-5-3-98.

Revenue (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES

G.O., No. 450

DATED 31st January 99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Postponing the inspection of the Laccadives till next November.

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Revenue (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 341

Tel:

From

The Collector of S. Canara—
Mangalore.

Order

No. —

Dated 12th
Received 16th
Registered 16th
January 1899.

Enclosures —

Spare copies.

SUBJECT.

~~Re~~. Stating that ~~the vessel~~ a brig ~~"Brig"~~ is available for hire for Rs 1500 for the first month and for Rs 50 for each day beyond the 1st month and requesting that the reply may be sent to him by telegram.

2A / 18/1/99 Recd 4.30 pm.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
Go.	202	Revenue	12-1-99

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

O/18 4,000—19-7-97.

Revenue (189) Department.

CURRENT No.

Order

INDIAN TELEGRAPH.

Class. S
Monthly Local No. 33
To Station Madras adyar
From Station Mangalore
Official Instruction. Kna
Words. Day. Hour. Minute.
31/1 (34/10) 12 17 25
To (Person) Revenue ~~gambiers~~
From (Person) Collector

gambiers garden

my letter twelfth ultimo 1593 hear brig available calicut hire rupees 1500 first month and rupees 50 each day beyond please wire reply

× (Repeated)

ADYAR 12 JA. 99

Recd. from L. N.
At Hrs. Mts. By
Sent to L. N.
At Hrs. Mts. By
Postmaster.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Revenue (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 710

From

The Acting Collector
of South Canara.

Order

Ref on. C. No. 1593/Sug of 1898.

Dated 24th January 1899.

Received 29-1-99

Registered 30-1-99

Enclosures nil.

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Reporting that it has become necessary to postpone the proposed Inspection trip to the Laccadive Islands till next season &c.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Ref. on C.R. № 1593/Eng/98.

SOUTH CANARA COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Mangalore
24th January 1899.

FROM

A. F. Pinhey Esquire,
Acting Collector of
South Canara,

To

The ~~CHIEF~~ SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Revenue Department,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to Government order, Misc. № 202 (Revenue Department) dated 12th January 1899, I have the honor 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 tak

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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.

Mr. Couchman's report will be found in p. $\frac{104}{}$ to 196 P. 73.C.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

D.

For Ag. Collector

Errors etc. [illegible]

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[illegible]

$\frac{\text{[illegible]}}{26.1.99}$

$\frac{0}{18}$ 4,000—18-10-98.

Revenue (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 680.

Order

Telegram

From the Director,

Royal Indian Marine

Bombay

No.

Dated 26-1-99

Received 26-1-99

Registered 26-1-99

Enclosures

Spare copies.

SUBJECT.

Approving on the terms proposed the chartering of a brig.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

Monthly Number.

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To (Office) Madras			From (Office) Bombay		
Words. 16/2	Day. 26	Hour. 13	Minute. 9	Official Instructions.	D.S.

To (Person) Madras. Revenue

From (Person) Director marine

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yours
Yesterday
Charter
Brig
on
terms
mentioned
approved

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26/1/99

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F. C 2.

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At Hrs. Mts. by	At Hrs. Mts. by

MADRAS 26-1-99

Telegraph Master.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C No. 341

Tel From the Collector of South Canara

Dated 12- 1- 1899.
Recd 16. 1. 99.

FOR ORDERS.

f.o. 727/29.11.98 C

To the Undersecretary

In directing the postponement of the inspection of the Laccadive islands during the current season, the Govt intimated that if the Collector of South Canara considered it necessary that the islands attached to his district should be visited during the current year (1898-99), he might ~~to~~ depute his Assistant Collector to undertake the duty in a sailing vessel.

vide letter d/12.12.98 B in Govt 202/12.1.99

In reply the Collector reported that in case a suitable sailing vessel should be secured, he proposed to send over his Assistant, Mr. Moscardi, early in January to inspect the islands. The proposal has been accepted by Govt in f.o. 202/12.1.99

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2. The Collector now telegraphs that he understands that ~~[illegible]~~ a ~~barge~~ brig is available at Calicut on a hire of Rs 1500 for the first month and Rs 50 for each day beyond that period, and requests a reply by wire.

