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Political (1899) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 106

DATED 2-2-99

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording proceedings Revenue dept directing the postponement of the inspection of the Laccadives till November next.

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Political CURRENT No. 1560

Endt: ~~Order~~ Mis. No 4928

Transferred to the Political Department in continuation of G.O. No 727 Rev: dated 29th November 1898.

(By Order)

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Ag. Under Secretary to Govt:

Fort St: George
14th December 1898

To

The Political Department.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
16 DEC. 1898
MADRAS

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V.E. memo sent to R.D. for G.O (origl) 727 Rev, 29.11.98.
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From

The Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue, Madras

No. 1405 Ref.

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Dated 9th December 1898

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for the orders of Government letter from the Collector, Malabar representing the necessity for inspecting the Minicoy island and suggesting certain arrangements for the conveyance of the inspection party.

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE),
Madras, 9th December 1898 ~~189~~.

READ— letter from G.W.Dance, Esquire, Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras, Ref. on C.No.1560/B & G -98, dated 4th December 1898.

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Reference No. 1405 dated 9th December 1898.

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With reference to Government Order, No.727 Rev., dated 29th November 1898, the Board submits for the orders of Government a letter from the Collector of Malabar enquiring whether arrangements cannot be made with the Trinity Home authorities at Colombo for taking over one of his Divisional officers and a small staff of clerks to Minicoy during one of the periodical visits to the Light house. The Collector states that there are several matters to be settled in Minicoy e.g. the examination of the rice accounts, and confirmation of the ~~Ag.~~ acting amin, and that the inspecting officer will have enough to occupy him for a week.

Lionel Davidson

A[illegible].Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with a letter in original (to be returned)

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Political (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 15

Telegram

From Commander Chaurer R.N.
The Board of Trade's Representative
Colombo.

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SUBJECT.

Stating that vessel for inspection of Laccadive Islands is not availabl

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To (Person) Chief Secretary Madras Fort St George

From Channer

CHIEF SECRETARY
4. JAN. 1899
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Vessel not available

32 Word Form.

Recd. from   LN.   Sent to   LN.

At   Hrs.   Mts. by   Hrs.   Mts. by   Telegraph Master.

MADRAS FORT 4-1-99

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vessel Ceylon

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/ despd 6/1/99

Telegram

to Commander Channer
B^d of Trade Representative
Colombo

(10) × Your telegram 4th.

~~Please say if vessel will not~~ Will not vessel or passage in vessel be available within next month or so.

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1,000—20-4-98.

Political (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 75

From The Superintendent,
Imperial Light Service
Ceylon & Minicoy

Order

No. 409

Dated 12th January 1899
Received 14th " "
Registered 16th " "
Enclosures
Spare copies.

Ref 6 Pm

SUBJECT.

Stating that neither the vessel nor passage by vessel within next month will be available per 'S.S. Ceylon' as she goes to Bombay for her annual docking—

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vessel "Ceylon"

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No. 409

From The Superintendent Imperial Light Service Ceylon & Minic

To The Chief Secretary, Madras.

Dated Colombo 12th January 1899.

SUBJECT:

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CHIEF SECRETARY
14 JAN. 1899
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Referring to your Telegram of the 6th Inst.

SIR,

I have the honour to inform you that I regret that neither the vessel, nor passage by vessel within next month will be available, as the S.S. "Ceylon" proceeds to Bombay by next week for her annual docking.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

A Channer
Superintendent

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Revenue (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 685.

From The Board of Revenue
Land Revenue.
Madras.

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No. 327 Misc.

Dated 26th January '99
Received 27th " "
Registered 27th " "
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~~Order~~
To the Lis.

The file containing the draft order re: the hire of a brig for the inspection of the Laccadives has, ~~[illegible]~~ after the Secy's approval, been forwarded U.O. to the Pol: Dept for acceptance. It is presumed that the current must lie over pending its return. Commander Chaunes has replied that the Trinity House Steamer will not be available as it will shortly go ~~into~~ dock at Bombay ~~for repairs~~.

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SUBJECT.

Requesting very early order of Government on the Suggest of the Collector of Malabar to depute one of his Assistants to visit the island of Minico attached to the District

a vessel "Ceylon

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE
MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue).

No. 327 Miscellaneous, dated 26th January '99

Read again Board's Reference no. 1405, dated 9th December '98.

Read also telegram from G. W. Dance Esq. Collector of Malabar, dated 16th January '99

Read also letter from ~~G~~ W. Dance Esq. Collector of Malabar, Ref on Cir. no. $\frac{1560}{13\text{-}9\text{-}98}$ dated 23rd January '99.

Resolution.

The papers read above in which the Collector of Malabar enquires whether arran ments can be made with the Trinity House authorities at Colombo for taking over on of his Divisional officers. and a small sta of clerks to Minicoy during one of the

period

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periodical visits to the Lighthouse, will be submitted for the very early orders of Government in continuation of Board's Reference no. 1405 dated 9th December 98, and telephone message of the 18th instant.

The Board requests that the orders of Government may be communicated to the Collector direct by wire.

