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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 22nd June 1858.

No. 8. From J. T. MACLAGAN, Esq., Acting Secretary Marine Board; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 7th June 1858, No. 2293.

SIR,

With reference to the order of Government marginally noted, I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to forward, for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, a letter from the Acting Master Attendant giving the information required by Government as to the position of the Ships and Native Crafts in the Roads on 5th Ultimo, and detailing the rewards which have been paid by himself and the Commissioner of Police to the Boatmen who exerted themselves during the gale on that day.

From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Acting Master Attendant; to J. T. MACLAGAN, Esq., Acting Secretary Marine Board, dated 3rd June 1858, No. 347.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, No. 224, covering the Extract from Minutes of Consultation of the 27th Ultimo, No. 198, and in compliance therewith to furnish the following information called for, in paras: 2 and 3 of the Government order

2. The Rules regarding the anchoring ground for Native Craft, Dhonies as well as square rigged Vessels, is, that they should occupy a position North of the Custom House. Occasionally in consequence of a scant wind, or from some other cause, a Native Vessel may be obliged temporarily to anchor in the south Roads; but on the occasion in question, they were all in their proper places.

3. As regards any arrangements whereby such disasters could be avoided in future, I regret to say that I perceive none that could at present be put in practice. Native Craft are always worse found in tackle, sails and stores, than European Vessels, and in a breeze they generally drive from their anchors first. This being the case, no means can be adopted to prevent their falling athwart those Vessels lying to leeward of them, except by such Manœuvres as are to be executed by their respective Crews.

4. The crowded state of the Madras Roads has however occupied my attention for some months. I have noticed that sufficient room is not afforded for so many Vessels within a reasonable distance of the shore, or of the landing places, and I have had it in contemplation to recommend that two or three tiers of Mooring be laid down, at which Vessels may ride without using their own anchors. This would enable them in the event of a Gale, to get to Sea with less difficulty, and with less loss than they at present experience; and it would induce many Commanders to put to Sea on the approach of threatening weather, who now prefer to risk remaining at their own anchors, which are frequently lost if slipped from. Lieutenant Sweeny of the Indian Navy is now on his way to survey this part of the Coast, and on the Roads being completed, I shall be in a position to lay my plan fully before Government.

5. With respect to the rewards to be given to those who exerted themselves on the 5th May, I should have forwarded a list some time since, but finding that the Chief Commissioner of Police had already made payments on this account, I have been in communication with him on the subject with a view to exclude from my list those whom he had already remunerated. The papers have been before him for some days, and he has informed me that he has funds wherewith to disburse the amount I have recommended.

6. The following are the persons who are deserving of reward, and against each I have noted the sum to be paid to them.

7. The last para: of Orders of Government shall be immediately communicated to Mr. McKennie, who I am given to understand has gone to Bangalore.

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Memorandum of payments made to those who exerted themselves during the Cyclone of the 5th May 1858.

Munjaney.....	Port Boat's crew.....	3	Took a line to the "Wales," by Catamaran and brought the end on shore.
Veerapermal.....	Licensed Catamaran man.....	3	
Moonien.....	Government large Catamaran man.....	3	
Armoogum.....	Fisherman.....	3	
Paupen.....	Government large Catamaran man.....	2	These were most active in swimming through the surf and conveying instructions to the "Wales" which was at a considerable distance from the beach.
Beemen.....	Police Boat's crew.....	2	
P. Cooteyandee.....	Government small Catamaran man.....	2	
Shadatham.....	Do.....	2	
Moonesawmy.....	Do.....	2	These men landed 12 of the "Wales," Crew and one woman. Landed the remainder of the Crew.
Catham.....	Port Boat's crew.....	2	
Sawmy.....	Government Diver.....	2	
Cavookah.....	Fisherman.....	2	
Pothragah.....	Ditto.....	2	Attempted to reach the "Eclipse" by Catamaran twice through a heavy surf.
Boat's Crew of 16 men composed of.....	Port Boat's Crew.....	16	
	2 of Police do.....	2	
	2 of private boats.....	2	
Ditto.....	9 Men of No. 4, boat.....	16	Assisting on shore at the "Eclipse."
	7 „ of other boats.....	7	
Six Men.....	Fishermen and others.....	12	
Four Men.....	Fishermen and others.....	11	
Four Men.....	Villagers.....	6	Assisted in obtaining men and articles. 1 Boat and 4 Catamarans were used and slightly damaged.
Three Men.....	Government Catamaran Men.....	3	
Forty Men.....	Fishermen.....	10	
Vateevaloo Chetty.....	Villagers.....	5	
Kistnapah Moodely.....	Fishermen.....	5	Swam off and brought a rope on shore from the "Godavery" which was close to the beach.
Thirty Men.....			
Ten Men.....	Private Boat's Crew.....	10	

Company's Rupees..... 119

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Between 2 and 3 A. M. of the 6th the Port Boat's crew brought on shore the whole of the "Eclipse's" crew.

Besides the above the Chief Commissioner has made the following awards.

Moothien.....	No. 93 Boat.....	10	For saving the Boy above mentioned from the "Guffoor Bux."
Ten Catamaran.....	Men.....	5	For saving 9 Bengal lascars from a Boat capsized in the surf off the Masonic Hall.
Seven Catamaran.....	Men.....	3-8	For saving 9 men from a wrecked country Brig at St. Thomè.
Ten Catamaran.....	Men.....	5	For saving 8 men from do. do.
Fifteen.....do.....	do.....	42	For saving 27 French and English seamen by Catamaran from the French ship "Americaine" wrecked at St. Thome.
Two.....do.....	do.....	10	For conveying instructions to the Commander of the "Eclipse" stranded off the Ice House.
Three.....do.....	do.....	5	For saving 8 men from a Native vessel wrecked near the Fort.

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN,
Acting Master Attendant.

(True copy.) (Signed) J. B. CROWTHER,
Assistant Secretary.

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, No. 234; dated 19th June 1858.

The Government will await the plan for laying down tiers of Moorings in the Madras Roads, which is to be submitted by Mr. Franklin after the Survey to be made by Lieutenant Sweeny, I. N. They understand from the Marine Board's letter that all the rewards entered in the Memorandum have been distributed. If not, they should be paid at once.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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