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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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To

THE RESIDENT COUNCILLOR AT SINGAPORE.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter, of the 8th November last, No. 497, reporting the despatch of certain convicts by the British Ship *Beringa*, I am directed to forward to you the annexed copy of

Dated 5th September 1866, No. 3472.

a letter from the Superintendent of Marine at Madras, from which it will be

seen that that Officer considers that, in paying half passage money to the Ship's Agents at the port of embarkation, an overpayment has been made, and to request that the accounts may be examined and adjusted at Singapore, as suggested by the Superintendent.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
24th September 1866.

Secretary to Government.

From the Superintendent of Marine, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 5th September 1866, No. 3472.

In the Proceedings of Government, of the 9th December 1865, No. 1758, a letter from the Resident Councillor, Singapore, is recorded, in which he intimates the engagement of passage to Madras by the *Beringa* of 16 Native convicts, and 12 Sepoys as a guard, at the rate of 100 Rupees each, half to be paid on embarkation, and the balance at Madras. Upon this advice, the moiety (1400 Rupees) was paid here.

2. The *Beringa*, likewise, brought a number of details, at the rate of 50 Rupees for each adult passage, and in a letter which the Master Attendant at Singapore addressed to the Resident Councillor, dated 20th April 1866, he states the number paid for at that rate to be 64, in

Proceedings of Government, Military Department, No. 1866, 29th May 1866.

which are included an Apothecary and a servant; so that half passage of 64 adult details, at 50 Rupees, and of the 12 Sepoys who formed the guard, at 100 Rupees each, was paid at Singapore, according to the papers received.

3. The whole number of adults embarked at Singapore was, however, only 64, including the guard, the Apothecary, and servant. An overpayment has therefore been made at the port of embarkation, as half passage money has evidently been received by the Agents there twice for the guard. They indeed acknowledge to have received payment for 76 details, whereas only 64 embarked.

4. The Madras Agents were paid in February last, on their guarantee to refund any amount that might be thereafter found to have been overcharged. The advices relative to these transactions are, however, so conflicting that the question cannot be settled here. The Resident Councillor states that the passage money for 12 men, as

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guard, is 100 Rupees each; while the Master Attendant says the agreement was 50 Rupees for each adult, and, at this rate, pays for the whole number embarked. Under these circumstances, I beg that the adjustment of the accounts may be transferred to the authorities at Singapore, who must claim from the Agents there such amount as may have been overpaid; and to assist them in this, I append a Memorandum of what has been paid here:—

		RS.
Half passage money of 16 convicts	at 100.....	800
Do. do. of 12 guards	„ 100.....	600
Do. do. of 50 details	„ 50.....	} 1375
Do. do. of 10 children	„ 25.....	
Full passage do. of 1 Apothecary	„ 100.....	100
Do. do. of 1 servant	„ 20.....	20

5. In conclusion, I may observe that the above payments were made on advices received from the Agents of the vessel at Singapore.

Edw. J. H. Burnh.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Secretary to Government, Straits' Settlement, Singapore, 21st April 1866, No. 33; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

With reference to your docket, No. 632, dated the 19th February 1866, I have the honor, by desire of His Honor the Governor, to forward herewith, for the information of the Madras Government, copies of the letters noted in the margin explanatory of the omission to forward any

1. Resident Councillor's letter (with enclosures) No. 25, dated 16th April 1866.
2. Acting Deputy Assistant Commissary General's letter, No. 873, dated 17th April 1866.

advice to the authorities at Madras, on the subject of the passage money and freight due for the Troops and stores dispatched by the *Baringa*.

2. To avoid any recurrence of the inconvenience to which the Marine Department at Madras has been subjected, the Master Attendant at Singapore has been directed in future to communicate direct with the Superintendent of Marine at Madras, on every occasion of freight or passage being taken for that port.

From the Resident Councillor at Singapore, 16th April 1866, No. 25; to the Deputy Secretary to Government, Straits' Settlement.

