

(1) Number of pages 22(2) Date of repair 10.6.39(3) Initials of the Referencer 4

## MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Financial* DEPARTMENT.

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| G.O. No. <u>30</u> | Press<br>Mis.  |
| <u>38-40</u>       |                |
| Dated <u>22-1-</u> | 18 <u>61</u> . |

13/38-4011/12Not to be folded or roughly handled

1

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,  
22nd January 1861.*

No. 38. Read the following letter from W. BALMAIN, Esq., Officiating Sub Treasurer, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 14th January 1861, No. 928.

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government, a letter\* with enclosure received from the Collector of North Canara, reporting that 2 boxes of Treasure, shipped by the "Dalhousie," for that District, are missing.

2. I cannot agree with the Collector in thinking that the name of a District and a number are not sufficient to identify a box. In the present case, there are two boxes wanting in tale, and this is a matter quite irrespective of the identification of particular boxes. It was my intention to have shipped all the boxes for the different Ports in the reverse order to that in which they would have to be landed; but the very bad weather which occurred at the time, caused confusion in getting them on board and the different boxes got mixed together.

3. It is to be hoped that the missing boxes may turn up at Bombay. The value of Nos. 65 and 69 for North Canara is both together Rupees 300-0-0.

From W. FISHER, Esq., Collector of North Canara, to W. BALMAIN, Esq., Officiating Sub Treasurer, Madras, dated Honore, 5th January 1861, No. 25.

I have the honor to report for the information of Government that Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie" arrived here on the 1st instant, and that on landing the Treasure, two boxes were found to be missing.

2. There can be no doubt, I think, that Mr. Ball gave a receipt for two boxes in excess of the number he actually received, under the circumstances detailed in the letter hereto appended.

3. The missing boxes contain Copper Coin, as those containing Silver are correct according to Invoice, and of course weigh more than boxes of a similar size containing Copper.

4. Mr. Ball, I believe, did his best, but I cannot acquit him of blame, as it was his duty to see the marks or number on each box handed over to him. At the same time, the accident that has occurred was partly occasioned by the pressure exercised by the Commander of the "Dalhousie," who refused to land the Treasure on the 1st instant, (though boats were alongside by the time the Vessel anchored,) and then hurried proceedings the next morning with a view to getting his ship under steam as quickly as possible.

5. I must also observe that the boxes for each District bore no distinct mark other than the name of the District and number, and as these were in some instances either partially or totally effaced, confusion was the necessary result.

6. There seems to be no doubt that one, if not more, of the boxes for this District were landed in South Canara, and I think it should be a standing rule when Treasure for various Ports is shipped on board one Vessel, that the boxes for each should bear a distinct mark in bright colours, a precaution used even by travellers by the overland route with regard to private baggage.

7. Captain Hopkins has himself warned me that some boxes for North Canara had probably been landed at Mangalore, and that others for South Canara would perhaps be found among those discharged here.

8. As soon as the boxes were missed, a Telegram was despatched informing Captain Hopkins of the fact, and I trust that they will be discovered at Bombay, and be made over to the Collector of Sea Customs, as requested.

9. Altogether three boxes bearing our Invoice Nos. 65, 69 and 220, are wanting.

10. Two boxes, No. 27 and one the number of which is illegible, have been landed. The former belongs to South Canara, and the latter is, judging from the address and the correctness of the rest, No. 232 for North Canara.

11. The missing boxes are probably Nos. 65 and 69, No. 220 having been landed in South Canara in place of No. 27 received here.

12. I have addressed the Commander of the "Dalhousie" and the Collector of South Canara on the subject, and will report the result for the information of Government.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,  
22nd January 1861.*

From J. BALL, Esq., Deputy Collector in charge of Treasury, to W. FISHER, Esq., Collector of North Canara, dated Honore, 4th January 1861, No. 1.

Having already verbally reported to you the fact of two boxes of Treasure being unfortunately missing out of the number brought by the Steamer "Dalhousie" for this District, I now beg to state the circumstances under which it happened.

2. The discharging of the boxes from the Steamer commenced about sunrise on the 2nd instant, English Accountant S. Manjanatia taking down from my dictation, the number of each box, as it was hauled up from the hold of the vessel to be lowered into the boat alongside.

