

(Sd.) A.D. McArthur,
Colonel, R.E.,

SECRETARY.

(True copy)

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Registrar, Finance and Commerce Department.

No. 3213 Sd
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

(Sd.) J.E.O'Connor.

Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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* The officers appointed under Section 7 of the act are the persons who are to grant certificate A. vide Section 12 of the act. For the list of officers appointed under section 7, vide G.O. 383 Mar & 3rd Nov 1899 May R

copy with copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded to
the governments of Madras, Bombay, and Burma.

By Order, &c.,

J. R. Carr

Asstt. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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