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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND SHIPS' AGENTS.

IT is in all cases essential that the bill of lading or a certified copy thereof should be on board every vessel sailing with cargo from this Port.

Ship agents will therefore be required to produce at the Customs a copy of the manifest, with corresponding bills of lading, before clearance is issued.

2. Goods destined to a neutral country in Europe (or to Russia) must be documented to a named consignee, or, as an alternative, to a bank or financial house of high standing, with the remark "Notify A.B.," "A.B." being the name of the person or firm for whom the goods are ultimately consigned.

3. Goods destined for a British, French, or Italian destination should be shipped to a named consignee, unless the bill of lading and manifest clearly indicate that the ultimate destination is as stated.

4. It is desirable, in order to avoid interruption of the voyage, that goods shipped to neutral countries outside Europe should be consigned in the same way as goods consigned to neutral countries in Europe.

5. This requirement is absolute in the case of shipments to China, Siam, Persia, or Morocco.

6. Goods for Holland should be consigned to the Netherlands Oversea Trust.

Nota Bene.—No form of consignment will secure to vessels immunity from the belligerent right of visit, search, and detention.

Colombo, Ceylon,
September 2, 1915.

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