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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 10th March 1857.

Read the following Papers.

No. 38. From the Honorable E. A. BLUNDELL, Governor of Prince of Wales Island, Singapore and Malacca ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Singapore, 8th January 1856, No. 1.

SIR,

Judicial Department.

In reply to your letter No. 859, dated 23rd November last, I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from the Resident Councillor at this Station, from which it appears that in most cases, sufficient time is not allowed for the distance between the Coast and the Straits, so as to ensure the appearance of the persons on whom notices are served, at the time and place specified.

(Signed) E. A. BLUNDELL,
Governor.

From T. CHURCH, Esq., Resident Councillor at Singapore ; to the Secretary to the Governor of the Straits Settlements, dated Singapore, 3rd January 1856, No. 3.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 610, dated the 26th Ultimo, with enclosures.

The notices have been duly served on Daudsah, and returned to the Acting Civil Judge of Combaconum.

I perceive Daudsah is required to attend in person, or by Vakeel, on the 31st December 1855.

Mr. Secretary Pycroft's Despatch to His Honor, is dated the 23rd November ; due allowances are not made for distance between the Coast and the Straits, and the unfrequency of direct communication, most of the notices therefore become a nullity.

(Signed) T. CHURCH,
Resident Councillor.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) ROBERT CHURCH,
Secretary to the Governor.

No. 39. From H. THOMSON, Esq., Acting Secretary Marine Board ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 12th March 1856, No. 722.

SIR,

In reply to your Official Memorandum of the 8th Instant, requesting this Board to furnish you with a memo. of the average length of the passage between the principal Ports on the Coromandel Coast, and Straits Settlements, I have the honor, by desire of the Marine Board, to inform you that there is no average of passages on record in this Office, except that which is furnished in Messrs. Pharos and Co.'s Almanac for 1855, page 301. The Board have felt the want of such a document, and I have been for some time back collecting data whereby to gain a correct average of passages, and as soon as this is completed, will be duly submitted to you.

(Signed) H. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 40. From H. THOMSON, Esq., Acting Secretary Marine Board ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 11th June 1856, No. 1475.

SIR,

In reply to your Memorandum of the 3rd Instant, I have the honor, by desire of the Marine Board, to enclose copy of the average length of passages in each month of the year, from this Port to Penang, and vice versa, taken from a private document in my possession, but as the average was taken many years ago, little confidence can be placed in this as a record for the present date.

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2. I also enclose an average of passages from Penang to Madras for the last five years, taken from the records in the Master Attendant's Office, and as soon as I receive an answer to my letters from the Master Attendants at Penang, Malacca and Singapore, forwarded on the 18th April, requesting them to forward an average of passages of all vessels to these Ports, from any of the Ports in India, the information required by this Government shall be submitted.

3. The Board desire me to enclose copy of a letter from the Officiating Secretary of Marine, Calcutta, in reply to a request made by this Board, connected with the passages, and this Board fear that if all other Marine Departments in India not subordinate to this Board, treat this subject in a like manner, it will be difficult for a statement of average passages to be drawn out, and this is to be regretted, as it is a document of the greatest importance, not only to the Board, but to Government, and all other Marine Departments.

(Signed) H. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.

Average of Passages from penang to Madras, and vice versâ, for the last 5 years.

From what Port.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.
Penang to Madras.....	35	30	25	25	20	15	12	12	20	20	45	50
Madras to Penang.....	12	15	20	20	30	35	35	35	30	30	20	12
Penang to Madras, as per Master Attendant's Records.....	9	12	13	15	25	19	26	21	31	27	0	11

(Signed) H. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.

From H. LEWIS, Esq., Officiating Secretary Marine Superintendent's Office, Fort William; to J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Acting Secretary Marine Board, Madras, dated 20th March 1856, No. 1889.

SIR,

I have the honor by desire of the Officiating Superintendent of Marine, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 668, of the 7th Instant, and in reply to state, for the information of the Board, that there is no record kept in this Office or in that of the Master Attendant of the average of passages to this Port.

