

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 8th January 1858.

No. 17. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Secretary Marine Board; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 30th December 1857, No. 4641.

SIR,

I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to report that on the evening of the 13th Instant about Sunset, the French Ship "Madras" of about 1000 Tons struck on the Santopilley rocks. The weather was very fine and the water so smooth that there was no ripple over the danger; yet the Vessel was injured so severely that it was with the utmost difficulty she could be kept afloat.

2. In this state she reached Bimlipatam where Boats and Coolies were immediately sent to her assistance by Mr. McKenzie of the Firm of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. The Master Attendant at Vizagapatam was then sent for, and on his arrival finding that the Vessel could not be kept afloat much longer, offered to carry her to Cocanada which he did successfully, arriving there at 10 P. M. on the 17th Instant. The Vessel then had 5 feet water in the hold with 4 pumps constantly at work and two gangs baling; but as she is near the shore and in smooth water she may yet be saved.

3. The Board desire me to add that the Master Attendant at Vizagapatam deserves much credit for his readiness to undertake a difficult task and for the manner in which he executed it; and they are about to express to him their sentiments on the occasion.

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN,
Secretary.

ORDER THEREON, No. 8; dated 5th January 1858.

No. 18.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council agrees with the Marine Board that much credit is due to Mr. R. W. Meppen, Master Attendant at Vizagapatam, for his exertions for saving the French Ship "Madras" as reported in the above letter. The Board will convey to Mr. Meppen the approbation with which the Government regard his conduct on the occasion.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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The R.H. King agrees with the
 Marine Board that much
 credit is due to Mr R.W. Meppin
 Master Attendant of Vizagapatam
 for his exertions for saving
 the French ship Modra as
 reported in the above letter. The
 Board will convey to Mr Meppin
 its approbation with which he
 has repaid his conduct on
 the occasion

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For G. George &
 5th January 1858-3

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Marine Letter to Eng^r
30th June, 1822 of 1858.

June 29/10

Ordered to show the day
of the for the date of 1822
Dec 5 of 1859

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31st Dec 1857.
30th Aug 1858

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Marine 1859 Department

From
The Secretary Marine Board
to
The Chief Secretary
to Government
That about 1859

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No 4641

With an order

Report that on the evening
of the 13th instant the steamer ship
Madras struck on the rocks
and was so severely damaged
that it was with the utmost difficulty
she could be kept afloat. That
in this state she reached 83 miles
from which port the Master
attended at the hospital
arrived her safely to Coanata
found that he received much
credit for his readiness to
undertake a difficult task and
for the manner in which he
executed it and he is now
about to return to him his duties
on the occasion.