Are funds available?

U.S.
16.1.99

If we don't know ask the A.G. by telephone

RS
16-1-99

16.1.99

To U.S.

Please see draft message below

RS
16-1-99

Please return after despatch
16-1-99

Telephonic message.

From the U.S. to Govt R.D.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue)

Collector of South Canara wires that a brig is available ~~at Calicut~~ to take his Assistant Collector to inspect the Laccadives islands attached to his district. Terms Rs 1500 for the first month and Rs 50 for each day afterwards. Can funds be made available to meet cost of trip

RS
16-1-99

16.1.99

C.S.
10/55
17.1.99

To the U.

The Bo[illegible] reply has not yet been received. May a ~~reminder~~ reminder go?

U.S.
17.1.99

RS
17-1-99

I think we may sanction

the trip. No doubt the Bd. can find R1500 out of savings somewhere - We told the Collector to arrange for a trip if he could.

17/1/99

I am willing to sanction but there will be a good many extras connected with the trip - I think it will be safer to ascertain that Rs 2500 (say) can be made available -
Sanction if satisfied on this point

17-1-99
6 p.m. -

Ask if Board can find R2500 so as ~~there will~~ to cover ~~the~~ extras

17/1/99

To U-S

Please see telephonic message below

RS
8-1-99

C 17.1.99.
R 18.1.99

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Telephonic message

To Secretary Board (L.R)
From U-S to Govt (R.D)

My message of yesterday regarding brig to take S. Canara party to the Amindivi islands. Can Board find Rs 2500 so as to cover hire of brig and extras?

18/1/99

RS
18-1-99

Despd C.S.O.
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18/1/99

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. Monthly Number.

To (Office) Telephones

From (Office) Message

Words

Day. 18

Hour. 16

Minute. 20

Official Instructions.

To (Person) Under Secretary Revenue Dept

From (Person) Secretary Boa Land Revenue

Your message re funds to meet cost of trip to the Laccadive Islands South Canara District. Rupees 2500 can be transferred from 30 c Stationery and Printing – Govt Presses – Cost of materials and stock. The charges under 3 Land Revenue – Charges of District Administration, to which the cost of the trip should apparently be debited are likely to exceed the sanctioned Estimate. In this connection please see Boards reference No 1405 dated of Decr 98. The Collector Malabar wires [illegible] his letter [illegible] returns No. 1560 issued any chance of officer visiting Minicoy

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To (Person)

From (Person)

Continued

Sate Amin applied for leave to go away to Maldives till January 1900 ends. Can the brig be used by the Malabar party also. Steamer Margarita is not required for pearl fishery work until the end of February next. The Presidency Port Officer enquires whether the Vessel can be placed at his disposal from the 23rd instant. The charge payable for the use of the Vessel, (3) being Rs 190 per diem vide G.O. No 1015 Rev dated 6 Decr 97 I will not be advantageous to use the Vessel for the trip to both the groups of the Laccadives.

C.G.

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C. G. P.—No. 49 T—23 12 97—3600.00.

To the Under Secretary.

Please see telephone above from the Board of Rev.

2. The Board reports that "the charges under 3. Land Revenue "— charges of district administration — "to which the cost of the trip" to the Laccadives "should apparently be "debited are likely to exceed the "sanctioned estimate", but that the required sum, viz. Rs 2500, can be "transferred from 30*. C — "Stationery and Printing — Govt "Presses — Cost of materials and "stock". If the charge is to be debited to 3. Land Revenue by re-appropriation from 30. C. Stationery and Printing, the Board of Rev should be asked to submit the necessary re-appropriation statement for sanction in the Fin. Dept.

* under the Board's control

vide Rule 93 of the Budget Rules.

