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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Dated

17th September 1888

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From

No. 3187.

J. J. Franklin Esq.
Superintendent of Marine

To.

J. Pycroft Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation 31st. ultimo, No. 299, which reached the office on the 6th instant, in which the Government pass preliminary orders on the working of Act XXV of 1858 for the control of native passenger ships and steam vessels carrying passengers coastwise.

2. With reference thereto I beg to submit the accompanying Notification, which it will be necessary to publish, fixing the ports from which it will be lawful to convey passengers to the Red Sea or Persian Gulf; the officers authorized to see that the act is carried into effect; the fees to be charged for surveying; and the

the calculated duration of the several voyages to be provided for.

3. The only places at which pilgrim ships touch on that part of the Western Coast under this Presidency are Cochin, Calicut and Tellicherry. None are said to resort to the ports in Canara.

4. Referring to para 7 of the Extract under reply, I am of opinion that it is not necessary to provide in the Notification for any substitutes for the diet required by the act. Rice is the general food on board ship, and one pound of it per day can hardly be replaced by any other food more wholesome or better adapted to the habits of native passengers.

5. Adverting finally to the grant of certificates to steamers carrying passengers on coasting voyages, I have to submit that the collectors of Sea Customs or their commissioned assistants appear to be the proper officers to issue them, and that the Superintendent of Marine should be

be the intermediate authority vested with control under section 26 of the act. At present the "Manchester" is the only steamer likely to be employed in this manner, and she has been licensed under the instructions conveyed in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 29th June 1858 to 1859, transmitted to the Collector of Trimmally through the late Marine Board.

6. On the publication of the Notification now forwarded, with such amendments (if any) as the Government may see fit to introduce, I purpose issuing the accompanying instructions for the guidance of the officers whose duty it will be to see the provisions carried into effect.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Maoras.
Marine Supt's office
14th August 1858.

Your most Obedient Servant
Wm. H. D. D.

Superintendent of Marine

1. By Section 6 the Master of a native passenger ship, within the meaning of the Act, is to give not less than three days' notice of his intention to carry passengers to the Red Sea or Persian Gulf.

3 - The surveying officer will likewise ascertain, and note in his report, the area and cubical contents of the space to be appropriated to the passengers between decks, as well as ~~the superficies of~~ the superficies of the upper deck. In accordance with this report, limited by the proportion of two persons (including crew) to 3 tons of the vessel's burden, will be the number of passengers the vessel will be allowed to carry, which should be intimated to the

For each adult passenger

9 Superficial feet } on lower deck
54 Cubical. do. . . }
4 superficial feet on upper deck.

to the passengers between decks,
as well as ~~the superficies of~~
the superficies of the upper
deck. In accordance with this

He arrived 1858
from Boston
The Superintendent
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To the Chief Clerk of Court

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The herewith receipt
 of \$3.00 in value of 1000
 American notes on the
 working sheet of 1000
 and with reference to the
 identification which it will be
 necessary to publish giving
 the facts from which it will
 be found to carry paper on
 the that the American
 and states that in its publication
 the accompanying instructions
 will be found by him for the
 guidance of the officers of the
 duty it will be to see the
 provisions carried with
 effect-

the Master.

4. The number to be conveyed being on board, with the requisite provisions and water, the Master is required under Section XI to deliver two lists of his passengers to the Supervising officer, who is then to proceed on board, and after mustering them and satisfying himself that the lists are correct, to return one to the Master countersigned by himself.

5. He is at the same time to examine the water, fuel and provisions, and, if in his opinion all the requirements of the Act have been complied with, he will hand to the Master a certificate to that effect in the form hereto appended, copy of which is to be sent to the Superintendent of Marine through the Collector of the district for his information.

6. Section 19 renders it penal to bring any number of passengers from ports in the Red Sea or Persian Gulf in excess of that allowed by the Act, and by Section 21 the Chief Officer of Customs at any other port than those named in the Government Notification of the is authorized to take proceedings against Masters or owners so offending.

