



Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, 17th July, 1923.

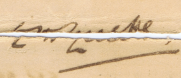
Sir,

With reference to the Colonial Secretary's letter dated the 7th May, 1923, relative to the visit of the Royal Indian Marine Ship "Investigator" to the Maldivé Islands in connection with certain scientific investigations which are being carried out there, I am directed to inform you that your letter of the 17th April was transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. A reply has now been received, requesting that His Highness the Sultan of the Maldivé Islands may be informed that owing to an oversight the Commander of the vessel was not instructed to call on him at Male, but that in any similar cases which may occur in the future such instructions will be issued. It is also explained that the placing of the shore marks was necessary for the safe navigation of the vessel during her investigations.

2. I am to request that the Sultan of the Maldivé Islands may be informed accordingly.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
for Colonial Secretary.

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Maldivian Government Representative.