

Public (1897) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 1352-53.

DATED 11-10-97.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that the present practice of the P.P.C. Conducting high Officials Afloat in the port of Madras should continue and that the Deputy Port Conservator should accompany that officer while so doing; and addressing the G.O. 2 on the subject of the salute to be fired at the time of landing of an Admiral.

Marine (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 131

For Orders.

The only information From,
in the subject which is available The Presidency Office,
in the Marine Dept is that Madras
shown on pp 171-172 of the hand-
book of procedure and precedents.
The question is perhaps one that
should be considered in the
Public Dept.

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R.S.

Very well. Let this question be considered in the Public
Dept.

But there is another question I have to ask
about the landing of the Naval Commodore-
in-Chief. Should the salute be fired when his
ship enters the port or when he lands? The
former action was taken in the case of
Rear Admiral Dromgoole.

Requesting the views
of Government regarding
the duty of accompanying
a high official afloat
at Madras
N-1888 of 8th Feb 1897
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Am. Campbell CRRE
Secty. for

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Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 29 January, 1897.

From

Commander H. A. Street, R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer,
Madras,

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The Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Chepar.

Sir,

As a question has arisen as to whether the duty of accompanying a High Official afloat should not fall on the Executive Officer of the port instead of on the Presidency Port Officer, I have the honor to beg that the views of Government may be obtained on the matter. At a coast port the duty would, of course, fall on the Port Officer of the Port, but at Madras the custom which was followed in the days before the position of the Deputy Port Conservator as the Executive Officer of the port was defined, still obtains, and the duty of accompanying a High Official when proceeding afloat is carried out by the Presidency Port Officer. The only objection I can see to the continuance of this practice is, that it virtually ignores the position of the Executive Officer of the port. Should Government, however, consider it necessary to lay down any rules on the point, I would recommend that the Presidency Port Officer should be required to meet a High Official at the pier on landing or embarking, and that the duty of conducting him afloat should fall on the Executive Officer of the Port. On the arrival in the port of the Naval Commander-in-Chief the Presidency Port Officer, as at present, should proceed on board to ascertain the wishes of His Excellency

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as to landing &c.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. H. Threlkeld

Commander, R.I.M.,

Presidency Port Officer.

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The Marine Dept
From *Colonel Campbell R.E.*
Secy to Govt

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Madras requesting the
views of Govt regarding
the duty of accompanying
a high official afloat at
Madras.

Ms.

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From The Marine Dept.

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Cd. The file is that regarding which the U.S. put up a number of telephone messages in re procedure in connection with the Naval Comdr-in-Chief.

It was submitted to the Cw. 4/16/97 Cd. a few days ago

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SUBJECT.

Transferring letter from Presidency Port Officer re the question whether the duty of conducting high officials abroad should not fall on Deputy Conservator of the Port instead of on the Presidency officers.

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PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,
Madras, *29 May* 1897.

From

Commander H. A. Stuart R. I. M.

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,

Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MARINE DEPARTMENT,

Chepak.

SIR,

I have the honor to request that the orders of Government may be obtained on my letter of 29 January last No. 454/31 *g* in which was raised the question whether the duty of conducting High officials afloat at Madras should not fall on the Deputy Conservator of the Port instead of on the Presidency Port Officer.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Obedient servant

H. A. Stuart

Commander R. I. M.

Presidency Port Office

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No 373 E

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

Endorsement
MEMORANDUM.

Recd 2/6/97

Asst Commr

Dated Madras 2^d June 1897.

From the Presidency Port Officer,
Madras, No. $\frac{454}{195}$ G. dated 29th May 1897.

Transferred to the Public Department
in continuation of endorsement
No. 882 dated 8th February 1897.

W. Hughes

For Secretary to Government

The Public Department

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Public DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 561

L. H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

(THE HON'BLE ^{Mr. H. W.} MR. BLISS / C.I.E.

~~THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

SUBJECT.

Duties of Presidency Port Officers

FOR ORDERS.

I very much regret that I have kept these papers so long.

Part of the delay after they first came to me arose from search to ascertain if possible what was the rule with regard to the question asked by H.E. the Governor in his note at page A. The papers finally came back to me in the latter half of May and what with the suble and other extra work I overlooked them.

As regards the question raised by the P.D.O. there is no reason that I can see for ^{allowing} ~~allowing~~ the existing procedure and the illustration which he gives in support of his suggestion does not appear to be to the point. The Coast Port Officers attend on board ships to meet a high official and escort him ashore not as the Executive Officer of the Port.

head of the Marine Dept. The P.D.O. is
 the head of the Marine Dept. as the
 Presidency Town and I consider that
 the duty of attending high officials
 in the rank of Major should ^{be limited to} devolve
 on him: ~~therefore~~ In the case
 the Deputy Commissioner should
 not be ignored on such occasions
 he come to the town with him. This
 as far as I have seen has always
 been the practice.