Mr

Certificate
of the
Arab barque Rahimany of Sudda.
480 Tons

permitted under Act XXI of 1858 to carry
285 Native Passengers.

Owners name ————— Mahomed Ali

Place of residence ————— Sudda.

N. of Officers ————— 4

N. of Crew ————— 35

N. of Native passengers actually embarked 250

Space between decks Square feet ————— 2565

———— " ————— " Cubic feet ————— 15390

Provisions } quantities to be here stated.
Water }

This is to certify that the above named vessel, whereof is Master for the present voyage Saliman Ali, has complied with the requirements of Act XXI of 1858 and is permitted to proceed on her voyage to Mocha.

Cochin August 10. 1858

Mr

Signature
Collector of Sea Customs

Memorandum to the
Honble Secy to the Govt
5th Nov 1858
P.O. 5

1. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council hereby notifies that under Section 2 of Act ~~XXI~~ of 1858 Cochin, Calicut and Tellicherry will henceforth be the only ports on the Malabar Coast from which it will be lawful to convey passengers in native passenger ships to the Red Sea or Persian Gulf.

2. The Masters Attendant at Cochin and Calicut, and the Superintendent of Sea Customs at Tellicherry are appointed to carry out the provisions of the Act.

3. The following shall be calculated as the duration of voyage from any of the three ports named.

To Muscat	5 Weeks
" Other ports in Persian Gulf	6 "
" Mocha	6 "
" Suez	8 "
" Calcutta	5 "
" Singapore	6 "

4. The certificates required by sections 3 and 21 shall be granted by the Collectors of Sea Customs, or their Covenanted assistants, and the controlling authority shall be vested in the

Superintendent

about 100
in the
ports

Superintendent of Marine.

5.

The fee for the survey of motor
passenger ships shall be fixed at that authorized
in Section 22 for the survey of Steamers, namely,
(20) twenty Rupees.

No 58.

Collector's Office
Mangalore 21st August 1858

From W. Fisher Esq.
Collector of Canara

To J. Pycroft Esq.
Chief Secretary to the Government
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Extract Minutes Consultation No 299 under date 31st July 1858 and to state with reference to Para 6, that Passenger vessels leaving the Ports of Malabar for the Red Sea or Persian Gulf seldom or never put in at any of the Ports of this District and that I have no means of judging of what may be the average duration of the voyages made by these vessels, though from the proximity of the Malabar Ports, it may be safely calculated as in Malabar itself.

Under these circumstances I am not in a position to state how far, and to what

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See No 298

Mariner Letter to Eng.
5th Nov. 21st of 1858.

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what extent substitution is called for
regarding food (Section XVIII) but I
believe that supervision in this respect will
seldom be called for, as Native passengers
almost invariably provide their own supplies
of food when undertaking a voyage.

Although it is very improbable,
judging from the past, that the Act
(No. XVI of 1858) will be put in force in
this District, yet it is of course possible
that Pilgrim Ships may occasionally touch
at some one of the Ports of Canara, under
circumstances which would render an inquiry

very desirable, or even
absolutely necessary; and I therefore beg to
state for the information of Government,
that there is no person on this Coast who
can be called a Competent Surveyor, or
could undertake the duties enumerated in
Section II, unless Mr Lowry, now District
Executive Engineer, be allowed to tender his
services. If not properly qualified, he is
certainly better informed on matters connected
with Ships than any other individual in
this District, and would know where to
look

look for evidence on most points which
constitute unworthiness

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

J. V. Fisher
Collector

Go
M.P.

Malabar Collector's Office,
Calicut 20th August 1858.

