

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Date.	Subject.
1857 30th Decr.	Forward copy of a letter from the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, reporting a defect that has been discovered in the Screw Shaft of the Steamer 'Prince Arthur'; and suggest that the Honorable Court be requested to furnish one, whether the sellers can be made liable or not.
1858 20th Jany.	The above and the enclosure to it, communicated to the Marine Board, with order's to explain how it is that the defect referred to was not detected by the Surveying Committee.
1857 15th Decr.	Report that no application on account of subsistence for distressed Seamen was received during the 4th Quarter of 1857.
1858 20th Jany.	Recorded.
16th Jany.	Submit a Memorial on the subject of the Madras Port Dues Bill.
21st Jany.	Will transmit the Memorial and its accompaniments to the Clerk of the Legislative Council; and observe that this Government have already recommended that Vessels remaining less than 48 hours in a Port without breaking bulk should not be charged with Port Dues.
21st Jany.	Transmit the Memorial.
30th Jany.	Request to be informed of the Settlement to which the Divers applied for by the Portuguese Consul General in Ceylon, are to be sent, and whether they are to be employed in the open Sea, or in a Harbour or Estuary; observe that if the men are required for employment in the open Sea or Harbour, where sharks abound, it is not likely that they will be induced to engage except on very high terms.
23rd Jany.	Communicate the above, and desire to be furnished with the information therein required.
12th Jany.	Report that Mr. Daviot has been appointed Government Head Pilot at Paumben in the room of Mr. Eglan dismissed.
23rd Jany.	Recorded.
13th Jany.	Submit for sanction the cost of certain articles purchased for their Department.
23rd Jany.	Sanctioned.
21st Jany.	Requests orders as to the disposal of 19 Emigrants to Melbourne, saved from the Ship 'Helen' of Boston, which is reported to have been destroyed by fire off the Cape of Good Hope
5th Jany.	Instruct the Marine Board to arrange for the conveyance to Melbourne at the expense of Government of the Emigrants referred to; and sanction the expense for maintaining them at the Sailors' Home, at the rate of Rupees 14-4 per day, which will be passed by the Civil Auditor.

CONSULTATION.

10th Jany.	Submits further Report on Biden's eligibility that Government sanction to his	Captain observes he application
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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 26th January 1858.

No.	From and to	Date.	Subject.
17	Order thereon.....	26th Jany.	extended to certain Judicial and Educational Officers of permitting them to retire on Pension, when incapacitated by illness after a service of 15 years. As the Regulations now stand, are of opinion, that it would not be competent to this Government to admit a Master Attendant to the benefit of Pension without reference to higher Authority; and even supposing such title to be conceded think that the period of Captain Biden's service is not sufficient to qualify him for Pension under the ordinary Rules; resolve therefore to bring his Case to the notice of the Honorable Court, and urge on them that a liberal provision may be made for him, in consideration of his great merits, and high character.