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CURRENT No. 3209

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G.O., &c., 24th November 1890,
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NOVEMBER.

Emigrant Vessels.

Observing, with reference to correspondence on the subject, that in the case of —, wooden sheathing, if free from interstices, is much preferable to covering the iron deck with coir mats; and forwarding copy of Proceedings to the Government of India.

From Captain H. A. STREET, Her Majesty's Indian Marine, Presidency Port Officer, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 7th November 1890, No. 540-G.

With respect to Marine Department reference (herewith returned) on Current No. 3209, dated 3rd November 1890, I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of the Government, that, in my opinion, for a long voyage in a ship with an iron deck, a wooden sheathing, if properly laid, caulked and paid, is preferable to covering the deck with coir matting, as it can be kept sweeter and cleaner. This also appears to be the view of the Military authorities when transports have to be engaged for the conveyance of troops, as vessels with properly-laid wooden sheathing over their iron decks are, as a rule, selected in preference to vessels without such covering. If the wooden sheathing is not properly laid, no doubt evil results will follow.

2. Owners of vessels with iron unsheathed decks naturally prefer covering the decks with matting, as it is not so expensive as laying a wooden covering, and, if the Government should decide to accept the proposal of the Surgeon Superintendent of the S.S. *Congella*, a reduction should certainly be required in the rate of hire of the vessel.

3. If the wooden sheathing of the *Congella's* decks has proved unsuitable, the fault, I think, rests with the officer who passed the vessel for the emigration service.

4. The Agents of the British India Steam Navigation Company at this port inform me that they are not aware of any of the vessels of the British India Steam Navigation Company having had the wooden sheathing removed permanently from the passenger deck.

ORDER—dated 24th November 1890, No. 802, Public.

The Presidency Port Officer's letter will be communicated to the Protector of Emigrants, with the remark that the Government considers that wooden sheathing, if free from interstices—as it should be—is much preferable to covering the iron deck with coir mats or similar articles.

2. A copy of these Proceedings will be forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Protector of Emigrants.
" Presidency Port Officer.

ENDORSEMENT—dated 24th November 1890, No. 803, Public.

Copy to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department.

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

24TH NOVEMBER 1890, Nos. 802, 803, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From W. P. AUSTIN, Esq., Acting Protector of Emigrants, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 1st November 1890, No. 905.

I have the honor to submit, for the orders of the Government, copies of letters from Messrs. King and Sons, dated 18th September 1890, to the Protector of Immigrants, Natal, and from the Protector of Immigrants, Natal, to this office, dated 19th September 1890, No. 1029, in regard to the replacement of the wooden sheathing of 'tween decks in emigrant vessels by mats on the iron deck.

2. The Medical Inspector of Emigrants approves of the suggestion in its entirety, but, though it is undoubtedly good in so far as it will tend to prevent the possible accumulation of filthy matter, it has, I think, a serious drawback in that it must necessarily make the flooring either very hot or very cold according as the weather is hot or cold. The removal of the wooden sheathing will in consequence, I fear, entail on the emigrants a greater amount of inconvenience than will a possible accumulation of filthy matter. The suggestion, therefore, does not entirely commend itself to me, but I should distinctly approve of the removal of the wooden sheathing, provided some arrangement could be made which would protect the emigrants from any extreme of heat or cold, which the mere spreading of ordinary mats over the iron would not. An additional blanket, or 2 or 3 thicknesses of matting, might effect this.

ENCLOSURES.

Copy of letter from Messrs. KING and Sons, to the Protector of Immigrants, Natal, dated 18th September 1890, No. 1021—90-I.

The Surgeon Superintendent of *Congella* on her last three voyages has written strongly, urging that, for the better comfort and sanitation of the immigrant passengers, we should have the wooden sheathing of 'tween decks removed. As this was put down specially in accordance with the requirements of the Government Regulations, the matter does not rest with us, but we shall willingly remove it and use mats in its place, as the British India Company are doing, if authorised to do so and exempted from a requirement to replace it.