3. The ordinary rule is that charges should be debited to the Dept which incurs it; but attention is invited to the Govt of India letter No $\frac{230}{13.3.91}$ inst. G.Os $\frac{118}{30.3.91}$ Marine, in which it was directed that the charg

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on account of a B. I. S. N. Company's steamer hired for the inspection of the Laccadives should be debited to 'Marine' and that arrangements for hiring or chartering vessels, the charge for which will fall on the Imperial Marine estimates should be made in future through the Director of Marine. It is not known whether the rule as to the debit of such charges still holds good; if so, the hiring of the ~~brig~~ brig cannot be arranged except through the Director of Marine. A draft telephonic message to the Acctt.-General is put up enquiring whether the hire of the vessel will be charged to Marine or Civil.

4. The Board of Rev: enquires whether the brig can be utilized by the Malabar party also. With its Reference No. 1405 of 9.12.98, the Board of Revenue submitted a letter from the Collr. of Malabar suggesting that the Board of Trade's representative in Ceylon might -addressed in view to its being ascertained when the lighthouse Minicoy would next be

Secy

The question of the debit of the cost may it is submitted be left to the Fin'l Dept to decide at leisure. We know the Bd can make money available.

19-1-99

Yes: there is no time to decide the qn before-hand

19.1.99

visited and whether the vessel taking the inspecting officer could be made available for taking the Malabar party also to inspect the islands. The paper was transferred to the Political Dept in Rev: Endt no $\frac{4928}{14.12.98}$. It is understood that a reply has been received in the Pol. Dept that ~~the~~ Board of Trade's vessel is not available. The Collr. of S. Canara states in his telegram that the brig lies off Calicut; it is submitted that the Collr. of Malabar may be asked by telegram to ascertain if it can be used by the Malabar party also.

5. The Board of Rev: further reports that the Govt pearl fishery vessel "Margarita" is not required for pearl fishery work ~~[illegible]~~ until the end of February next and that the Presidency Port Officer enquires whether the vessel can be placed at his disposal from the 23rd Inst. The Board states that the charge for the use of the vessel being

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Secy

Submitted that it is for the Govt to decide whether the Malabar Laccadives also are to be visited. If so, the Collector may be told so & left to make arrangements themselves

19.1.99

Rs 190 per diem — vide G.O. no 1015/6.12.97 [?] it would not be advantageous to use the vessel for the trip to both the groups of the Laccadives. This is true; it would be cheaper to hire the brig at Rs 50 per diem to take the Malabar party also. Further, the "Margarita" is not, according to the Presidency Port Officer, fit to stand a trip to the Laccadives. In a note d/19.11.98, this officer has noted "The 'Margarita' is not a sea-going vessel, and, in my opinion, should not be employed on any service which is likely to take her out of sight of the coast for many hours at a time, except during seasons of fine weather and smooth water. She is totally unfit to cope with a heavy sea and would most likely founder if caught in a storm. At this time× of the year, the weather in the Indian ocean is always slightly unsettled, especially while bad weather exists in the Bay of Bengal, and I certainly would not advise the 'Margarita' being sent to the Laccadives."

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in p.o. 727/29.11.98 # C

(original with another file)

× November.

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Secy As regards this last point, the Bd, may it is submitted be told that the Margarita is not to be used for the trip to the Laccadives 19.1.99

As the Board can find the money, the trip may be sanctioned & the Collr. informed accordingly in reply to his telegram.

Our application to the Dir. of Marine resulted in an extravagant offer. I did not know that the charge was Marine (the office ought to have noted the point) when the previous proposals were under consideration. On that occasion (from Director d 15 Nov 98 in G.O. 29 Nov 98 no 727 R) the charge was Rs 400 a day.

From the I. of G. letter d ~~22~~ 13/3/91 (in G.O. 30/3/91 no 118 Mar) it is not quite clear ~~in what case~~ whether the charge wd be Marine if the vessel is not engaged thro the Director.