(True Extract)

Lionel Davidson

Ag. Secretary

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department, with 2 enclosures +
Copy to the Collector of Malabar, with
Copy of Boards' Reference no 1405 dated
9th December 98.

J.D.L.

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Code Class. INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. Monthly Number.

To (Office)	From (Office)

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.
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To (Person)	From (Person)

Please [illegible] B. [illegible] 23-1-99
Collector Malabar [illegible] require
Correspondence [illegible]
[illegible]

64 Word Form.

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Sent to I.N. At Hrs. Mts by

Telegraph Master.

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Political (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 191

C/R

From

The Revenue Dept.

Order

No. 450 mis.

Dated 31st January 1899.

Received 1st Feb 1899

Registered 2nd Feb 1899

Enclosures –

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SUBJECT.

Postponing the inspection of Laccadives till next November.

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Political DEPARTMENT.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Acting

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:-

1. Reference from the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, No. 1405 dated 9th December 1898.

2. Telegrams from the Superintendent, Imperial Light Service, Ceylon and Minicoy, dated 4th and 13th January 1899 respectively.

3. Telegram from the Collector of South Canara dated 12th January 1899 stating that a brig is available for hire for Rs. 1500 for the first month and for Rs. 50 for each day beyond the first month and requesting that the reply may be sent to him by telegram.

4. Telephone from the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, dated 18th January 1899.

5. Telegram to the Director, Royal Indian Marine, dated 25th January 1899:-

"Under the orders of the Government of India communicated to this Government with Marine Department letter 13th March 1891 arrangements for hiring private vessels should be made through you. Please refer your telegram dated 15th November last. Collector South Canara now telegraphs brig available at Calicut, hire Rs. 1500 for first month and Rs. 50 for each day beyond. It is proposed to utilize brig for visiting Malabar and Canara Laccadives. Probable period six weeks. Please wire your approval arrangement as matter urgent

6. Telegram from the Director, Royal Indian Marine, Bombay, dated 26th January 1899 approving of the [illegible]

[illegible].

[illegible] vessel [illegible] Ceylon

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3. The following letter from the Acting Collector of South Canara,

outd No. 1593/Eng. dated 24th January 1899:-

With reference to G. O. Misc. No. 202 (Revenue Department) dated 12th January 1899, I have the honour to report that the Port officer, Calicut, has written again to say that he does not recommend the brig about which I wired to you on the 12th instant, and as the best part of the season is now nearly over and February (the end) and March would be hardly safe months in anything but a steamer, it seems there is no other alternative but to postpone the trip again till next season. But at the same time to prevent similar difficulties next time, I would respectfully suggest that steps be taken early in November of this year to engage either a steamer or a suitable sailing brig through the Collector of some maritime District on the East Coast where I learn such brigs are available. Mr. Couchman the last officer who visited the islands pointed out the advisability of the visiting officer leaving early on these inspection trips.

Order thereon, Misc. No. 450 d/ 31st January 1899.

The Government concurs in the view that it is now too late in the season to undertake the visit in a sailing vessel, and the inspection will accordingly be postponed till November next. Meantime the Government will consider the best means of meeting the annually recurring difficulty of getting a suitable vessel.

(True Extract.)

Govern

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1,000—11-10-98.

Political DEPARTMENT.

Subject - Inspection of Laccadive Islands -

C. No. 1560 From the Revenue Dept Endt No 4982, dated 14/12/1898.

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vide G.O. No 838 P.O / 6.12.98

The Board of Revenue forwards with reference to G O No 727 Rev / 29.11.98, a communication from ~~Mr. G. W. Dance~~ the Collector of Malabar - enquiring whether arrangements cannot be made with the Trinity House authorities @ Colombo for taking over to Minicoy one of his Divisional Officers & a few clerks in one of the periodical visits to the light house as there is work of some urgency & needing early attention on that Island.

Please see para 3 of P. P.O's note of 19. 11. 98 at flag

(in original of Rev G.O. 727 / 29.11.98

2. On the suggestion of the Presy Port Offr a telegram despatched to Com

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visit the Laccadives & Minicoy for a period of six weeks but a ~~negative~~ reply in the negative having been received, and other steamer being available Govt. decided, on the ground that there appeared no very urgent work to be done, to postpone the visit till 1899.

G.O. 727 Rev 29.11.98

– Vide remarks of H M flagged – ~~X(8)~~ in the original of Rev G.O. 727 29.11.98

3. The Collector states that "there "are several things to be settled "at Minicoy", that the Amin of that Island exhibits a/c defalcation & wishes to resign but his resignation is refused acceptance till Enquiry can be made into the matter of his a/cs on the spot, & that some alleged frauds in the distribution of rice to starving natives & "many other matters" should be looked into.

4. It would appear, therefore, that, while the Collector considers ~~that~~ the General inspection of the Islands may wait, ~~but that~~ an officer should, if possible, spend a week @ Minicoy this season. As this … is different to that … to the Colombo

already made, viz to take over the "Ceylon" by charter for six weeks, it is submitted that the following telegram may be despatched with a view to meeting, if possible, the Collector's suggestion –

3/1/99

Telegram

To Commander Chanmer –
Board of Trade Representative
Board of Trade Office –
Colombo –

(4) Reference your telegram November twenty-first no vessel ~~available~~ for Laccadives ~~inspection this year~~. Minicoy requires Collr presence for one week. Could he proceed thither by your str when she next visits lighthouse. If so how long could she wait at Minicoy? Govt. would be much obliged for assistance ~~matter urgent~~.

