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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 8th December 1857.

No. 5. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Secretary to the Marine Board ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 28th November 1857, No. 4181.

SIR,

I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to inform you that they have been obliged to engage the services of Mr. Burton, as an Assistant in the Master Attendant's Office in consequence of Mr. McKennie's absence from illness, and trust that Government will be pleased to sanction the measure.

2. It was reported to the Board this morning that, although nearly 800 European Troops with their baggage had to be landed, the Assistant Master Attendant was not on the Beach. They therefore immediately called upon him to state the reason of his absence on so important an occasion. The accompanying letter contains his reply, and with so many calls on them for embarking and disembarking Troops and Stores, and with the recollection that much of the loss which befel the "England" would have been avoided had the Assistant been at his post, the Board had no alternative but to appoint some one to see to the performance of the executive duties of the Department.

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN,
Secretary.

From the Assistant Master Attendant ; to the Secretary to the Marine Board.

SIR,

I have just received your letter calling upon me for explanation of my absence from the Beach this morning and have the honor to state, for the information of the Marine Board, that I have been ill all night and was confined to my Bed till a late hour this forenoon, but feeling myself a little better I came to Office, mean time I sent a Memo : to the Office to go on with the duties.

I am still so indisposed that I am compelled to return to my home immediately.

(Signed) J. McKENNIE.

P. S.—I had already communicated this information to a Member of your Board.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 509 ; dated 2nd December 1857.

Government approve of the proceedings reported in the foregoing letter, but desire that the Marine Board will call upon Mr. McKennie to submit a Medical Certificate if he continues to absent himself from Office.

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Marine Board will call upon
Mr H. H. Kennie to submit a
Medical Certificate ~~concerning~~
~~of his absence~~ on the occasion
referred to if he continues to

will absent him self from office.

Ford George
2^d December 1857

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To the Marine Board. Dispt. 7th

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