Has Fin. Dept any objection to our sanctioning the chartering of the brig in the present instance.

19/1/99

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BC
19.1.99.

Fin Dept

CHIEF SECRETARY
19 JAN 1899

Financial Department.

Rev. C. No.341

NOTE

As the total charges under 50 STATIONERY AND PRINTING ~~is~~ are expected to exceed the budget the reappropriation cannot be made from the source indicated by the Board. As however savings are expected under 5 LAND REVENUE - SURVEY AND SETTLEMENT which more than counterbalance the increase expected under CHARGES OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION the sum required (Rs.2,500) can be reappropriated from Survey & Settlement ~~the former head.~~ The charge will however have to be debited to 21 MARINE under appendix P of the Civil Account Code page 682, and the debit will under the present contract be against Provincial. Vide schedule on page 23 of G.O.No.824, Financial, dated 5th October 1897.

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H.A.L. 20/1/99

C.S

The first point to be ascertained is whether the expendre. will fall on Imperial or Provincial. & if it is subd. the telephone to A.G. below may go.

Cwl 21.1.99

Note original of Rev. G.O. No. 2344 mis, of 13th April '91 on this Mar. G.O. sent to A.G. R.O. No. 203 / 21.1.99.

21/1/99

Telephone

From the Chief Secy to Govt ~~Rev. Dept.~~

To the Accountant-General.

Very-Urgent Please see G. O 118 / 30.3.91 Marine. It is proposed to hire a private brig to take an inspection party to the Laccadives. ~~Is it still the rule~~ ~~that~~ Will the hire ~~should~~ be debited to the Imperial Marine estimates or to 21 Marine Regt.

RS / 19-1-99

Cwd 20/1/99

Q. Return file to R.C. after despatch

Dept'l C.O. 14/10 / 20/1/99

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

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To (Office) Telephonic

From (Office) Message

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To (Person) Chief Secretary

From (Person) Accountant General

JAN 1899

Please forward a copy of G.O. No. 118 dated 30 March '91 Marine as it is missing from the records of this office

CSO

Note for DC

G.O. No. 118 Mar of 30.3.91 was not commd to Trl & as no S.Os are available either in our deptt or in R.D.

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F. C 2.

LN.

Mts. by

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At Hrs. Mts. by

Telegraph Master.

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Fin'l Dept.

Note

Accountant General's Office Madras 21 JAN 99

Chief Secretary Government of Madras 23 JAN. 1899

As a spare copy of G.O. No. 118 Marine, d/ 30th March 1891, is not available the original of G.O. No. 2344 Rev:, d/ 13th April 1891, is forwarded to the Accountant General (u.o.) with the request that it may be returned with his reply to the telephone message of this day.

Cent
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20/1/99

Office [illegible] copy [illegible]
to file which relates to G.O.

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20.1.99

No. 203. d/ 21-1-99.

To
A.G. (u.o)

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

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To (Office)	From (Office)

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.
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To (Person) Chief Secy.	From (Person) Acct. Genl.

Under G. O. No. 118 Marine D/- 30th March 9
the hire of a private brig to Laccadive Islands
should be debited to the Imperial Marine Estimates.
The sanction of the Director of Marine should
be obtained to the arrangement. The G. O.
is returned

CHIEF SECRETARY 23 JAN. 1899 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

23-1-99

V. Urgent

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S G P—No. 783 T—1-4-97—

Fin. Dept

Note for the CS

As the Accountant General holds that under G.O. No. 118 Marine, d. 30th March 1891, the hire of a private brig for the inspection of the Laccadives should be debited to the Imperial Marine estimate and that the sanction of the Director of Marine should be obtained to the arrangement it is submitted that the Revenue Dept may be informed accordingly.

23/1/99 The linked files may, it is submitted, be also forwarded to Revenue as it is apparently intended that the Malabar Laccadives should be visited as well in the brig

No. 226, d/ 23-1-99.

CWS 23.1.99 To R.D. u.o.

23.1.

