

No. 321.

MARINE DEPARTMENT,

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Bombay Castle, 14th February 1857.

SIR,

I AM directed by the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council to acknowledge your letter No. 1607 dated 15th December last with its enclosures, and to state for the information of the Government of India that the Command-in-Chief of the Indian Navy has reported that the Officer Commanding the "HMS. Minerva," as regards the men he left in the Hospital at Madras, failed in his duty to give the general instructions require, that when it is absolutely necessary to send men to a Hospital in a foreign station, proper arrangements should be made and they should be paid up in full and their pay and discharge tickets left with the Surgeon of the Hospital.

2. Sir Henry Leake suggests that on the recovery of the men in question, they should be accommodated at the Sailor's Home until the arrival of a vessel of the Indian Navy, to which they should at once be transferred, but should none be sent, and in the absence of a request to the contrary from their last Commanding Officer, they should be forwarded to Bombay, but never in a Steamer, unless a Steamer cannot be otherwise procured. Further that they should be allowed their wages from the date of last payment shewn in their Pay Ticket, and if necessary, advance of two months' pay, but as they are subject to stoppages at the rate of one month's pay for every day they may have been in Hospital, the same should be duly deducted. Should the Pay Tickets not have been made over to the Surgeon by the Commanding Officer, the date the men joined the Hospital should be taken, which to calculate the wages due to them, and the rate should be ascertained from the best information procurable, and any excess which may ensue will be charged to the personal head of the Commanding Officer for having failed to furnish the proper documents.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) P. M. MELVILL, Colonel,

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Secretary to Government.

A copy forwarded to the Government of Fort St. George with reference to Mr. Henry T. Pycroft's letter No. 353, dated 20th November last.

R. M. Chapman

Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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14 February 1857. }

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referred to the Marine Board with
reference to their letter of the 11th November
last, for information and guidance.

Wm
Chief Secy

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The Govt of Derby on the
subject of the residence made
regarding certain Men of the
African Society whom these
Commons left in the
General Hospital at Madras.

With an Order