

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
20th February 1867.*

No. 182. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George; dated India Office, London, 9th January 1867, No. 1.

I forward herewith a petition which has been addressed to me by Mr. Frederick Kinsman, and request your Excellency in Council will consider and report to me whether the petitioner is entitled to any compensation on the grounds stated in his Memorial, and, if so, to what extent.

From Mr. F. K. KINSMAN, late Midshipman on board the Ship *York*, to the Under Secretary of State for India, London; dated Manchester, 30th November 1866.

I have been advised by friends to apply to the India Office under the following circumstances, viz.,—

On the 3rd September 1865, whilst employed on board the Ship *York* of London (John Allan & Sons, owners), then lying in Madras Roads, I witnessed the murder, by a Malay, of Captain Gularte, the Master of a Country Ship named the *Harriet*, and, in attempting, under my Captain's orders, to render assistance on board the *Harriet* I was knocked down by the murderer and most severely wounded with a knife: the extent of my injuries may be judged by my being detained in Hospital for six weeks, and many months elapsed before they healed.

As the only European witness of the actual murder, I was detained at Madras by a Coroner's Warrant to give evidence on the trial of the Malay, which did not take place until January 1866. After the trial I remained at Madras, waiting for a passage Home, which was to be provided by the Government authorities, until the 22nd March 1866, when I embarked in the *Ivanhoe*, Troop Freight Ship, for England, which we reached on the 24th July following. During my detention at Madras, I was paid by the Government authorities an allowance of 3 Rupees per day only, whilst another European witness, detained on the same trial, received 5 Rupees per day, to which rate I consider myself entitled; and my object in writing this is to beg that you will be pleased to cause inquiry to be made into the matter, with a view to my being paid the difference between the two rates of allowance above-mentioned for the whole period of my detention at Madras. I would further beg to submit, for your favorable consideration, whether I am not entitled also to some remuneration for the time occupied in the voyage Home, observing that, I am now 22 years of age and through the loss of time caused by compulsory stay at Madras, and the debilitating effects of the climate, after being so severely wounded, my prospects in the service, in which I had served a long apprenticeship, have been completely ruined, and that I am now through ill-health entirely dependent on a widowed mother whose resources are very limited.

I trust the above circumstances will be a sufficient apology for thus troubling you.

No. 183. ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1867, No. 274.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Despatch and of its enclosure be furnished to the Commissioner of Police for any remarks he may have to offer, with reference to the claim to compensation preferred by Frederick Kinsman, late Midshipman in the Ship *York*.

(True Extract).

To the Commissioner of Police.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Chief Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Despatch from
the Right Honble the Secy:
of State for India

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Order - 20th February 1867 N^o 274

Ordered that a copy
of the foregoing Despatch
& of its enclosure be
furnished to the Com-
missioner of Police
that he be requested
to report whether ~~did~~
~~shipman Frederick Trine~~
~~man of the the ship~~
~~"York"~~ is entitled to any
compensation for having
been detained to give
evidence in the case of
the murder of Captain
Sparks of the ship "Barrett"

Wm J. J.
In my opinion
he may have
to appear with
reference to the
claim of com-
pensation proposed
by Frederick Trine
late shipman
in the ship York

So. Commr of Police

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*Order of the
Hon. Secy. of War*

Indian 1862. Department.

No. 244.

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

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Dated. 20 February 1871.