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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 29th September 1857.

No. 81. Read the following letter from Major W. J. WILSON, Magistrate of Police; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 25th September 1857, No. 70.

SIR,

With reference to the annexed copy of a Memorandum from the Commissioner of Police, I have the honor to bring to your notice that the contract between the Master of a Ship, and a Seaman is not voided by the imprisonment of the latter, on the contrary any Justice of the Peace, may on the application of the Master, send such Seaman on board to his duty, either before, or at the expiration of the period of his imprisonment.

There is not any Clause in the Shipping Act by which the Indian Navy is entitled to the volunteering privileges which are therein granted to the Royal Navy, and a case recently occurred in Calcutta in which it was decided that certain men who had gone on board one of the Indian Steamers, were to be sent back to their own ships.

As regards the four men now in question, two of the vessels have left the Port, and I have ascertained that the Master of the third will make no objection to the transfer of his two men, but I beg to suggest that in further cases of this kind, the Masters of the vessels be consulted in the first instance, as they might be put to serious inconvenience by finding themselves suddenly deprived of men on whose services they had calculated.

In the month of August last, Captain Blacklock of the "City of Durham" complained to me that four of his men for whose release he was about to have applied had been sent on board a Steamer in the Roads without his knowledge. I ought perhaps to have addressed Government on the subject on that occasion but contented myself with drawing the attention of the Commissioner of Police to the provisions of the Section of the Act above quoted.

(Signed) W. J. WILSON,

Magistrate of Police.

*Madras Police Commissioner's Office,
24th September 1857.*

The Commissioner of Police has the honor to inform the Magistrate of the Town Police Court, that the Seamen whose names are given

1. John Byholm, Deporter from the "Lady Elmsford"
2. George Cudde, ship "Bride of the Sea."
3. George Wood, ship "Caroline Coventry."
4. Patrick Callaghan. 1840.

in margin, now prisoners in the Penitentiary, have volunteered to serve on board the Frigate "Zenobia," and that they will be released as soon as the order of Government conveying the conditional pardon is received.

(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,

Commissioner of Police.

To Major W. J. WILSON, Magistrate of Police, Town Police Court.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) W. J. WILSON,

Magistrate of Police.

No. 82. ORDER THEREON, No. 1258; dated 29th September 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Commissioner of Police, who on all such occasions will report whether the Masters of the ships to which the Seamen belong, express any objection to their framing a new engagement.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,

Acting Chief Secretary.

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To B. George,
 27 September 1857.

To the Lord of Cork }
 Major W. S. Wilson } Disps. 9.
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