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From,

J. Grant Esq^r
Acting Collector
of Malabar

To,

T. Pycroft Esq^r
Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to Extract Mins
Cons: dated 31st July 1858, regarding the
orders passed by Government on the
working of Act 25 of 1838, for the regu-
lation of Native passenger ships &c,
I beg to state 1st that the only Ports
in this District from which Native
ships of the nature adverted to
should be allowed to sail are
Kochin, Calicut, Quilandy, Tellicherry
and Cannanore.

2. At Kochin & Calicut
the Master Attendants & at the other
Ports

On 23rd August 1858 8.45 AM

Malabar Letter to Gov^t
5th Nov^r 1858.
P. 5

Received 1858 Sept.

Mr. Collector & Canons
Chief Secretary to
Government
Fort St. George
Calicut 20th Aug^r 1858
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Calicut 20th Aug^r 1858
P. 5

N. 326.

I enclose the information
from collector on subject
Mins: Cons: dated 31st July
1858, regarding the work-
ing of Act 25 of 1838

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Ports the Sea Custom Managers, are the authorities who ought to be authorized by Government under the power vested in them by Section 5 to grant the required certificates to the Commanders.

3. At present no Master Attendant stands appointed to Calcut, and until the vacancy is supplied the Sea Custom Manager should be vested with the requisite powers.

4. With the exception of the Sea Custom Manager of Diulandy, who might very soon learn the duty, all the other officials mentioned understand the mode of surveying ships.

5. Cannanore & Diulandy are the only two Ports where there are no European Magistrates, and it is therefore for the consideration of

of Government to determine, whether as the former place is only 12 miles from Tellicherry & the latter 15 miles from Calicut, there is any necessity for authorizing the Managers of those ports to grant certificates.

6. The scale of Fees laid down in Section 5 Act of 1850 for the measurement of vessels might I think be made applicable in the case of Passenger ships.

7. The average durations of voyages from the Ports in this District to those in the Arabian coast to which most of the passenger ships go are given in the margin.

8. Ships sailing direct to Juddah where most of the Pilgrims disembark take on an average 30 days to accomplish the voyage, and these ships are the only ones which are likely to be

Under 50 Tons	Rupies
50 Tons & under 100	11
100 " " " 150	15
150 " " " 200	19
200 " " " 250	27
250 & upwards	30

Calicut to Aden	28
Diul to Mosha	30
Diul to Juddah	44
Diul to Persian Gulf	45

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740
547
657

be crowded, and to require to be looked after most strictly.

9 It does not appear that any substitution of articles for those entered in Section 16 of the Act is required - as the practice of the passengers is to carry their own provisions, the Ship's Commander contracting to supply them with water & firewood.

11. The provisions which the passengers generally carry, consist of rice, wheat & rice flour, &c. Curry stuff & Salt.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obed^t Servant

P. Bruce
Acting Collector.

W. P. H.

Order

Marine Sept

No 367

Emg. - 17 September 1858

Read the following letters -

From Supt of Marine - No 3187 d/ 14th Aug/58

From Collr of Canada - No 58 d/ 21st idem.

From a S Collr. Malabar. No 116 d/ 28th idem.

These letters are replies to E. Ing^r in his dept No 299 d/ the 31st July last, regarding the arrangements to be made for working Act No ~~XXI~~ of 1858, on the act for the regulation of the 'Native Passenger Ships' commonly known as "Pilgrim Ships", and of "Steam Vessels intended to convey Passengers on Coasting Voyages".

2. The act provides (Part II) that no Native Passenger Ship shall proceed upon any voyage to which the act extends (that is, voyages between Ports & Places under the Govt of the E. I. C. & Ports & Places in the Red Sea or Persian Gulf -) except from such Ports & Places as the Govt may from time to time appoint. The Supt of Marine wth name the Ports of Cochin, Calicut & Tellicherry. To issue the Act. Collr of

Con 3rd Aug 1858 & 299.

Marine Letter to England
5th Dec 1858.