2nd. It is however possible for a statement to be prepared from the information available in this Office shewing the average of passages but it would entail labor and expense. Should the object the Board have in view, be of an importance to justify such additional expense, the Officiating Superintendent will, on receipt of your reply to that effect, cause the preparation of the statement required. But in that case he begs you will favor him by saying what period should be embraced in the return, one or more years, whether the Monsoons should be discriminated, and if vessels from some particular parts only, or from all parts of the world should be included.

(Signed) H. LEWIS,
Officiating Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.

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No. 41. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Secretary Marine Board; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 21st February 1857, No. 794.

SIR,

1. I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board, in compliance with the instructions conveyed in Official Memo. of the 3rd June 1856, and subsequent communications, to forward a statement of the approximate average passages between the principal ports on the Coromandel Coast and the Straits Settlements.

2. This has not been compiled from actual passages, for the description of craft trading with the Straits are of so different a character, and the length of the voyage depends so much on the efficiency of the vessel and style of navigation, that no sound result could be obtained by striking an average from such a source. The probable duration of the passages set down are those which a well equipped vessel would probably require for the voyage.

3. I am however directed to suggest, as the information is required for the purpose of fixing the period for the return to processes served in the Straits from Courts in India, that the more certain and effectual plan would be to send them by Steamer from Madras to Singapore, by which means a close approximation could be calculated of the time required.

4. The last Steamer of each month arrives at Galle in time for the Steamer carrying the Straits and China Mail.

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN,
Secretary.

Approximate average of passages between ports on the Coromandel Coast and the Straits Settlements.

To.	Penang.	Malacca.	Singapore.
	Monsoon.	Monsoon.	Monsoon.
	N. E. S. W.	N. E. S. W.	N. E. S. W.
Ganjam	days	days	days
Calingapatam	25 18	32 28	35 31
Bimlipatam	back	back	back
Vizagapatam	25 38	32 49	35 52
Cocanada			
Masulipatam	25 15	32 22	35 25
Pulicat	back	back	back
Madras	22 38	29 49	32 52
Sadras			
Cuddalore	25 13	28 20	31 23
Port Novo	back	back	back
Tranquebar	18 38	25 45	28 48
Nagore... ..			
Negapatam			

N. B.—The passage between Penang and Singapore is very uncertain from light winds and strong currents.

No. 42. ORDER THEREON, No. 282; dated 10th March 1857.

1. Ordered that copy of the foregoing letter from the Governor Prince of Wales' Island and of its enclosure be communicated to the Court of Sudr Udalut, who will send a Circular to the several Judges, directing them in cases of issuing Notices for the appearance of parties in the Straits Settlements, to allow ample time for the length of passage from the Straits to the Coast of India, so as to admit of the appearance of the party summoned on the date and place specified in the process.

2. Copies of Mr. Franklin's letter of 21st Ultimo, and of its accompanying Statement, will be furnished to the Sudr as affording some indication of the probable length of passages during the two monsoons; but it should be noticed that these periods are calculated for "well equipped vessels," whereas those by which parties to suits in the Mofussil Court would proceed, would

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probably be of an inferior class or Native craft, and allowance should be made for this difference. Regard must also be had to the infrequency of direct communication between the ports in the Straits and those of the Madras Coast as noticed in Mr. Church's letter.

3. With respect to para: 3 of Mr. Franklin's letter, communications with this Government to the authorities in the Straits enclosing process for service there, are it is presumed, now despatched by the Post Office to Singapore by the Peninsula and Oriental Steamer, but they will be so superscribed for the future. The object is however to give sufficient time for attendance to parties summoned for *personal* appearance for which end a liberal period should be allowed in the process.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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N^o 3 of 1856

From

The Resident Councillor
at Singapore

To

The Secretary to the Governor
of the Straits Settlements
Dated Singapore 3rd January 1856

Sir

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The Notices have been duly served on Dandsah, and returned to the Acting Chief Judge of Combaconum.

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(True Copy)
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Secretary to the Governor.

Judicial Department

No 282
Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 10th March 1857

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From the Governor of Prince of
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From the Secretary to the Marine
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Nos 722-1475 and 794.

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[Signature]

Copy to the Judges of the Court of Sup. Judicature
to the Marine Board - Dispd - 17th

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Mr. Geo. W. H. H. H. H.
Audicial 1857 24th Nov 18

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