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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 27th July 1858.

No. 15. From H. D. E. DALRYMPLE, Esq., Master Attendant; to T. PYCROFT, Esq.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 14th July 1858, No. 446.

SIR,

* *Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 3rd
July 1858, No. 258.*

*Copy of letter from Robert Loney, Master of
the "Rose Ellis" of 24th June 1858.*

*Ditto. from J. Lyall, T. Moore, W. Lawrence
and R. Loney, Masters of Ships do.*

Ditto. from R. Loney, 27th June 1858.

With reference to Minutes of Consultation
and copies of letters specified in the margin,*
and referred to the Master Attendant for report,
I have the honor to lay the following facts as
briefly as possible before the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council.

2. On the afternoon of the 24th June, while I was transacting Public business with Captain Buckley of the Barque "Metaris," four Masters of Ships rushed into my Office (without having obtained permission) in a state of great excitement, and rudely interrupted me. They complained loudly of being prevented by a Peon from obtaining a Boat. I received them with civility and offered them every satisfaction if they would point out the Peon who had interfered with them. This they could not do, and, on cross-examination, I found that the Peon was not one of my Establishment, but must have been a Police Peon, and I referred them to the Deputy Superintendent of Police at the Town Police Office, only a few yards distant. These persons, however, could neither understand civility or listen to reason. Mr. Lyall was exceedingly insolent walked up to my chair, laid a sheet of paper on my desk and said "I demand an order for a Boat." I quietly informed him that I had not the power to order a Boat for him, but that he was quite free to engage a Boat for himself. On which he gave me the lie, or what was equivalent to it, and was particularly offensive in language and demeanour. I then ordered him to leave my Office. On his refusing to do so, I sent for the Police, after waiting some time, during which, Mr. Lyall aided and abetted by his companions became still more insolent, I again ordered him out, and he again refused to go. No aid from the Police forthcoming, I then for the first time rose from my chair and expelled him from my Office by force, the other three following him expeditiously threatening to report me to the Government, the Court of Directors, and the Queen.

3. On resuming my seat, I made an observation to Captain Buckley on what had passed in his presence, and he expressed his opinion that I had been subjected to a most unprovoked attack, and that I was perfectly justified in expelling the Master of the "Thomas Hankey Junior," from my Office.

4. The 3rd paragraph of Mr. Loney's letter is almost entirely false. I was not sitting with my heels on the table. I treated him and his companions with the greatest civility until I was compelled to act in self defence. I was assisted by no Peons, either of Police, or of my own Office, and there was no concourse of Natives.

5. Similar mis-Statements occur in the letter bearing the signatures of James Lyall, Thomas Moore, William Lawrence and Robert Loney. I regret to say that the only way in which I can account for such inaccuracies is by recording my painful conviction that all these individuals were more or less intoxicated, Messrs: Loney and Lyall more so than the other two. In this opinion I can be borne out by the testimony of others.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, No. 287; dated 27th July 1858.

The Governor in Council considers the explanation afforded by the Master Attendant in the letter recorded above, in regard to the complaint preferred by the Masters of the "Thomas Hankey, Junior," "Victoria Regina," "Antipodes" and "Rose Ellis" to be quite satisfactory.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

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Marine Department

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From the Master Mendant Madras.

Dated 14th July 1858.

For Orders.

This statement is quite
satisfactory. W. G.
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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 27 July 1858.

Read again letters from Mr. R. Honey, dated 24th June and from Messrs S. Lyall, J. Moore, W. Lawrence and R. Honey of the 24th idem and records in St. Coun. Aug/58.

Read also the following letter from the Master Attendant of Madras.

(Here enters 14th Aug 1858 to 255.)

The Governor in Council considers the explanation afforded by the Master Attendant in the letter recorded above, in regard to the complaint preferred by the Master of the Thompson Hawkay Junior, Victorial Regina, Ante ^{to be} Podas and Rose Ellis quite satisfactory.

Copy to the Master Attendant } Sept 31st 1858
Madras }
only order sent to Mr R Honey with Encl 728 4 pages - Dated 24th Sept
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