

N^o 1272

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From

J. J. Franklin Esq^r

Secretary Marine Board.

To

J. Pycroft Esq^r

Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

dated 24 March 1857. N^o 1272.

I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to forward in accordance with the order of Government marginally noted, a communication they have received from the Master Attendant in reply to their reference to him on the subject of the registration of Native Craft.

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Although, as Captain Biden states, the registry of Native vessels is not compulsory, the Boards have no reason to doubt that if the second clause of the 48th Section of Act XXII of 1855 is properly enforced, there will soon be but few vessels navigating without a register.

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As regards the fee the Boards would

N^o 85 of 26th Feb^y
1857 on letter from
Marine Board of
11th idem N^o 586.

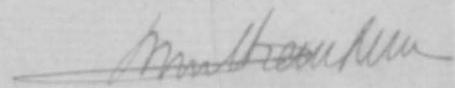
would modify Captain Biden's proposition by
allowing it to stand as at present, and permitting
the surveying Officer, whose task of measurement
is an arduous one, to take it, or the greater portion
of it, as a remuneration for his trouble. At
present vessels have to pay a fee for measurement
as well as the authorized charge for registry.

4 With regard to the objection on
account of occasional difficulty in procuring
the builders certificate, the Boards think that
where Native Craft are concerned it is not
necessary to enforce the rule too strictly. A
great many small vessels up to 100 and even
200 tons are constructed without the aid of
any regular builder, and they think it
is sufficient that proof be adduced as to the
place and date at which the vessel was built.

5 The Boards approve the proposal
to substitute parchment instead of paper
for the Certificate of registry.

Madras
Marine Boards Office }
24th March 1857.
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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,



Secretary.

Shipping Registry Office
Madras 11th March 1857.

No. 65.

From

Captain C. Bidden
Registrar of Shipping
Madras.

To

J. J. Franklin Esq^r
Secretary to the Marine Board.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 10th ultimo I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Marine Board, that considering the Registration of Native Craft is not compulsory, I have thought it expedient to consult the Honorable Company's Acting Solicitor before I took any decided step to obtain that object; but I have, in the mean time, advised both the Macodas and the Owners of that class of vessels to proceed without delay in having their respective vessels registered, and several of those parties have already yielded to my request.

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It is however my duty to bring to
the

No. 35. March 10/57. 1. 1857

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from

The Chief Marine Board

to

The Chief Secy to Government

at Madras 10/57.

dated 24th

Para 25 } March 1857

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Procedure

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It is in accordance with the order of 1857 of 26th Feb 1857 a communication received from the Master of the vessel in reply to the Board's reference therein on the subject of the registration of native Craft with the Board's observation thereon

C. B. Bidden
21/57

the notice of the Board that the Nacodas and Owners of Native Craft have been reluctant to the offices of registration on account of their liability to certain Fees according to the Amendment Act No. XI of 1850, as, for instance for vessels of 80 tons and upwards, the charge is two annas per ton, and at this very time we are registering a vessel of 200 tons at which rate the fee will amount to 25 Rupees. I would therefore venture to suggest the expediency of reducing the rate from that class of vessels viz^t of 80 tons and upwards, to one anna per ton.

3 It is not desirable that every native vessel should be registered for the prevention of those fraudulent practices which are known to prevail and would otherwise be practised with impunity.

4 Besides the objection made on account of Fees they say that frequent calls are made for the Builders Certificate which is seldom to be had, and they ask whether some other form of declaration could be substituted to shew, as well as can be ascertained

ascertained, when and where the vessel was built.

5 They also wish to have all Certificates of Registry to be drawn on parchment as paper is so easily destroyed. This boon may, I think, be granted and the expence thereby incurred may be defrayed from the amount of Fees.

6 I have pointed out to these persons the advantage to be derived from an official system of registration, inasmuch as all goods entitled to a drawback are prohibited on board vessels not registered, but are freely allowed on board vessels having a Register. I have also explained to them the frequency of disputes or differences of opinion regarding the rightful claimants of Mortgage, or the investment of intestate property which could best be adjusted when the Native Craft are, under legal authority, duly classed and registered, and I have reason to believe that under all these circumstances the Registry of Coasting vessels and all other Native Craft will henceforth

henceforth be satisfactorily carried out.

Shipping Registry Office }
Madras 11th March 1857. }
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I have the
/Signed/ C. Biden
Registrar of Shipping

/True Copy/

M. M. M. M.
Secretary

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The Registrar of Shipping

From

A letter from the Secy
of Marine Board to the Chief
of the Government and for
the Secy - dated 24th March 1857
Off 1272 -

M. L. to Secy of 14 August
No 14 of 1857
Pans 21 & 23

Marine Department

N^o 1145

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 17th April 1857

Read again letter from the Govt.
of India and the Marine Board dated
21st January and 10th February respectively,
recorded in Com: of the 6th February and
3rd March 1857.

Read also the following letter from
the Secretary Marine Board.

Dated 24th March 1857 N^o 1272.

N^o 16. With the foregoing letter the

1. With the foregoing letter the
Marine Board submit one from the
Registrar of Shipping at Madras in
reply to the reference made to him on
the subject of the registration of Native
Craft at the Outports of this Presidency,
which was brought to notice in a
letter from the Supreme Government
dated the 21st January last.

2. Captain Biden represents
that the Nacodas and Owners of Native
Craft are reluctant to register their
Vessels on account of their liability to
certain fees according to the amendment
Act N^o XI of 1850, & therefore suggests the

the expediency of reducing the rate on
Vessels of 80 Tons and upwards to one
Anna per Ton. He considers that the
registration of Native Vessels is not
compulsory, and that it is ^{most} ~~not~~ desirable
that every Vessel of that Class should
be registered with a view to prevent those
fraudulent practices which are preva-
-lent and would otherwise be practised
with impunity. He has, however,
advised the Nacodas and Owners of
such Vessels to proceed without delay
in having them registered, and pointed
out to them the advantage to be
derived from an official system of
registration; and he believes that the
registry of Coastwise Vessels and all
other Native Craft will henceforth
be satisfactorily carried out.

3. The Government agree with
the Marine Board that when the 2nd
Clause of the 48th Section of Act
XXII of 1855 is properly enforced - as

it should be in all ports that
may be brought under the Act -
few Native Vessels will navigate
without a register.

4. In reference to Captain
Biden's proposition for reducing the
fee on Vessels of 80 Tons and upwards
to one Anna per Ton, the Government
do not perceive that this can be
done - the fees for Certificates of
Registry having been fixed by Act
XI of 1850, which ^{has also} requires that
they shall be carried to the credit
of the Government of the Presidency
in which they are levied. They
would, however, wish to be informed
what would be the probable
amount of fees at each port.

5. The Government concur
in the views of the Marine Board
with respect to the production of the
Builder's Certificate, and direct
accordingly that the rule be not
too strictly enforced in the case
of

of Native Vessels, but that it be
considered sufficient if proof be
adduced as to the place and date
at which the vessel was built.

They also direct that parchment
be substituted for paper for the
Certificate of registry.

J. J.

To the Marine Board.
Sara's to the Capt. of the ship. } Disp. 17th
Mo. R. & Huntly.