3. On 43 boxes being lowered into the boat, message was brought to me by one of the European Sailors of the Steamer that boxes were being discharged forward too, and that some body should be ordered to superintend it. I immediately deputed Manjanatia for the work, myself taking the numbers of the boxes discharged aft.

4. All went on well until I had 251, and Manjanatia 100 boxes in the boats. In the mean time, the Officer discharging the boxes forward having reported to the Commander, who had a short time previously come on deck, that there was no boat ready to receive the boxes, the Commander spoke to me to order a boat to receive them, and on finding that there were but 26 boxes wanting to make up the full complement for our District, and that the men in the hold aft, had none ready to haul up, but were looking for them, I ran forward to ascertain how many boxes there were to be lowered into the boats, and on finding that there were 22, ordered Manjanatia to put them into the 2 boats that had taken 50 each, instead of putting them into a third boat, and returned aft to see whether any more boxes had turned up. I found two boxes in the sling ready to be hauled up, and the men busy in hauling up some other boxes for Captain Boswell, I believe.

5. The Officer in the hold, who was noting down the boxes as they were hauled up, on seeing me, enquired how many boxes were wanting to make up the full complement, and on my telling him that 122 were being discharged forward, which added to the 251 discharged by him aft, left a deficiency of 4; he said that he had discharged 253 and not 251. On this I enquired of the Guard and the Tindal on board the boat, who told me that 2 boxes had been lowered into the boat during my short absence. The Commander who was on the poop and heard all that passed between me and the officer in the hold and the people in the boat, said immediately that I wanted but 2 more to make the full number, as my men admitted having received two boxes in addition to what I had seen overboard, and asked the Officer how many he had, and on his replying "two," ordered them to be hauled up and lowered into the boat.

6. Had the Tindal and Guard not been so positive that 2 boxes had been put overboard during my absence, (which was certainly not more than 3 minutes,) and not spoken in Hindustani, so that the Commander could understand what was said I would have hesitated, but as it was, I believed what was told me, and have been grievously disappointed. What induced the Tindal and Constable to be so positive that two boxes had been lowered into the boat during my absence I cannot conjecture, and even after I had warned the former that he would be held responsible if the boxes were not forthcoming, he still persisted in adhering to his statement. I made an attempt to count the boxes that were in the boat at the time, but without success, as there were upwards of 100 boxes on board.

7. I believe that the mistake originated in 2 boxes for "Lahore" having been hauled up at the very outset in lieu of those for "North Canara," and laid aside on deck on my discovering the error. These were subsequently put back into the hold and their numbers may not have been struck out of the memorandum kept by the officer in the hold, and the Naigue of Marines, on deck, although they were not replaced by boxes for us. Hence it is more than probable that the 2 missing boxes were left on board the Steamer along with a large number for "Lahore," "Bombay," &c., that is, if they have not been landed by mistake at Mangalore, and that they will turn up when the Steamer is discharging at Bombay.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,  
22nd January 1861.*

8. Had the discharging of the boxes been carried out in the manner it was commenced, there is not the least doubt that this mistake would never have happened, but the Commander having come on deck in the interim, and hastened the work, and at the same time ordered preparations for the immediate starting of the Steamer, all was confusion on board.

9. As the distinguishing numbers of some of the boxes are more or less obliterated, I cannot give the exact numbers of the 2 missing boxes, but they contain Copper Coins, as the 20 boxes of silver Coins are correct.

10. The only consolation in this much to be regretted affair is, that the "Dalhousie" is a Government Steamer, and that the Commander will make every enquiry regarding the boxes on arrival at Bombay.

11. In conclusion I beg to add that this unfortunate affair is most keenly felt by me, and that I most sincerely regret its occurrence.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. FISHER.  
Collector.

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, 22nd January 1861, No. 30.

Resolved that a copy of the above letter and of its enclosure be forwarded to the Government of Bombay, and that they be requested to inform this Government whether the two boxes Nos. 65 and 69 have been received at Bombay, as also whether the box No. 220, which is likewise missing, has been received there, and to forward to Honore for the Collector of North Canara any of those boxes that may be found.

2. The Sub-Treasurer will ascertain from the other Districts to which coin was sent by the "Dalhousie" whether the boxes for them have been duly received.