To U.S

The Pub Dept has consulted the A.G about the hiring of the brig at Calicut to take the S. Cavara party to the Aminis & forwards a telephonic message from him that under the G.I letter in G.O $\frac{118}{30\text{-}3\text{-}91}$ marine, the hire of the brig should be debited to the Imperial Marine estimates and that the sanction of the Director of Marine should be obtained to the arrangement.

~~X.E The existence of this [illegible] was not known at the time the previous notes were written. Neither the A.G nor the [illegible] was aware of the [illegible] & that it was [illegible] by this Dept. It was accidentally discovered in the search for [illegible] in which the Imperial [illegible] was unable to [illegible]~~

Linked file

2. The Pub Dept also forwards its correspondence with the Supdt Imperial Light Service Ceylon and Minicoy in connexion with the enquiry of the Collector of Malabar whether arrangements cannot be made with the Trinity House authorities at Colombo for taking over one of his Divl officers & a small staff of clerks to Minicoy during one of the periodical visits to the Lighthouse. The

Flag X.V in linked file

Supdt has replied that neither the vessel S. S. Ceylon nor a passage by her within the next month will be available as she proceeds to Bombay for her annual docking.

3. If the brig is still available at Calicut (the Collector of S. Canara telegraphed on the 12th instant) we may now sanction the visit~~ing~~ of the Malabar Laccadives also after first obtaining the approval of the Director to the arrangement. A draft telegram to the Director is put up.

Secy

RS
25-1-99

This seems the most expedient course at present. The question of the means to be taken to avoid such difficulties in future is discussed in the file below

25/1/99

Communicated to this Govt with Military Dept. letter 13 March 1891

Please refer ~~my~~ ~~his~~ your telegram dated 15 Nov last

Tele despd 25/1/99

Draft Telegram

To the Director Royal Indian Marine

under (the) ~~the~~ Orders (of) (the) Govt (of) India arrangements for hiring private vessels should be made through ~~(the) Director (of) marine~~ you 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 & Canara Laccadives (probable period six weeks) Please wire your approval arrangement as matter urgent

RS
25-1-99

25/1/99

Telegram from the Director Royal Indian Marine dated 26-1-99 (C. No. 680 of 1899)

To R. S.

In reply to telegram of the 25th, the D. R. I. M ~~states~~ requires his approval of the chartering of the brig on the terms proposed. Orders may now issue sanctioning the visitation of the Malabar Laccadives also and directing the Collectors to arrange further details in communication with each other. Please see draft order below

Only if Collector approves. The brig may be unsuitable for that voyage or the season be too late or there may be other objections when brig is available

~~[illegible] 27-1-99 [illegible] further charges is [illegible]~~

2 ~~the charges is [illegible]~~ Attention is invited to articles 295 + 296 of Civil acct Code Vol I. ~~[illegible]~~ It is not clear now that the Director has sanctioned the hiring of the vessel in accordance with the G. I. ruling of 1891 whether ~~[illegible]~~ sanction must also be obtained direct from India the F. D may be consulted on the point. Meanwhile orders may issue to avoid delay

RS
27-1-99

Secy
27.1-99

P. T. O

Will Pol Dept please say if they agree to issue of Draft telegram below. If they do it may issue alone & the file will then go to Fin. Dept for consideration of question at end of note on previous page

S. L. 27/1/99

Pol. Dept. u.o.

27 JAN. 1899

Pol Dept

To the C.S.

There appears to be no objection to the issue of the proposed telegrams

No. 287 of 28.1.99.

Cml. 27.1.99

7. R. D. u-o.

28/1 99. Rev Dept

Office

Issue the telegrams

28/1/99

To the Undersecretary.

The telegrams to the Collectors of South Canara and Malabar re: the hiring of the brig for the inspection of the Laccadives ~~have~~ were issued on Saturday.

