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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 138

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

No. 15. From J. T. MACLAGAN, Esq., Acting Secretary Marine Board; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 24th March 1858, No. 1327.

SIR,

I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to forward letters from the Master Attendant and the Acting Collector of Sea Customs, Masulipatam, reporting the swamping of the Master Attendant's Boat on 12th December last, 13th December 1857. 24th „ „ No. 95. and stating that prompt assistance was rendered by ten men who got out Catamarans and saved the lives of Mr. Hunt and another person name unknown.

2. I am desired by the Board to express their regret that press of business in this Department prevented these letters being sooner forwarded, and to solicit that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council would be pleased to order these men being remunerated, as recommended by the Acting Collector, by presenting them with a comfortable cloth jacket such as worn by Tent Lascars and ten Rupees each.

From Mr. J. W. MAIDEN, Master Attendant at Masulipatam; to the Secretary Marine Board, Madras, dated 13th December 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Marine Board, that yesterday afternoon when the Boat belonging to this Department was returning from the Steamer "Manilla," she was by some mishap swamped, and I am sorry to add that Lieutenant Willis who commanded the Troops lately from Madras in this Vessel and a boy belonging to the Telegraph Department, lost their lives.

From T. J. KNOX, Esq., Acting Collector of Sea Customs, Masulipatam; to J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Secretary Marine Board, Madras, dated 24th December 1857, No. 95.

SIR,

I doubt not but that the Master Attendant has duly reported to the Board in detail the melancholy accident which occurred when his Boat was swamped and Lieutenant Willis and Mr. Nowland drowned.

2. I have the honor to submit for favorable recommendation to Government by the Marine Board my opinion that some rewards should be conferred on the parties who rendered very prompt assistance and saved the lives of Messrs. Hunt and

3. It appears from inquiries, I have made that the Boat was running before the wind which was blowing very fresh, that on approaching the land the water shoaled and the swell increased and as is always likely to happen, when the stern is thrown up out of the water, and the rudder loses its hold. The Boat broached to and filled, all hands were washed or jumped over board and the Crew appear to have contented themselves with saving the old Syrang who was nearly lost.

4. However the accident was seen from the beach, and B. Pooliah and B. Naganah, Maistry Pilots, got 8 men and sent off two Catamarans and so two lives were rescued.

5. As these Pilots were prompt in acting when the emergency arose and acted judiciously and saved life and property, I think they are deserving of some notice from Government.

6. I propose that these ten individuals receive each a comfortable Cloth Jacket suitable for Boatmen, such as Tent Lascars wear, and which the Government Stores could easily supply, and a few Rupees each to line their pockets with.

7. I regret I have delayed so long reporting on this matter, but in the press of business it escaped my notice.

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No. 16.

ORDER THEREON, No. 138.; dated 29th March 1858.

As recommended by the Marine Board, the Government authorise the Acting Collector of Masulipatam to present to the two Maistry Pilots and 8 Cattamaran men a Cloth Jacket and (10) ten Rupees each for their exertions in saving two lives and certain property on the occasion of the accident referred to.

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

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To the Marine Board
a Secy General
a Civil Auditor } Supd. M. A.