3. The Government think with Mr. Balmain that it is sufficient to mark on boxes of Treasure sent by sea the name of the District to which the money is consigned and the number. They observe however from Mr. Fisher's letter (paragraph 5) that in some instances the directions on the boxes shipped on the "Dalhousie" were partially or totally effaced. Care should be taken that the direction should in all cases be well painted in strong paint, and that the paint be thoroughly dry before the boxes leave the Government Treasury.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,  
Chief Secretary.

No. 40. To the Secretary to the Government of the Bombay, dated Fort Saint George, 22nd January 1861, No. 31.

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to forward a copy of a letter and of its enclosures from the Officiating Sub-Treasurer, and to request that the Government of Bombay will cause it to be ascertained whether the two boxes, Nos. 65 and 69, therein alluded to, have been received at Bombay, as also whether the box No. 220, which is likewise missing, has been received there, and that orders may be issued for forwarding to Honore for the Collector of North Canara any of those boxes that may be found.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,  
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No. 25.

Recd 14/1/61 No. 15

North Canara Coll<sup>y</sup> Office,  
Honore, 5<sup>th</sup> January 1861

From W. Fisher Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Collector of North Canara.

To W. Bulman Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Officiating Sub Treasurer.  
Madras.

Sir, I have the honor to report for the information of Government that H. M. Steamer "Dalhousie" arrived here on the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant, and that on landing the Treasure, two boxes were found to be missing.

2. There can be no doubt, I think, that Mr. Ball gave a receipt for two boxes in excess of the number he actually received, under the circumstances detailed in the letter hereto appended.

3. The missing boxes contain Copper Coin, as those containing silver are correct according to invoice, and of course weigh more than boxes of a similar size containing copper.

4. Mr. Ball I believe did his best, but I cannot acquit him of blame, as it was his duty to see the marks or number on each box handed over to him. At the same time, the accident that has occurred was partly occasioned by the pressure exercised by the Commander of the "Dalhousie", who refused to land

The treasure on the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant (though boats were alongside by the time the vessel anchored) and then hurried proceedings the next morning with a view to getting his ship under steam as quickly as possible.

5. I must also observe that the boxes for each District bore no distinct mark other than the name of the District & number and as there were in some instances either partially or totally effaced, confusion was the necessary result.

6. There seems to be no doubt that one, if not more, of the boxes for this District were landed in South Canara, and I think it should be a standing rule when treasure for various Ports is shipped on board one vessel, that the boxes for each should bear a distinct mark in bright colours, a precaution used even by travellers by the overland route with regard to private baggage.

7. Captain Hopkins has himself warned me that some boxes for North Canara have probably been landed at Mangalore, and that others for South Canara would perhaps be found among those discharged here.

8. As soon as the boxes were missed, a telegram was despatched informing Captain Hopkins of the fact, and I trust that they will be recovered at Bombay, and be made over to the

Collector of Sea Customs, as requested.

9. Together three boxes bearing our invoice numbers 65, 69 & 220, are wanting.

10. Two boxes, No. 27 and one the number of which is illegible, have been landed. The former belongs to South Canara, and the latter is, judging from the address & the correctness of the rest, No. 232 for North Canara.

11. The missing boxes are probably Nos 65 and 69, No. 220 having been landed in South Canara in place of No. 27 received here.

12. I have addressed the Commander of the "Dalhousie" and the Collector of South Canara on the subject, and will report the result for the information of Government.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your most Obedt<sup>l</sup> servant,  
J. L. M.  
Collector.

W. L. M.

No. 1.

Enclosure in letter  
North Canada, Collector's Office  
Havre, 4<sup>th</sup> January 1851

From J. Dall Esq.  
Deputy Collector in charge of Treasury  
To W. Fisher Esq.  
Collector of the North Canada Co.

Sir, Having already verbally reported to you the fact of two boxes of treasure being unfortunately missing out of the number brought by the Steamer "Dalhousie" for this District, I now beg to state the circumstances under which it happened.

2 The discharging of the boxes from the Steamer commenced about sunrise on the 2<sup>d</sup> instant, English Accountant L. Manjanatia taking down from my dictation, the number of each box, as it was hauled up from the hold of the vessel to be lowered into the boat alongside.