If the P.D.O.'s proposal was adopted
 one would have on the occasion say
 of the visit of the Navy the
 P.D.O. remaining ashore at the
 landing stage to receive the vessel
 the Chief Secretary an Officer of much
 higher official position and the
 D. Comd one of position much lower
 than the head of the Marine Dept
 went on board ship to look the
 Navy & Love.

As regards the Governor's question
 at Flag A. search and enquiry
 have been made.

I was under the impression that
 on the occasion of the Sir E
 Fremantle arrival that
 were two salutes but reference

As of the above, I agree with
 the C.S. P.D.O.

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DEPARTMENT.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

FOR ORDERS.

+ I cannot find this in the file.

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This would be impossible - admirals can't
 anticipate their intention of landing
 privately a private matter they have
 entered the harbour. My opinion is
 that as the ship enters the harbour
 the flag should be saluted - If not, the
 ship would salute at all if the admiral did
 not land, as might easily happen if he
 was independent of them. If the admiral
 elects to make a public landing, there
 is a second salute for the individual;
 to the same on his departure.

RD

4/9/97

I have had a good deal of experience of this

thing, and I have never known a shore battery salute

to the military authorities has shown that
 there was but one. My impression has
 therefore been distinctly moved to
 have been incorrect.

The correct procedure appears from
 the communications from the military

Dept. Flagged C to the effect of the
 Naval Commr in Chief could salute
 the salute is fired when he lands
 and before, that if he intimates
 his intention of landing privately
 the salute is fired on the flag ship
 unless the harbour.

This latter was the course followed
 when the Admiral Drummond
 who landed privately arrived

RD

30/8/92.

When a Foreigner enters
 the country, it is not usual to fly, I do not
 think it is usual for an Englishman to
 go to the sea. This is always a British
 game. When an Admiral lands, at the first
 time, he receives a Salute according to his rank,
 on the ship's side, and he is given a guard
 of honour. The same is the practice in H.
 His Majesty and the departure from this
 practice, which I do not think Admiral
 Drummond wished at. I have had more
 to raise the question. It is known that
 that there may be a difference in practice in
 H. His Majesty's Service. It may be so
 therefore to refer the question to the Govt. of
 India.

19.9.97

H.S. knows much more about
 the matter than I do & will have
 to act accordingly.

BP

22/9/97

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Duties of Pres. Post Officers

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NOTE FOR THE H.E. The Governor.

The communication from
 the Military Dept. referred
 to by the CS is now
 submitted, & flagged C.

AK.

11/9/97

Resubmitted to the Honble
 Sir W.W. Khan K.C.S.I. with
 ref to H.E. the Governor's
 note d/10/9/97 within

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2. The Govt. of India will be addressed.

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LETTER W. 1353 of 11 Oct 97

Sir,

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~~unhappy~~ ^{TP} New York
September 19th 1914
at the residence
of the

of the salute prescribed in art:11 of the A.R.I., Vol.II. ^{on} that occasion the guns in the battery in Port St. George were fired as soon as the flag-ship entered the port. While in previous years it ^{has been} ~~was~~ customary to salute the Admiral as soon as he reached the landing stage. The military authorities explain that this procedure was adopted only because intimation had been received that Admiral Drummond intended his landing to be private, otherwise the salute would have been deferred until the landing place was reached.

2. There is however this difficulty in accepting the view of the military authorities as to the correct procedure, that it is not always possible for a Naval Commander-in-Chief to intimate in advance his intentions with regard to landing. If therefore his ship enters the harbour before any such intimation has been received, it is not plain whether the salute should be at once fired or postponed. If the latter procedure has been adopted and the Admiral lands privately or not at all, the salute might, owing to misunderstanding, not improbably be omitted altogether. From art:11 A.R.I., Vol.II, it appears that the flag of an Admiral, as well as the officer himself, is entitled to be saluted. This distinction has given rise to the suggestion that two salutes

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are necessary, one for the flag of the Naval Commander-in-Chief when his ship enters the port ^{or} and one for the Commander-in-Chief himself when he lands. It is understood however to be contrary to the practice in B.M.'s colonies and elsewhere for a shore battery to fire the first salute under any circumstances. The matter is not ^{one} in which this Govt. is in a position to come to a definite decision and I am therefore to request the instructions of the Govt. of India as to the procedure to be adopted in future.

I have etc.

/From orders/

Mk.
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