2. The Collector of S. Canara ~~was~~ reports in a letter of 24. 1. 99 that the Port Officer, Calicut, has written to say that he does not recommend the brig, and states that as the best part of the season is now nearly over and that as February (the end) and March are hardly safe months in any but a steamer, there is no other alternative but to postpone the trip till next season. At the same time, to prevent a recurrence of similar difficulties, ~~the Collector~~ he suggests that steps be taken early in November to engage either a steamer or a suitable sailing brig through the Collector of some maritime district on the East coast where he learns that such brigs are available.

3. In the telegram that issued on Saturday, the Collector of Malabar was informed that the Govt had sanctioned the hiring of a brig for the inspection of the Amindivis (S. Canara) and that if no objection existed, the same brig might be utilized for the inspection of Minicoy also. The Malabar Collector was further instructed to settle details in communication with the Collector of S. Canara. Now that the Port Officer, Calicut, has written to the Collector of S. Canara that he does not recommend the brig, it is presumed that the trip to the Minicoy should also be postponed. If so, it is unnecessary to consider the question as to obtaining the sanction of the Govt of India for the charges of the hiring of the brig.

4. The linked file contains the original of C.O. $\frac{727}{28.11.98}$ Rev and papers re: the inspection of the Laccadives and a note showing the occasions in which the Director, Royal Indian Marine was unable to spare a vessel &c.

I was no party to this — If asked I could have said at once that any proposal to visit Minicoy in a sailing vessel was quite out of the question.
It is difficult enough to find the island in a steamer
RS

Undoubtedly

Please see also linked file containing telegrams from the Collector of Malabar

Note The linked file has been separated & will be separately dealt with
CMS.
30.1.99

The Private Secretary's D.O. of the 20th Dec. last calling for the ~~paper~~ C.O. has yet to be replied to.

RS
30-1-99

Secy
Apparently our telegrams had better now be cancelled?
The only satisfactory way out of these difficulties seems to be to get a suitable steamer of our own
30/1/99

Yes: ~~I~~ cancel telegraphs to S. Canara & Malabar in view of the letter received on Sunday (slip T)
Pol. Dept. to see after issue. ~~That Dept~~ will send the file on ~~to~~ to P.S./~~[illegible]~~ on completing the notes in linked file as to purchase of a steamer
30/1/99

Forl. S.
please see draft ~~telegram~~ below

RS
30-1-99

Secy
30/1/99

But why this draft order? The draft order passed on the 27th has not issued yet.

Read all the papers at the head of a fresh draft order saying that in view of the facts last reported the visit will be postponed till next season & that meantime the Govt will consider the best means of meeting the difficulty found in getting a suitable vessel. Send separate telegrams cancelling Saturday's telegrams. Please draft sharp

H
30/1/99

To U-S

please see draft order & telegram below

RS
30-1-99

Secy

Please see drafts for approval below

H
30/1/99

H.M. There may issue?

30/1/99

Yes H.M.
31-1-99

C 30.1.99.
R 31.1.99

To the Undersecretary.

Fair copies of the telegrams to the Collectors of Malabar and S. Canara postponing the visit to the ~~L~~accadives are submitted for signature. Need the words "till next season" in the telegram be altered to "till Nov. next ~~[illegible]~~" with reference to a similar alteration made by H. M. in the draft order?

There is no contradiction

2. The draft order may now, it is submitted, be sent to the Pol. Dept for counter-initials.

31.1.99

RS
31-1-99

31-1-99

To Pol Dept w.o.

Pol. Dept

For the C.S.

The draft ~~Od~~ order has been flagged M. There appears to be no objection to c.i.s.

31.1.99

Revenue Department

Telegram despd on 31-1-99

Telegram to Collector Malabar / S. Canara.

