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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 24th August 1858.

No. 18. Read Official Memorandum from JOHN FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 18th August 1858, No. 3134.

The Superintendent of Marine has the honor in compliance with the request contained in Official Memo: from the Deputy Secretary to Government of the 31st Ultimo, No 255, to forward the amended Rules for the guidance and control of the Paumben Pilots, with a view to their publication in the Government Gazette.

2. Some alterations have been made to adapt them to the present date. In Rule 5, the number of licensed Pilots is increased from nine to thirteen, the addition having been made under the Orders of Government marginally noted.

3. The system of levying the Fee was altered by the notification of Government, dated 20th March 1855. This is provided for by the present Rule 8, and the scale appended; and as the Government now permit a Pilot to charge for a warping Canoe, it is desirable that the addition made to the concluding Rule be inserted.

4. A fair copy of the Rules as now proposed is sent, but to shew where additions or alterations have been made, a printed copy of the old ones accompanies with the amendments in red ink.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, No. 323; dated 23rd August 1858.

Resolved that the Rules received with this Memo: be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette, in reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, 26th July 1858, No. 286.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Fort Saint George August 23, 1858.

The following amended rules for controlling the Pilots and pilotage at the port of Pamban are published for general information.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council of Fort Saint George, having resolved on the 6th December 1848 to abolish the then existing system of pilotage at the port of Pamban, directed licenses to be granted to a sufficient number of duly qualified persons, authorising them (under certain restrictions) to pilot vessels through the Channels, and ordered that the following regulations should be binding and conclusive, not only upon the Pilots who might be so licensed, but also upon the Masters and Tindals of all vessels or dhonies frequenting that port, or passing thro the Channel. All applicants for License are expressly required to take notice that, by accepting such license, they subject themselves to the control, and (in the event of a dereliction of duty)

to the infliction of the penalties that are hereinafter mentioned.

Rule 1 The licenses shall be in the form annexed marked A, and the officer who shall possess due authority to grant such licenses, shall be the Collector of Madras for the time being.

Rule 2 All licensed Pilots shall be subject to the control, and be bound to obey all orders issued by the Government Head Pilot in connection with their duties of pilotage, in default of which their licenses will be suspended, or withdrawn altogether, as the nature of the case may seem to require, by the authority granting them.

Rule 3 No license will be granted until the applicant has proved himself, on examination before such Committee as may be from time to time appointed, fully competent to undertake the charge of piloting a vessel through the Channels, and applicants must have served two years as Boatmen or otherwise engaged afloat in the Channels before they can demand to be examined.

Rule

Rule 4 The examining Committee will be at present composed of.

The Officer in charge of operations for the time being

The Government Head Pilot

The two Senior Native Pilots

The President to have a casting vote in passing a candidate, who on being declared qualified shall be entitled to a certificate in the form marked B.

Rule 5 The number of licensed Pilots shall consist of thirteen, subject to be increased should it hereafter be found necessary or deemed expedient, upon obtaining the previous sanction of Government.

Rule 6. Every Pilot who shall be so licensed shall wear a badge on his right arm, with "Licensed Pilot," and his respective number engraved thereon.

Rule 7 The first Pilot that boards a dhoney or vessel shall in all cases be entitled to its pilotage.

Rule 8 The authorised amount to be charged by way of pilotage shall be at and after the rate laid down in the scale marked

marked C: one fourth of which said amount shall be paid to the Pilot who has taken the vessel through. This charge shall be leviable whether a licensed Pilot be employed or not: it being the intention of these Rules to provide for the discharge of the duties of pilotage by competent persons.

Rule 9 Licensed Pilots will receive their regulated share of pilotage from the Sea Custom Choke dar, on their presenting a certificate from the Government Head Pilot shewing the vessels for which they are entitled to receive payment.

Rule 10. The Master or Tindal of every vessel or dhoney, prior to his vessel being taken thro the Channels, must deliver his Port clearance with the necessary sum for the liquidation of his anchorage and pilot dues, to the Pilot having the charge of any such vessel or dhoney, whose duty it will be to bring both the Port clearance and the dues to the Custom House at Paumban, and who will in all cases be held responsible for this Rule being strictly complied with.

Rule

Rule 11 In the event of canoes or men being required to warp a vessel thro the Channel, they shall be supplied by the Pilot for the time being in charge of such vessel at the rates specified in the Scale C.

Rule 12 All vessels before passing the Channels are to be lightened to such draught as the Pilot in charge may consider requisite, and should the Master or Tindal entertain any doubt as to its necessity, appeal is to be made to the Government Head Pilot, whose decision shall be final.

Rule 13 Any Pilot grounding the vessel of which he may for the time being be placed in charge, either through carelessness or from the want of proper precaution, shall be liable, on the report of the Government Head Pilot, to the suspension or total deprivation of his license, at the discretion of the granting authority.

Rule 14. Any Pilot insisting on the discharge of more cargo than, in the estimation of the Government Head Pilot, is necessary for the safety of a vessel passing thro the

Channels

Channels, or insisting on the employment
of warping canoes and men when unnecessary,
or otherwise behaving in an improper and
irregular manner in the execution of his duty,
will subject himself to a fine, not exceeding
(20) twenty Rupees, at the discretion of the
Officer in charge of the Pilot Department, for
a first offence; or in default of payment,
to suspension of license. Repeated miscon-
duct will be visited by further suspension
or total deprivation of license at the discre-
tion of the granting authority.

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Form of License.

A.B. a ——— inhabitant residing
at Paumben on the island of Ramissoram,
being proved a duly qualified Pilot, and to be
thoroughly acquainted with the Channels at
Paumben. is hereby licensed by the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council of Port Saint
George, to act in that capacity at the aforesaid port
of Paumben.

Dated this day of

Collector of Madras

B

This is to certify that ——— has been
examined by us touching his knowledge of the
Channels and Currents of Paumben, and we find
that he is fully competent to undertake the duties
of the Pilot for the port and passages thereto adjoining.

Signatures {
____ Officer in charge of operations
____ Head Government Pilot
____ Senior Native Pilot
____ Second Senior Native Pilot

C Scale of charges for the Paumotu Channels

	Fine weather		Foul weather or strong current	
	R ^s	A ^d	R ^s	A ^d
Hire of warp	1	"	"	"
Hire of Grapnel	1	"	"	"
Warping Canoe with 5 men	1	14	2	4
Extra men for one tide	"	3	"	5
D: if a longer period for every 8 hours	"	4	"	6

Pilotsage

				R ^s	A ^d	P.
Upon all vessels drawing 3 feet water and under				"	7	per foot
do do 4 do and over 3 feet				"	8	"
do do 5 do 4				"	9	"
do do 6 do 5				"	10	"
do do 7 do 6				"	12	"
do do 8 do 7				1	"	"
do do 9 do 8				1	4	"
do do 10 do 9				1	8	"
do do 11 do 10				2	"	"
do do 12 do 11				2	8	"

The draft will be calculated in even feet a vessel of 3½ feet being charged at 4 feet or 2 Rupees and one of less than 3½ feet at 3 feet or Rupees 1.5 - -

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