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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 18th May 1858.

No. 10. From J. T. MACLAGAN, Esq., Acting Secretary Marine Board; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 29th April 1858, No. 1890.

SIR,

I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to forward a letter from the Head Pilot at Paumben in which he brings to notice that although the 6th of the Pilot Rules stipulates for each Pilot keeping up a Canoe and 4 Men for a Crew to be employed in taking out warps if necessary, for which service no extra charge beyond the Pilotage Fee shall be levied; it has never been attended to, Pilots charging for their Boats and Crews when employed in warping, and receiving nothing when a Vessel sails through the Channel. The Head Pilot recommends that some remuneration be authorized to the Pilots when their canoes are employed. The Board are of opinion that it is only reasonable that the Pilots should be allowed to make an extra charge for warping Vessels through the Channels, and that it is not necessary to bind them to keep up a canoe with a Crew of 4 Men for this purpose. The first Pilot that boards a Vessel is entitled to the Pilotage, and it is believed that they will take good care to have well manned canoes for this purpose.

The Board desire me to request therefore that you will obtain the sanction of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for rescinding Rule 6 and for the re-publication of the Rules in the Fort Saint George Gazette, as now submitted.

From Mr. E. H. DAVIOT, Government Head Pilot at Paumben; to J. T. MACLAGAN, Esq., Secretary Marine Board; dated 13th March 1858, No. 43.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Marine Board that by the Rules established for controlling the Pilots, &c., dated Fort Saint George, December 6th, 1848, para: 6th, it specially enacts that, "each Pilot before receiving his License shall provide himself with a canoe, to be manned with at least four men for the purpose of laying out warps, &c., should warping be found necessary, and for which duty no charge in excess of the usual Pilotage shall be made."

But I regret to state that this Rule has never been enforced, it has invariably been the custom to charge extra when the Pilot canoes and their Men are employed in laying out warps, and assisting the Crew in warping the Vessel through the Channel, and in case the Vessel sails through no charge is made against the Ship, and the payment of the Boatmen devolves on the Pilots who disburse the amount from their precarious incomes.

I consider it my duty to bring this circumstance to the notice of the Board for its decision, and at the same time beg respectfully to suggest that some remuneration be made to the Pilots when their canoes are employed, as it would be impossible for them to retain four men for the manning of their canoes on monthly salary with the amount they receive as their share of Pilotage, which for the last five years never exceeded 23 Rupees per mensem.

No. 11. ORDER THEREON No. 184; dated 15th May 1858.

The Marine Board forward copy of a letter from the Head Pilot at Paumben and recommend that Rule VI of the Rules for controlling the Pilots and Pilotage at the Port of Paumben, as per margin, may be rescinded. The reason assigned is, that it is but reasonable that Pilots should be allowed to make an extra charge for warping Vessels through the Channel, as indeed appears from Mr. Daviot's letter to be the invariable practice at present in spite of the prohibition contained in the Rule, and that it is not necessary to bind the Pilots to keep up a canoe with a crew of 4 Men for the purpose of warping. The first Pilot that boards a Vessel is entitled to the Pilotage and it is believed that they will take good care to have well manned canoes for this purpose.

Rule VI. Each Pilot before receiving his License shall provide himself with a Canoe, which shall be manned with a Crew of at least (4) four men, to be used for the purpose of laying out anchors and running out a warp for such Vessel as may be placed under his charge, should warping be found necessary; and for which duty no charge in excess of the usual pilotage shall be made.

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2. Before passing orders on this proposal the Government will refer it for the opinion of the Acting Collector of Madura and through him to the Officer in charge of the Operations at Paumben. It seems to the Governor in Council however that if an extra charge on account of warping is to be authorized, the rate at which it is to be levied should be fixed and not be left to the discretion of the Pilot. The Board will state whether this would not be advisable, and, if so, what the Charge should be.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Marine Department

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 15th May 1858.

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Dated 29th April 1858.
No. 1890.

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that they will ^{soon} be able
to have well manned
canoes for this purpose -

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the port will refer it
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To the Marine Board } Sept 22^d
of Madras }
J. C. Off.

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Memorandum to Eng.
3rd November 1958
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Further from Ag Collector Madura of 23rd June/58 No 2
Further from Mar Board of 30th June/58 No 241-
Stach's Memo of 1958
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Cons. 18 May 58
Memorandum 1958 before 14

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