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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 136

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 30th March 1858.

No. 11. From J. T. MACLAGAN, Esq., Acting Secretary Marine Board; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 16th March 1858, No. 1178.

SIR,

The Government were pleased in Extract Minutes Consultation of the 23rd December 1857, No. 533, to recommend to the Honorable Court of Directors that, in consideration of the late Captain Biden's long and faithful services, a Pension should be conferred on him, notwithstanding that the regulations, which were supposed to apply, did not warrant such an indulgence. The case was therefore entirely exceptional and had to be considered not with reference to established rules but solely on the grounds of meritorious service.

2. But a very short interval intervened between the passing the order above mentioned, and Captain Biden's lamented demise, which took place on the 25th Ultimo. However favorably, therefore, the Honorable Court may view the recommendation, it will be valueless to him on whose behalf it was submitted; but the Board trust, for the same reasons which weighed with the Government in soliciting consideration for an old and faithful servant whose talents and energies were so constantly devoted to the State, and whose health was impaired by his unceasing attention to his duties in all weathers, they will be equally willing to solicit the Honorable Court's sympathy for Captain Biden's Widow and Daughter with the view to their receiving some Pension, which it is believed the Honorable Court will not be backward in granting, as a tribute to the memory of one whose public career has been an honor to the service to which he belonged.

3. The Board are the more hopeful that an appeal of this nature will not be refused as the Honorable Court have invariably shewn much kind consideration for those who have grown grey in their service, and for their families. Very many instances of their liberality are on record but it will be sufficient to cite the case of the Widow and Children of the late Captain Biden's immediate predecessor who received a Pension although the services of Captain Dalrymple were much shorter than those of Captain Biden. The Board therefore cannot but anticipate an equally liberal consideration of the present appeal, and trust that Government will be pleased to second it with all their influence.

4. The Board's former letter of 21st December last, No. 4527, contained a statement of the late Captain Biden's services.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 136; dated 27th March 1858.

In the above letter the Marine Board solicit that an appeal may be made to the sympathy of the Honorable the Court of Directors on behalf of the Widow and Daughter of the late Captain Biden in view to the grant of a Pension to them.

2. The Government resolve to forward to the Honorable Court, the Marine Board's letter and strongly to support its prayer.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 27th March 1858.

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from the Acting Secretary
Marine Board.

(Here enter 16th March 1858.)
No 1178.

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Extracts from the

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Grand letters soliciting that an
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