

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 10-8-1858

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From,

H. Forbes Esquire
Member of the Legislative Council

To

J. Percival Esquire
Chief Secretary to the Government of St. Helena
Natal St. Helena the 17th July 1850

Sir,

I have the honor to send for the information of Government, the Report of the Select Committee on the Marine Police Bill.

In presenting the Report, I moved that another Select Committee should be appointed to consider and report on the question at issue between Mr. Elliott and the Advocate General, and I refer you to my speech on the occasion for the grounds on which I rested the application.

Report of Select Committee
not yet printed
for the Council

The Committee was appointed on my motion and their report is among the papers enclosed.

The Bill was passed through a Committee of the whole Council this day, and the Clause making it obligatory on every cargo boat to carry a member of the Police force, met with considerable opposition. It was finally carried

by a majority of five to four.

Section IX was amended so as to exclude from the operation of the Act, boats carrying only mails and passengers' baggage, but as I observe in the official memorandum submitted to ^{you} on the 29th of January last by the Collector of New Customs, that cargo boats only were included in the statement of the number of trips made by boats in 1856 and 1857, on which the calculation of the sum that at 300000 each boat, would meet the expenses of the Police force, was made: there is no reason to anticipate that any evil will result from the specific exclusion of boats, the trips performed by which formed no part of the original basis of calculation.

I have no doubt that the Bill will pass a third reading on the 24th instant.

I have the honor to be

Sir -
Your most obedient servant

Edw. Ross
Member of the Leg. Council

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From the Member of the
Legislative Council
for Madras.

2/17 July
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Towards with certain
observations the Report
of the Select Committee
on the Marine Police
Bill which was passed
thru' a Committee of
the whole Council on
the 17 July 1858.

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5th November 1858.
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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
dated 10th August 1858.

Read the following letter from
the Member, for Madras, of the
Legislative Council.

(Here enter 17th July 1858)

Ordered that a copy of the above
letter, without its enclosures, be
forwarded to the Commissioner of
Police at Madras, who will
arrange for the establishment
of a Marine Police Force, as that
it may be set on foot as soon
as possible after the Act has
passed.

JP

Copy to Commr of Police. Dispd 10th M...

Barry

Refused to buy the Song of
State for duodecim carter
7th April 1859

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Extracts from the

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