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[Despatch Abstract.]

Come to the British Cons. Agent, Pondicherry, Kanhal,
Marine proc. addressing the Govt of the Straits
Settlements on the subject of embarkation of
Brit. Ind. passengers from French ports in direct
to the Straits Settlements by vessels not pos-
sessing certificates of fitness to carry Indian
passengers.

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British Consular Agent
Pondy & Karikal.

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Embarkation of British Indian passengers from French Ports in India to the Straits Settlements

Ordered that the matter of — by vessels not possessing certificate of fitness to carry Native passengers as in the case of the German S.S. *Amigo* which sailed from Karikal embarking Native passengers be brought to the notice of the Government of Straits Settlements.

To the B.C.A P.K. (i.e.)
Collector of Dargah (P.S.)

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

Telegram from the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Ootacamund, dated 20th April 1897.
Port officer Negapatam wires. German steamer *Amigo* refused passenger certificate Madras embarking British paying passengers Karikal.

Telegram from the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, to the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry, dated Ootacamund, 20th April 1897, No. 283 E.
Your telegram about refusal of certificate is not intelligible. Wire fully and state distinctly what orders of Government you require.

Telegram from the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Ootacamund, dated 20th April 1897.
Port officer Negapatam wires. German steamship *Amigo* embarks British passengers Karikal was refused passenger certificate Madras forwarded information Government of representations French Government necessary.

From Captain L. H. HAWKES, Acting British Consular Agent, Pondicherry and Karikal, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Ootacamund, dated 20th April 1897, No. 74.

In continuation of my telegram of to-day's date, I have the honour to inform you that the German S.S. *Amigo* came from the Straits Settlements with a passenger certificate granted by the Port authorities there to the Coromandel Coast. She intended carrying back passengers, but failed at Madras to obtain a certificate. She has now gone to Karikal to embark, free-paying passengers for the Straits having been unable to do so at the British ports on the Coast.

I have ascertained that there are no French Port regulations to prevent passengers embarking on a foreign ship unlicensed to carry them.

I would suggest that, in similar cases, British Indian passengers should be restrained from leaving British territory to embark at Karikal.

Telegram from the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, to the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, dated Ootacamund, 22nd April 1897.

Information received that German steamer *Amigo* which was refused clean bill of health at Madras is taking up British passengers at Karikal. Ascertain particulars and report fully.

Telegram from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Ootacamund, dated 22nd April 1897.

Your telegram to-day. Steamer *Amigo* was granted clean bill health here, but was refused certificate as being unsuitable carrying Native passengers. Port officer Negapatam has reported that vessel was at Negapatam where she proceeded on leaving Madras, and was taking in cattle cargo for Straits Settlements and that it was rumoured she would embark 200 passengers at Karikal. He intended keeping Consul acquainted with vessels' movements.

Telegram from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Ootacamund, dated 22nd April 1897.

Amigo left Negapatam Tuesday for Karikal, thence Straits yesterday with passengers.

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Ootacamund, dated 23rd April 1897, No. 460/146 G.

In continuation of my telegrams of yesterday's date *in re* the German steamer *Amigo*, I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that from a report received to-day from the Port officer, Negapatam, on the subject, it appears that the vessel was inspected at Karikal by the Administrator, Port officer and Health officer of that port, and sanction afterwards accorded for shipment of 190 bullocks and 196 passengers for the Straits Settlements.

2. Mr. Mactaggart of the firm of Messrs. Adamson, Mactaggart & Co. of Negapatam has informed me that the greater number of the passengers were booked at Negapatam by the agents of the steamer and sent across to Karikal to embark. He further remarks that it is hard on steamer agents in British-Indian ports to be forced to comply with all the requirements of the Native Passenger Ships Act, while at a French-Indian port, a vessel which has been refused an A certificate is able to take passengers without any difficulty or incurring expense.

3. There is nothing in the Native Passenger Ships Act, nor in the Indian Steam Ships Act (VII of 1884), applying to a vessel which embarks at a foreign port passengers for a British port under conditions similar to those of the *Amigo*, but in section 36 (1) of Ordinance No. VII of 1890, enacted by the Governor of the Straits Settlements, there is a penalty for bringing passengers in a filthy and insanitary condition, and as the *Amigo* carries bullocks as well as passengers, it is possible her state on arrival at Penang or Singapore may be neither clean nor sanitary.

4. Unless some arrangement can be arrived at with the French authorities at Pondicherry regarding the observance by them of the provisions of the Native Passenger Ships Act in the case of vessels which have been refused certificate A at a British-Indian port, the requirements of this Act are likely to be constantly evaded.

ORDER—No. 415, Marine, dated 3rd May 1897.

Ordered that the matter be brought to the notice of the Government of the Straits Settlements.

[Here enter No. 416, Marine, dated 3rd May 1897.]

(True Extract.)

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Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
„ Public Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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