2. We should be glad if you will take action if you consider recommendation a good one.

Copy of letter from the Protector of Immigrants, Natal, to the Protector of Emigrants, Madras, dated 19th September 1890, No. 1029—90.

I have the honor to enclose, for your information, copy of a letter just received from Messrs. King and Sons, Agents and Owners of the S.S. *Congella*, *Umtata* and *Pongola*, now employed in the conveyance of Indian emigrants from the ports of Calcutta and Madras to this colony.

2. This is the first intimation I have had that the Surgeon Superintendent of the *Congella* strongly urged the subject contained in the letter referred.

3. I think the suggestion a very good one, and I cannot but agree with him that, for the sanitation of the 'tween decks, the wooden sheathing might with advantage be dispensed with and mats used on the iron deck in place of it.

4. No doubt with wooden sheathing where you have a large number of people located on it, quantities of impure matter must necessarily go through any open joints or cracks there may be, whereas with mats spread on iron decks, no filth whatever can possibly accumulate.

I think the suggestion is worthy of your favorable consideration.

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currents 3209 & 3340.
Order. 524. Nov. 90. No. 802
20/11/90

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15 Nov.
The Prot. of Emig. b/ Despt
P. P. O. b/ 4/12/90
Ind. - No. 803
Copy to the Govt of
India, Finance and
Commerce Dept. 3 copies
Despt 4/12/90

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C. No. 1077
Suppl.
Marine 1890) DEPARTMENT.

From
THE PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
Madras,
To
THE CHIEF SECY. TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George.

No. 540 G.

Dated 4 } November 1890.
Received 7 }

C. No. 3209 with
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Subject.

Reporting that wooden
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

~~H. A. Street~~

Captain H. M. S. M.
Presidency Port Officer

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3340 Public
C. No. 1017 Marine

No 5404

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE, 48
Madras, 7th November 1890.

Heading.

Emigrants

From

THE PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
MADRAS,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE.

SIR,

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 Despt 4/12/90

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 C. No. 1017
 Public
 Marine (1890) DEPARTMENT.
 From
 THE PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
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 MARINE DEPARTMENT,
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No. 540 G.
 Dated 4 November 1890
 Received 7
 C. No. 3209 with
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Subject.
 Reporting that wooden sheathing on board of emigrant vessels are preferable to coir matting.

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 25 November 1890
 Referred to the Presidency Port Officer for remarks. His attention is invited to the statement in the first enclosure as the B. I. S. N. Co. are doing.
 Admin. Secy
 Chief Secretary
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In Public No 3340/90.
 902-3
 21-11-90

C No. 3209
 Public (1890) Department.
 (EMIGRATION.)
 From 29
 THE PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,
 Madras,
 To
 THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
 PUBLIC DEPARTMENT,
 Fort St. George.
 No. 905
 Dated 1
 Despatched } Nov. 1890.
 Received }
 ENCLOSURES 2.
 No.
 Subject.

Re the replacement of the wooden sheathing of tween decks in emigrant vessels by mat on the iron deck

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W. A. S. Hall

as Protector of Emigrants

Public N^o 3209/90
Enclosed 1

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Your most obedt servant

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No. 905

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OFFICE OF THE PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,
Madras, 1st November 1890.

From

W. P. Austin Esq.

PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,
Madras,

To

The Honorable J. F. Price

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the orders of Government, copies of letters from Messrs King and Price, dated 18th September 1890, to the Protector of Immigrants Natal, and from the Protector of Immigrants Natal, to the office, dated 19th September 1890, N^o 1029, in regard to the replacement of the wooden planking of 'tween decks in Emigrant Vessels by mats on the iron deck.

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ORDINARY, MS.

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22-11-90 பொ. ப. என்.

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1. தோ. வடபடு. கோயில்
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2. முடிக்கப்பட்ட நன்.
3. எந்த நடப்பு கோயில்
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4. எந்த உதவியாளரால் (இ. தி.)
உதவியாளரால் எடுக்கப்
படுகின்றது.
5. பெற்றுக் கொள்பவரின்
செய்யப்படு.
6. எடுத்தலிக்கும் பதிவரை
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