My telegram 28 instant inspection Minicoy cancelled. Visit postponed ~~till visit (ditto)~~ amindivis next season

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3 Telegram from the Collector of S. Canara dy 12-1-99 (C. No. 341 of 1899)

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~~1~~. Read B. P. 1405 Ref / 9-12-98 (C. No. 8436. of 1898)

2. Telegrams from the Supdt Imperial Light Service Ceylon and Minicoy dy 4-1-99 & 12-1-99.

II & IV

4. Telegram to Director R. I. M dy 25-1-99

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5 Telegram from Director R. I. M dy 26-1-99

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6. B. P. No 327 mis dy 26. 1. 99 (Cu 685) G. O. (Press).

The Govt sanctions the hiring of the brig on the terms ~~referred~~ stated in the telegram from the Collector of S. Canara and approved by the Director R. I. M. As ~~no vessel~~ the S. S. Ceylon belonging to the Imperial Light Service Ceylon and Minicoy is not likely to be ~~able~~ available within the next month the Collector of Malabar will be informed that ~~he may~~ he may, if he considers that the brig is suitable ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ & ~~[illegible]~~ arrange ~~with the owner~~ in communication with the Coller of S. Canara to send an officer & party ~~of the hiring~~ in the same vessel for the inspection of Minicoy.

for the ~~journey~~ purpose & that no other objection arises, he may

2 The following telegrams will

be despatched.

To Collector S. Canara.

your telegram 12 instant. Hiring (of) brig sanctioned on terms proposed. ~~Also~~ Please inquire of Collector Malabar whether he proposes to ~~also~~ send inspection party also ~~(to)~~ Minicoy & arrange details [illegible] in communication with (him)

To Collector Malabar.

~~[illegible]~~ your letter 4 December about visit Minicoy. Vessel "Ceylon" is not ~~(brig)~~ available, but ~~South Canara reports brig~~ ~~available at~~ Govt has sanctioned hiring brig at ~~reported~~ ~~(to)(be) available (at)~~ Cabinet for inspection Amindivi. If you think same brig may be utilized ~~[illegible]~~ ~~brig for~~ inspection Minicoy & no other objection arises, you may arrange send party in it to Minicoy ~~arrange~~ settle details by telegraph in communication with) Collector South Canara

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Telegrams despatched at 6.45 P.M on 28.1.99

28.1.99.

To the Coll. of S. Canara.
.. Coll. of Malabar
.. Board of Rev: L.R.
.. Pol. Dept.
.. Fin. Dept.

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⊗ in Pol. Dept.

It can't be admitted that there is any danger in visiting the S. Canara islands in Feb. It cd. be easily & safely done; but the fatal objection is that Feb. is the month when all the island boats shd be at Mangalore with their coir. All the chief people wd thus be absent from the islands, or wd. lose their season by dancing attendance on the visiting officer.

The Govt. concurs in the view that it is now too late in the season to undertake the visit in a sailing vessel, and

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⊗ Q Read B.P. 1405 Rev. d/ 9.12.98 (in G.O. 4928 d/ 14.12.98)

⊗ Q .. Telegrams from the Supdt. Imperial Light Service, Ceylon & Minicoy, d/ 9.1.99 & 12.1.99.

P .. Telegram from the Coll. of S. Canara, d/ 12.1.99 (Circ. 341)

Q .. Telephone from the Board of Rev. d/ 18.1.99

P .. Telegram to the Dir. R.I.M. d/ 25.1.99

P .. Telegram from Do. Do. d/ 26.1.99.

A .. Tel. to the Colls. of S. Canara and Malabar d/ 28.1.99

A .. Letter from the Coll. of S. Canara, No. 1593/Eng d/ 24.1.99 (Circ. 710).

Order Mis. No. 450 dated 31st January 1899.

~~In view of the report of~~ ~~As it is reported that the~~ ~~the Collector of S. Canara~~ ~~Season is [illegible] so far advanced~~ ~~[illegible] that the islands cannot~~ ~~[illegible] be safely visited in any vessel but a steamer~~ the inspection accordingly will be postponed till ~~the~~ November next ~~next season~~. Meantime the Govt will consider the best means of meeting the annual recurring difficulty of getting a suitable vessel

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To the Board (L.R.)
To Pol. Dept.

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