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Marine 1858

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From the Acting Collector

of Malabar

Sl. No 30367
12th 31st 1858

To the Chief Secretary

to Government
Dated 28th August 1858
Received 3 Sept 1858

No 116

No 335

Subject to the plan
with reference to the
Mem of Gen 17/3/58
1858 regarding the working
of Act 21 of 1858 for
the regulation of the
passenger ships

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Malabar, adds Deuland & Cannanore. These five Ports are heretofore appointed by Govt as Ports for the purposes of the Act. It is observed that there is no passenger traffic of the description under notice, from any of the Ports in Cannara.

3. The said Section provides that the Master of the Ship shall not proceed on his voyage before obtaining a Certificate from an Officer authorized to grant the same; & such officer is to be appointed by the Govt (Sect V). Notice of the proposed day of sailing, destination &c is to be given to his Officer at least three days beforehand by the Master of the Ship, and the Officer is empowered in person or by deputy to enter & inspect the Ship, the fittings, provisions & stores therein, and he may further "if he think fit, cause the Ship to be surveyed at the expense of the Master by a competent Surveyor, who shall report if the Ship is seaworthy."

The Supt of Marine recommends that the Clerk & his assistants be the Officers authorized to grant the Certificates.

* The Supt of Marine will furnish a copy of his proposed instructions to the Master Attendants at Calicut and Cochin, and send copies to the Collector for communication to the Sea Customs Manager.

Mr Grant thinks it might be left to the Master Attendant, on whom there is no such function, to be Chief "Sea Customs Manager."

The latter suggestion is approved. The Asst Collector reports that, except at Deuland, where the Sea Customs Manager might very soon learn the duty, all the then officials mentioned understand the mode of surveying ships.

4. The fee for the survey, &c in each case, the Supt of Marine suggests, be fixed at Rs 20, the limit of the fee (Sect VI) required in the case of Steam Vessels. The Government would prefer the Collector's recommendation for adoption a graduated scale, beginning at Rs 7, ^{being the same} as that laid down for the measuring any vessel, under Act VII of '58. ~~Resolved that the Asst Collector's suggestion be adopted.~~

5. The Govt resolve further to adopt the Collector's estimate as to the average duration of voyages, and the following Note of Rs will accordingly be published in the Fort St George Gazette accompanied by Translates in Hindustani & Malayalam. "Whereas it is lawful for the G. in P.

Sects VI, VII, VIII

" By proclamation to be issued
" for that purpose & published in the
" Govt Gazette, to declare what shall
" be deemed for the purposes of the
" said Act, the duration of the voyage
" of any Native Passenger Ship from
" any Port or place to any other Port or
" place — he hereby declares that
" from the Ports of Calcutta, Cochin,
" Tellicherry, Quilandy & Cannanore
" the duration of the voyage to any
" Native Passenger Ship to ~~any~~ the
" undermentioned Ports shall be de-
" cided to be as follows: viz.

To Aden . . . 28 days

8. Copies of the Act with
translations in Hindustani
and Malayalam will be
forwarded to the Political Resi-
dent.

the
Commandant at Ashen, and
Recipient of Berkshire and the Herts.
~~to the British Consulate~~
Vice-Consul
Agent at Luddish.

~~Another~~ & at the chief
Ports on the Persian Gulf,
and, in reference to
Suez & Ict, they will be
requested to cause the

~~provisions of the Act~~
to be translated into the
to be made known to

vernacular languages
of Hindi Stations & to
cause its provisions!

The Master of vessels
carrying native pas-
sengers from the Port
to the of British India

To the Right of Marine } Disp^d 17th
" As Coll^r of Malabar }
" Coll^r of Cochin }

Para 5 to Sept to Gazette Page Disp? 17⁶
 Hindi: trans to Gov? Disp? 17⁶
 Malay: ⁱⁿ do - - Not sent. Vide Memo No 330

Warner Letter to England
5th November 1858.
P. 25.

By order of the
March 1858. Dep't of H.

Ms. 367.

De: *Amid: Love:*

Dated 17th Sept/58.

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12th