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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Official
Signature*

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 72-73	Press Mis.
Dated 14-1-1967	1967.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
14th January 1867.*

No. 129. Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Marine, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 19th December 1866, No. 4598.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of Government of the 11th instant, No. 1913, and to inform you that, having applied to Messrs. Bainbridge, Byard, Gair & Co. for a refund of the over-payment made at Singapore in November 1865, for passage money of details embarked there in the *Baringa* for Madras, they state they are unable to comply, as the vessel's accounts have been closed. The recovery of the amount paid in excess must, therefore, be left to the authorities by whom it was made, who, it appears to me, had ample time to discover their error.

2. These details embarked in November 1865, and complete advices not having been furnished, I applied on the 5th February last, in No. 524, for further information, and, meanwhile, passed the

*Proceedings of Government, Military Department, No. 631,
19th February 1866.*

Madras Agent's bill for the balance of passage money on those actually landed, under guarantee that any portion found to have been over-paid should be refunded.

3. At the end of May I received advice of the engagement entered into, and thereupon called on the Agents here to refund as agreed upon. They, however, showed me such clear evidence that some

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29th May 1866.*

other transaction had taken place in regard to passage by the *Baringa*, which was not mentioned in the correspondence recorded in the Proceedings of May, that I consented to await reply to a reference they desired to make to the vessel's Singapore Agents. This reply reached me in October, accompanied by authoritative statements in original, showing that no over-payments had been made. Under these circumstances, I was forced to release them from further responsibility, having previously in my letter to Government, Judicial Department, September 5th, No. 3472, requested that the final adjustment might take place at Singapore.

4. In payment, however, of the balance of passage money to Messrs. Bainbridge, there was one item incorrect. The ordinary passage money of an Apothecary from Singapore is 150 Rupees. They were paid 100. In the arrangements entered into, he seems to have been classed as an ordinary detail. The half passage money receivable on his account would, therefore, only be 25 Rupees. The balance 75 Rupees, less five Rupees, under-charged on a servant of Major Elphinstone, was consequently recovered. It has been held in deposit, pending information as to the subsistence of the Apothecary during the voyage; as if supplied with suitable mess by the ship, table money would be due. Now, however, that the over-payment at Singapore is acknowledged, this sum of 70 Rupees will be paid into the Bank of Madras, and I solicit that the Accountant General may be instructed to credit it to the Straits' Settlements.

No. 130. ORDER THEREON, 14th January 1867, No. 72.
Ordered to be communicated to the Accountant General, whose attention is requested to paragraph 4.

(True Extract).

To the Accountant General.
„ Superintendent of Marine.
Exd. J. Tulloch.

Chief Secretary.

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To the Accountant General
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 The Dept of Marine
 to the Hon: Chief Secretary
 to Government
 Marine Department
 Fort Saint-George
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Dated 19th December 1866
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No 2783 No 4598.
 Inform that Messrs Baring & Co
 are unable to refund the over-
 payment made on account of
 drafts sent from Singapore in
 the "Barings", the recovery of the
 amount must be left to the
 Authorities by whom it was
 made, give particulars of the
 transaction, and that No 70
 received from the Agents
 will be paid into the Bank.
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The Vepelo's accounts
have already been closed.

The Superintendent
of Marine has however
recovered, under circum-
stances stated by him,
a sum of 70 Rs. out
of the passage money
paid for an Apothecary,
and the Accountant
General has been in-
structed to credit it
in the Public Account,
to the Straits settle-
ments.

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Wm. L. George
14 Jan. 1867

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W. H. H. H.

To

The Resident Councilor at
Singapore.

Dated 11 January 1867.