With reference to your Circular, No. 31, of date the 13th instant, forwarding extract of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, relative to the non-receipt of information by the Marine Department there, of the terms upon which certain Military Details and stores were sent from hence to Madras in the month of November last, by the ship *Baringa*, I would beg to call attention to the fact that the Superintendent of Marine notices that "advice was received of the conditions under which the Convicts and Guard were embarked."

Application for the conveyance of Details and stores pass through the Resident Councillor's Office to the Master Attendant, who adjusts all money payments in communication with the Officer in charge of the Commissariat. With the adjustment of the passage of Convicts and their Guards alone, is the Resident Councillor directly concerned.

I would suggest that the only mode of avoiding the irregularities complained of by the Madras Government in future, will be for the Master Attendant here to communicate direct with the Superintendent of Marine at Madras, on every occasion of freight or passage being taken for that port.

P. S.—A letter from the Master Attendant, giving detail of agreement between himself and the Agents of the *Baringa*, and also copy of the bill for half passage money paid here, are enclosed.
(Signed) R. MACPHERSON,
Resident Councillor.

From the Master Attendant, Singapore, 20th April 1866, No. 531; to the Honorable Resident Councillor and Secretary to Government, Straits' Settlement.

With reference to your official memorandum, No. 139, dated 17th instant, with enclosures, have the honor to inform you that the terms of freight and passage agreed upon between me and the Agents of the British ship *Baringa*, are as follows:—

Adults at Rupees 50 each.
Children „ 25 „

2. There were a few small packages shipped on board this vessel, which the Captain agreed taking free, as the weight was about 5 or 6 lbs.
3. I beg to enclose copy of a bill for half passage money paid here.

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No. 98:
Her Majesty's Government of India Dr.

No.	Description.	Rate.	Per.	Amount.
	To half passage money of sixty-four Details embarked on board the British ship <i>Baringa</i> , to Madras.....	\$ 727	4	
	To half passage money of ten children, per British ship <i>Baringa</i> , to Madras.....	„ 56	80	
				\$ 783 84

Contents received.

SINGAPORE,
14th November 1865.

(Signed) H. BURN, Lieutenant,
Master Attendant.

I do declare upon honor, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the sum contained in the bill has been actually and *bona fide* expended for the purpose set forth.

(Signed) H. BURN, Lieutenant,
Master Attendant.

From the Acting Deputy Assistant Commissary General, Straits' Settlement, Singapore, 17th April 1866, No. 873; to the Deputy Secretary to Government, Straits' Settlement.

With reference to memorandum* forwarding Proceedings of Madras Government, (herewith returned), I have the honor to report, for the information of His Honor the Governor, that bills for passage money are disbursed by this Office

*No. 31, dated 13th April 1866,

on the authority of the Officer Commanding the Station, but the terms entered into with commanders of vessels are unknown to this Department, as the agreement for passages is made by the Staff Officer and Master Attendant.

ORDER, No. 1806, 29th May 1866.

Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 631, dated 19th February 1866.

(True Extract.)

Major General,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent of Marine.
„ Controller of Military Accounts.
„ Military Accountant.
„ Examiner Pay Department.
„ Marine Department, for information.

Ed. A. W. Cooke.

Judicial Department
No 1502.
To the Resident Councillor at Singapore

Sir,

I am acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 8th Nov. last. No 497, reporting the despatch of certain provisions by the British ship "Baringa". I am directed to forward to you the annexed copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Marine at Madras from which it will be seen that that Officer considers that, in paying half passage money to the ship's agent, at the Port of embarkation, an overpayment has been made. & to request that the accounts may be examined & adjusted at Singapore as suggested by the Superintendent.

Dated 5 Sept '66 No 3672.

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For St. J. J. J.
24 Sept 1866

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The Honorable General

Sergeant

Dated 24 September 1866

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