

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 14th July 1857.

No. 5. From F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Civil Auditor; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th June 1857, No. 288.

Fixed Department. SIR,

Adverting to the concluding part of para: 2 of Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 25th Instant, No. 249, in the Marine Department, I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, and for communication to the Government of India and the Honorable the Court of Directors, that a sum of Rupees (21,379-2-0) Twenty one thousand three hundred and Seventy-nine and Annas two has been recovered from Messrs. Parry and Co. and Arbuthnot and Co., under the orders of the Honorable Court, communicated with Extract Minutes of Consultation, 22nd December 1856, out of the amount of Burmah Donation Batta, drawn by them on account of H. M's Ships "Winchester" and "Rattler," viz:

Messrs. Parry and Co., on account of H. M's Ship "Rattler".....	Rupees	13,329	6	0
Messrs. Parry and Co., on account of H. M's Ship "Winchester.".....	"	547	14	0
		13,877	4	0
Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., on account of H. M's Ship "Winchester."...	"	7,501	14	0
		Total Rupees	21,379	2 0

2. I beg to observe that the particulars of the above refunds will be found in Statements 2 and 4 appended to my letter to your address of the 8th Instant.

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON,
Civil Auditor.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON No. 263; dated 8th July 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Honorable the Court of Directors, and also to the Government of India with reference to their letter in the Military Department, dated 7th April last, No. 228.

No. 7. TO THE SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of India, Military Department, dated the 8th July 1857.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 7th April last, No. 228, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit, for the information of the Government of India, copy of one from the Civil Auditor reporting that the sum of Rupees (13,877-4-0) Thirteen thousand eight hundred and Seventy-seven and Annas four has been recovered from Messrs. Parry and Co., and Rupees (7,501-14-0) Seven thousand five hundred and one and Annas fourteen from Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., out of the amount respectively received by them on account of Burmah Donation Batta, payable to the Officers and Men of the Royal Navy who had served in the late War, and to state that, as desired, a communication to the same effect has been made direct to the Honorable the Court of Directors.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Sept 11th

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Marine Department,

No. 263 A.

To The Secy to the Govt of India,
Military Department.
Sir,

With reference to
your letter of the 4th April
last No. 228, I am directed
by the R. H. the Governor
in Council to transmit for
the information of the Govt
of India copy of one from
the Civil Auditor, reporting
that the sum of Rs. 13,844-
has been recovered from
Messrs Pany and Co and
Rs. 4501-16- from Messrs
Arbuthnot & Co out of
the amount respectively
received by them on ac-
count of Burmah dona-
tion Batta payable to
the Officers and Men
of the Royal Navy who
had served in the late
War, and to state that

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dated 30 June 1857. No. 288.

4. To effect the object in view the Board propose that a Supervisor of boats on a salary of /150/ one hundred and fifty Rupees a month, with two peons at /7/ seven Rupees a month each, should be appointed, on whom should rest the responsibility of all plying boats being in good seaworthy order, and whose duty it should be to take cognizance of all delinquencies, and if necessary prosecute offending parties. By no other means do they expect that the irregularities and difficulties now and some time past attending the landing and shipping of Cargo, can be effectually remedied.

5. At present the Boat overseer Veerasawmy is engaged to a certain extent in seeing to the efficiency of the boats, but his duties are so numerous and varied on behalf of the Government that he can hardly be considered as a servant of the public, which the Supervisor should be; nor can he devote his exclusive attention to the duty, which the Board would wish to see the Supervisor confined to. They think however that his knowledge and

This circumstance, it was observed, had the effect of causing infringements of the boat act by inducing the owners to load their boats with more cargo than they are legally allowed to carry, and thus augmenting the risk of accident. It was moreover shewn that the boats and boatmen required a more efficient and responsible supervision than is now practicable with the establishment under the orders of the Marine Department. The boat owners strive to keep their crews in order and to their duties, but are unable to do so in consequence of the delays and losses occasioned by their attendance at a police Court to prosecute: the consequence being that they prefer to manage their men as best they can without appealing to magisterial authority except in cases of a very gross nature.

3 The Board regret that as yet no steps have been taken to adopt any measures likely to improve the existing system which, however well it might have answered in years past, has now proved utterly unequal to the present increased and increasing trade of the port. They believe that Madras now

requires a Supervisor of boats whose attention should be exclusively devoted to the duty of seeing that the boats of the port are kept in an efficient state as regards repairs, crews, dunnage, and fittings, and who should be vested with the powers of a public prosecutor to bring forward before the proper tribunals all those, whether owners or boatmen, who may in any way infringe the law. The owners of boats would then willingly bring to notice such of their men as failed in their duties, feeling that they would not be required to neglect their business by attendance at a police office; and the men knowing this would naturally be less prone to offend. It is clearly the interest of a boat owner to have his crews in a state of proper subordination; but if one or two out of one boat misbehave, it is manifestly to his advantage that he should submit to their misconduct, or perhaps even screen them, rather than be called away to prosecute, and meanwhile be deprived of the opportunity of looking after his other boats.

To

as desired a communication to the same effect has been made direct to the Honble the Court of Directors.

To C. S. Seargeant
8 July 1857-3

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Enclosed the Commission of the Court of Directors to the Secretary of the Bank of India.

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The Court of Directors to the Secretary of the Bank of India.

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July 17th 1857
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