3 On 4<sup>th</sup> boxes being lowered into the boat, message was brought to me by one of the European sailors of the Steamer that boxes were being discharged forward too, and that some body should be ordered to superintend it. I immediately <sup>deputed</sup> Manjanatia for the work, myself taking the numbers of the boxes discharged aft.

4 All went on well until I had 251, and Manjanatia 100 boxes in the boats. In the mean time, the Officer discharging

Jan 2/61. D  
No 21.

the boxes forward having reported to the Commander, who has a short time previously come on deck, that there was no boat ready to receive the boxes, the Commander spoke to me to order a boat to receive them, on finding that there were but 26 boxes wanting to make up the full complement for our District.

I that the men in the hold aft, had none ready to haul up, but were looking for them, I ran forward to ascertain how many boxes there were to be lowered into the boats, on finding that there were 32, ordered Manjimatia to put them into the 2 boats that had taken 50 each, instead of putting them into a third boat, & returned aft to see whether any more boxes had turned up. I found two boxes in the sling ready to be hauled up, & the men busy in hauling up some other boxes for Captain Boswell, I believe.

5. The Officer in the hold, who was noting down the boxes as they were hauled up, on seeing me, enquired how many boxes were wanting to make up the full complement, on my telling him that 32 were being discharged forward, which added to the 231 discharged by him aft, left a deficiency of 4, he said that he had discharged 253 and not 251. On this I enquired of the Quartermaster & the Purser on board the boat, who told me that 2 boxes had

been lowered into the boat during my short absence. The Commander who was on the poop and heard all that passed between me & the Officer in the hold & the people in the boat, said immediately that I wanted but 2 more to make the full number, as my men admitted having received two boxes in addition to what I had seen overboard, and asked the Officer how many he had, on his replying "two", ordered them to be hauled up & lowered into the boat.

6. Had the Purser & Guard not been so positive that 2 boxes had been put overboard during my absence, (which was certainly not more than 3 minutes), not spoken in Hindustani, so that the Commander could understand what was said, I would have hesitated, but as it was, I believe what was told me, I have been grievously disappointed. What induced the Purser & Constable to be so positive that two boxes had been lowered into the boat during my absence I cannot conjecture, and even after I had warned the former that he would be held responsible if the boxes were not forthcoming he still persisted in adhering to his statement. I made an attempt to count the boxes that were in the boat at the time but without success as there were upwards of 100 boxes on board.

7. I believe that the mistake originated in 2 boxes for "Lahore" having been

been hauled up at the very outset  
in lieu of those for "North Canara", &  
laid aside on deck on my discover-  
ing the error. These were subsequently  
put back into the hold & their numbers  
may not have been struck out of the  
memo. kept by the Officer in the hold  
and the Vaque of Marines on deck  
although they were not replaced by  
boxes for us. Hence it is more than  
probable that the 2 missing boxes were  
left on board the Steamer along with a  
large number for "Lahore", "Bombay" &c,  
that is, if they have not been landed  
by mistake at Mangalore, & that they  
will turn up when the Steamer is dis-  
charging at Bombay.

8. Has the discharging of the boxes  
been carried out in the manner it was  
commenced, there is not the least doubt  
that this mistake would never have  
happened, but the Commander having  
come on deck in the interim, and  
hastened the work, and at the same  
time ordered preparations for the im-  
mediate starting of the Steamer,  
all was confusion on board.

9. As the distinguishing numbers  
of some of the boxes are more or less  
obliterated, I cannot give the exact  
numbers of the 2 missing boxes, but  
they contain Copper Coins, as the 20  
boxes of silver Coins are correct.

The

10. The only consolation in this  
much-to-be-regretted affair is,  
that the "Dalhousie" is a Government  
Steamer, and that the Commander  
will make every enquiry regarding  
the boxes on arrival at Bombay.

11. In conclusion I beg to add  
that this unfortunate affair is most  
keenly felt by me, and that I most  
sincerely regret its occurrence.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
J. Ball  
Deputy Collector

(True Copy)

W. L. L. L.  
Collector

Compd. L. L.

No. 928.

Fort St. George. (15)  
General Treasury  
14<sup>th</sup> January 1861.

From

To. Bahain Esq.

Offg. Sub Treasurer.

&

J. P. Esq.

Chief Secretary, Co. Fort.