FWG 29/12/98.

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reply in C. No. 15. He says "Vessel not available" He appears to have misunderstood the telegram. Another telegram is subd. for approval.

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CWB
6.1.99

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Commander Channer replies to the telegram of 6th inst. by stating that neither the Vessel nor passage in the Vessel will be available within the next month as she (ss "Ceylon") goes into dock at Bombay next week. ~~It is also stated that nothing further can be done in the matter & that we had better wait & fall back upon the suggestion contained in GO No 727 Rev d/29-11-98 - viz. hired a sailing vessel to take his Assistant to Minicoy.~~

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FWG
17/1/99 C.S.

Subd. that the Supdt Imperial Light Service Ceylon be asked by letter when "Ceylon" will next be

Is he under the authority of the Ceylon Govt. or home?

? Please ascertain
CWB
19/1/99

Comm^r Channer is referred to by the Pres^y Port Officer in his No 4049 d/19 Nov^r last read in GO No 727 Rev d/29/11/98 as the "London Board of Trade's Representative"

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XV Rev C No 8436 speaks of him as the "Trinity House authority."

In his reply to the last telegram sent from this Govt. he signs himself "Supt. - Imperial Light Service - Ceylon & Minicoy"

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His name does not appear in the Ceylon Civil List from which it may be inferred that he is not ~~officially~~ under the orders of the Ceylon Govt. His relation to that Govt. might be ascertained by telephoning the Pres^y Port Officer if a definition is considered desirable.

FWG
20/1/99

the vessel "Ceylon"

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, be asked by letter

"Ceylon" will next be

D/4 1,000—8-4-97.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 685

From the Board of Rev: L. R

No. 327 Dated 26. 1. 1899.

Also telephone from the Board of Rev: d/ 30-1-99

FOR ORDERS.

To the Undersecretary.

In B. P. No. 327/26.1.99, the Board of Rev: submits a telegram from the Collector of Malabar enquiring whether there is any chanc of officer visiting Minicoy and ~~[illegible]~~ reporting that the late Amin applies for leave to go awa to the Maldives till January 19 ~~It [illegible]~~ Today it telephones to say tha the Collector of Malabar wires that he proposes allowing the Amin to go on Monda if orders are not received to th contrary. This a matter for the Pol. Dept. to which the paper may be sent W.O.

2. In the telegram despatched on Saturday, th Collector was informed tha the vessel "Ceylon"

FOR ORDERS.

Note for the Chief Assistant

With reference to the personal instructions given to me last night, I have ascertained from the Rev Dept that it has been decided not to send any officer for the inspection of the Laccadives this season and that a draft telegram to this effect is now in circulation. The only question which Pol has to decide is whether the Amir may be permitted to go to the Maldives. The Collector had telegraphed to the Board that unless he received orders to the contrary he ~~will~~ would permit the Amir to go away on Monday i.e. Yesterday - Vide telephone message from the Board to the Rev Dept.

V.Lin
31-1-99 For the C.S.

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below it will be seen that the idea of a trip has been abandoned for the present. The point for orders here is whether the Amin of Minicoy, who gave security to appear before the Inspecting Officer at Minicoy in January 1899, should be permitted to go to the Maldives until ~~Novr.~~ Jany. 1900. As the islands may be inspected next November the Govt. may, it is said be informed that he must arrange for the Amin's appearance at Minicoy before the Inspecting Officer then, if an inspection takes place.

CWS
31.1.99

Very well.

31/1/99.

Dft telegram is attached.

FWS
31/1/99

(Urgent)

Despatched
31-1-99.

Political Dept.

Telegram –

To the Collector of Malabar
Calicut.

Letter 1560 23rd

47 x Your telegram to Board. You must arrange for Amin's appearance Minicoy if that island inspected November next

FWS
31/1/99

(From C's orders)

CWS
Will
31.1.99

N.B.—KEEP FILE INTACT. and return to P.

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1,000—11-10-98.

Political DEPARTMENT.

Inspection of Laccadives —

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	75	Do. Do. (Supt. I. L. S.) Ceylon	409	12-1-1899.	
Rev.	685	Board of Rev. L.R.	327/mis	26.1.1899.	(a)
		Telegram to Collr. of Malabar	/mis 47.	31.1.99.	(a)
	191	Revenue Dept.	450/mis	31.1.99.	(a)

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Order/mis – No 106 d/ 2-2-99

"Recorded –"

FWS 2/2/99

Cwd 2.2.99

For Chief Secy –

In the last Current No. 191 the Rev Dept finally postpones the Inspection of the Laccadives till Novr. next.

FWS 2/2/99

Board of Rev L.R.)

(with letters from Collr. of Malabar No. 1560/4.12.98 & 1560/23.1.99 telegram from ditto d/ 16.1.99 returned)

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