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S.S. "Antartico"

1919

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Customs

No. 442.

Act. Collector of Customs

SUBJECT.

1919

14th June

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Chilian Steamer "Antartico" alongside
public jetty after dark.

MINUTES.

Harbours Master

For report please.

14.6.19

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Hon Col Secty,

Your minute of the 14th inst received today
and noted.

The master of the "A TARTICOA applied to me on
the 13th inst for permission to come alongside the Public
Wharf for the purpose of discharging which I granted, and
as he also required fresh water and was doubtful as to
whether he would finish before dark I gave him permission
to remain overnight reminding him at the same time of the
law prohibiting his crew from landing without a permit from
the Detaining Officer.

In calling on board about 9pm I was surprised when
talking to Mr Bennett that he expected the vessel to leave
the jetty that night and explained to him the risk of moving
in the dark amongst hulks and buoys &c.

As the Act Collector of Customs never consulted me on the
subject of the vessel coming to, or leaving the wharf, I am
surprised that he thinks that I should have informed him as

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as stated in par 3 of his minute and I think the impression caused is that he has exceeded his duty in issuing orders over my head as admitted in his opening sentence, thereby interfering with my duties as laid down in sect 2, Ord. I of 1911.

Had the Collector expressed his wishes to me in the first instance I should have been most pleased to have assisted.

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Harbour Master
18/6/19.

Hon. Treasurer.

I am inclined to think that there has been some misunderstanding in this matter, and that the provisions of the Wharfage Ordinance, 1911, which provide that vessels shall not be taken alongside any wharf without the consent of the Harbour Master, and shall be removed therefrom or shifted at his request, have been overlooked.

In future the order to a Master of a vessel should be given by the Harbour Master as the law requires.

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Hon. Col. Sec. *W. J.*

Noted - thank you.

M. Francis Barker
Actg Collector
19. 6. 19.

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Departmental Number.

From Actg. Collector

Date June 14th 1919

To Hon. Col. Secty.

SUBJECT.

CHILIAN STEAMER "ANTARTICO"
ALONGSIDE PUBLIC WHARF AFTER DARK.

Reference Numbers. }

Hon. Col. secty.

I beg to report that yesterday the 13th inst., I informed the Master of the s.s. "Antartico" that he could take his vessel alongside the Wharf during the hours of daylight only for the purpose of discharging cargo, but that in the evening he was to anchor away from the Wharf. I also gave similar instructions to the Senior Customs Officer so that he could see that they were duly complied with.

2. The vessel finished working cargo at 5 p.m. yesterday afternoon but did not leave the Public wharf, at 9.30 p.m. she was still alongside and I thereupon went down myself to ascertain why the vessel had not been moved away - the Senior Customs Officer informed me that the Harbour Master stated that he could not move the vessel as hulks were in the way and told the Master the vessel was to remain alongside.

3. I think that the Harbour Master should have informed me of this so that I could have at once brought the matter to the notice of H.E. the Governor - I fear that it gives a bad impression when instructions issued by the Customs are set aside by some other Officer.

M. Lewis
Ag. Collector.

14.6.19