Sir/

\* to be re-  
turned.

I have the honor to forward  
for the information of Co. Fort., a  
letter\* with enclosure received  
with from the Collector of North  
Canara reporting that 2 Boxes  
of Treasure, shipped by the "Bahain"  
for that District, are missing.

2. I cannot agree with the Col-  
lector in thinking that the name  
of a District and a number are  
not sufficient to identify a Box.  
In the present case, there are two  
Boxes counting in sale, and this is  
a matter quite irrespective of  
the identification of particular  
Boxes. It was my intention  
to have shipped all the Boxes for  
the different ports in the reverse  
order, so that in which they would  
have to be landed; but the very  
bad weather which occurred at  
the time, caused confusion in  
getting them on board and the  
different Boxes got mixed to-  
gether.

File 161.2  
20.21.

gether.

3. It is to be hoped that the missing boxes may turn up at Bombay. The value of Nos. 85 and 89 for North Canara is both together Rupees 300-0-0.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant

W. H. L. L. L.  
Off. Secy. Treasury

17.

255  
1819

38.

Feb 1 Feb 1861

1861. Feb 1861.  
 To the Chief Secy. do  
 By the Secy. do  
 No. 228.  
 No. 30  
 No. 21  
 No. 22  
 No. 23  
 No. 24  
 No. 25  
 No. 26  
 No. 27  
 No. 28  
 No. 29  
 No. 30  
 No. 31  
 No. 32  
 No. 33  
 No. 34  
 No. 35  
 No. 36  
 No. 37  
 No. 38  
 No. 39  
 No. 40  
 No. 41  
 No. 42  
 No. 43  
 No. 44  
 No. 45  
 No. 46  
 No. 47  
 No. 48  
 No. 49  
 No. 50  
 No. 51  
 No. 52  
 No. 53  
 No. 54  
 No. 55  
 No. 56  
 No. 57  
 No. 58  
 No. 59  
 No. 60  
 No. 61  
 No. 62  
 No. 63  
 No. 64  
 No. 65  
 No. 66  
 No. 67  
 No. 68  
 No. 69  
 No. 70  
 No. 71  
 No. 72  
 No. 73  
 No. 74  
 No. 75  
 No. 76  
 No. 77  
 No. 78  
 No. 79  
 No. 80  
 No. 81  
 No. 82  
 No. 83  
 No. 84  
 No. 85  
 No. 86  
 No. 87  
 No. 88  
 No. 89  
 No. 90  
 No. 91  
 No. 92  
 No. 93  
 No. 94  
 No. 95  
 No. 96  
 No. 97  
 No. 98  
 No. 99  
 No. 100

Financia Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following letter  
 from the Off<sup>r</sup> Sub-Treasurer.  
 (Here enter 14<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1861 No. 28)

Order thereon 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1861 No. 30.

Resolved that a copy  
 of the above letter and of its  
 enclosure be forwarded to  
 the Government of Bombay  
 and that they be requested  
 to inform this Government  
 whether the two boxes Nos 65  
 and 69 have been received  
 at Bombay, as also whether  
 the box No. 220 which is like-  
 wise missing has been re-  
 ceived there and to for-  
 ward to Honore for the  
 Collector of North Canara  
 any of those boxes that may  
 be found.

2. The Sub-Treasurer  
 will ascertain from the  
 other

will

other Districts to which coin  
was sent by the "Dalhousie"  
whether the boxes for them  
have been duly received.

3. The Government think  
with Mr. Balmain that it  
is sufficient to mark on  
boxes of Treasure sent by  
sea the name of the District  
to which the money is con-  
signed and the number.  
They observe however from  
Mr. Fisher's letter (p 5) that  
in some instances the di-  
rections on the boxes shipped  
on the "Dalhousie" were par-  
tially or totally effaced.  
Care should be taken that  
the direction should in all  
cases be well painted in  
strong paint - and that  
the paint be thoroughly  
dry before the boxes leave  
the Government Treasury.

J.P.

To The Off<sup>r</sup> Sub. Treasurers. { Des<sup>d</sup> 24-1-61.  
Collector of N. Canada. }

11  
Fin. Department 1861

No. 30

Proceedings of the Madras

Government.

Dated. 22<sup>d</sup> January 1861