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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 10th August 1858.

No. 1. From C. M. DUFF, Esq., M. D., Acting Superintendent, School of Industrial Arts; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 29th July 1858.

SIR,

Being desirous of promoting the welfare of an individual now borne on the Staff of this Institution, who, had he taken advantage of the liberality of Government in January last, might have secured for himself and his wife a passage from Madras to "Melbourne" at the Government expense, I have the honor to bring his case to your notice, with the view of inducing Government, under the peculiar circumstances of his position, to extend the same benefit to him now, which, with much generous kindness and sympathy, was then offered him.

The person alluded to is a Mr. Simmonds, an Artist, who, with his wife and other Emigrants from England to Melbourne, were barely able to save themselves from the wreck of their burning Ship the "Helen" off the Cape and were there picked up, and brought on to Madras by the Ship "Thor" in January last, having lost every thing they possessed but the clothes they wore.

The circumstances of these people being made known to Government their necessities were at once relieved, and, by Minutes of Consultation, dated January 25th, 1858, a passage was authorized to be procured for them to Melbourne at the public expense.

Mr. Simmonds willing however to try what he could do for himself in Madras applied in the interval to Dr. Hunter who gave him work as an engraver of wood on a small monthly salary and held out hopes of advancement and success to him which probably might have been realized had he not been unfortunately, soon after this, seized with an alarming attack of Dysentery, which has more than once nearly proved fatal. Every remedial means have been used for his recovery; but I regret to say, he still suffers from the disease in its chronic form, and I am convinced will never, without some thorough change, recover his health again.

The voyage to Melbourne is what his heart is set on, and probably the only means powerful enough to restore him to health, he has, besides, friends there who would receive him, but who are not in a position to aid him in paying for a passage.

May I therefore ask you to be kind enough to lay his case before Government, soliciting that the same boon may be extended to him now which was offered in January last, and taken advantage of by his more fortunate fellow passengers.

The Funds of the School could be made available for a passage for himself and his wife as far as "Galle," should the Government approve of this, and sanction the expense of their passage from thence to Melbourne.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 301; dated 7th August 1858.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing communication, the Marine Board will be instructed to arrange for the conveyance, at the Government expense in the first instance, of Mr. Simmonds and his wife to Melbourne, *via* Galle, by the P. and O. and Australian Steamers. The Board will report, for sanction and eventual recovery, if possible, through the Board of Trade, the expenses that may be incurred for the provision of passage for the parties and indispensable necessities for the voyage.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Marine Department

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 7th August 1858

Read the following letter from
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