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No. 21. From W. MORRIS, Esq., Government Agent at Trincomallee; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated 6th March 1858.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd Instant, delivered to me by Mr. Crowther, Assistant in the Marine Board, who arrived here in the Steamer "Viscount Canning" this evening.

I beg to report, for the information of the Madras Government, that 152 boxes, each containing 5,000 Rupees, said to be the property of the Indian Government were safely landed from the late Steamer "Ava" on the 17th Ultimo, before she broke up, all of which were conveyed to Galle by the P. and O. Steam Company's Ship "Grenada" on the 21st, and reached Galle on the 23rd Ultimo.

Native divers have been engaged by Mr. Jellicoe, the Agent of the P. and O. Steam Company, to raise the remaining boxes of Treasure, but hitherto with little effect, the sea not being sufficiently calm for them to work under water; two more boxes only have in consequence been recovered, but it is anticipated that in a few days, diving operations may be carried on more satisfactorily. I doubt if any very large portion can be saved without proper Diving Apparatus, which it is understood here, Commodore Watson, has in one of the ships of his squadron. There is not any in Ceylon.

Every precaution has been taken to prevent robbery from the wreck, a party of the Ceylon Rifle Regiment was despatched to the beach as near the wreck as possible, immediately on the news of the shipwreck, reaching Trincomallee, and a party of Police were sent by myself, and have been kept there ever since. Captain Kirton, some of his Officers and a portion of the crew having also encamped there.

Whenever any sum of the Treasure shall have been recovered, it will be conveyed to Trincomallee, and kept under careful guard until an opportunity offers of transporting it to Galle.

Under these circumstances it appears to me an unnecessary expense to your Government to detain the "Lord Canning" here, but I purpose going by her in company with Mr. Jellicoe, to the wreck at day light in the morning, when after consultation with Captain Kirton, Mr. Crowther and I will decide whether the Steamer shall return to Madras or not.

Mr. Crowther will communicate to you in person should it be thought more advisable to take the Steamer back at once to Madras.

STEAMER VISCOUNT CANNING,
7th March 1858.

P. S.—Having inspected the wreck it is apparent to me that it would be useless to detain the ship. The two boxes of Treasure recovered since the departure of the "Granada" was delivered to Mr. Crowther, as also two boxes of letters, that they may be transferred to the "Candia" and forwarded to Galle or Suez.

No. 22. From J. T. MACLAGAN, Esq., Acting Secretary Marine Board; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 9th March 1858, No. 1051.

SIR,

I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board, to forward for the information of Government, the accompanying report from Mr. Crowther, representing that after having examined the spot in which the wreck of the "Ava" was lying and conferred with the Government Agent at Trincomallee, he had returned with the "Viscount Canning" to Madras, satisfied that the vessel could not be of any service in saving the Treasure. The Board consider that Mr. Crowther acted judiciously on the occasion and that her remaining at or near Trincomallee would not have been attended with advantage.

2. Commodore Watson who has just arrived in Her Majesty's Steam Frigate Chesapeake proposes to leave to-morrow afternoon for the scene of the wreck. The Board have furnished him with all the information in their power and as he would be glad to have a second Diving Helmet

April 14. To port of India -

3 The two boxes of tea.

- sent brought by the Com.

with to make over to the

Sub Treasurer - and

the two mail boxes :-

the Port Master General

4 On the arrival of the

the Steam Commodore

the Commodore will

be requested to make

over the rising balance

and air pump on

board his ship, for

the service of Com. and

-don Watson

Major B.

250 Sub Treasurer &

Port Master General

24 to the Commodore

the Steam Commodore

on my arrival at Madras

} Dispd 10th JJP

} Dispd 11th

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Dep't of the Interior
W.D. Mitchell in Capt. No. 159. A.

Secretary to the Indian

For Dept.

By my Telegram under
date the ^{3rd} inst you were
informed that the
Steamer "Viscount
Canning" would be sent
to the coast to
assist in the recovery
of the lost steamer
wrecked on the coast
Steamer "Don."

The "Viscount Can-
ning" left the harbor
loaded for the above
purpose on the evening
of the 1st inst. and
returned here on the
evening of the 8th, as
it was found that
her services could not
be made available in
any way.

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