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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 29th October 1858.

No. 26. From Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 21st October 1858, No. 156.

SIR,

With reference to the Extract from Minutes of Consultation under date 11th Instant, Marine Department, No. 411, in which is contained a letter from the Master Attendant, bearing date 7th Instant, forwarded for the remarks of the Commissioner of Police; I have the honor to append the following remarks.

2. The Master Attendant in the 2nd para: of his letter quotes the second Section of Act XXVIII of 1858, and gives it as his opinion, that I neither rightly interpret nor understand the Provisions of the said Act. In reply I beg to call your attention to the 11th Section thereof, by which you will observe that Boats which shall convey *only* Mails or Passengers *with* their baggage are alone exempted from the Provisions of the Act.

3. Having heard with reference to the case of the Commander of the "City of Bristol," that the Master Attendant had given it as his opinion, that I was not justified in levying the rate of 3 Annas on Boats conveying Ballast, and he also having protested against my sending a Peon on Boats conveying Government Stores, I consulted the Law Officers of Government on the subject, and acting under their advice, personally given, and being myself of opinion, that I should not be justified in exempting any other than Mail and Passengers Boats from the payment of the rate, I desired the charge to be sustained, allowing the parties to pay under protest if they desired to do so, pending the legal settlement of the question. At the Meeting held in the Chambers of the Advocate General sometime in December last, for the purpose of considering the contemplated provisions of the then proposed Marine Police Act, at which parties interested were present, the question was raised whether or not Boats carrying Ballast, Water, Provisions, Passengers and Mails, should be obliged to take in a Police Officer, and an understanding was at length arrived at that Mail Boats alone should be exempted.

4. There is only one other portion of Mr. Dalrymple's letter to Government which seems to require observation on my part. I allude to the VII paragraph of it, in which a highly eulogistic opinion of the system and working of the former Marine Police Establishment is pronounced. Of my own knowledge, of course, I can say nothing, one way or another, as to the merits of that Force, but I will quote passages from the letter to Government of that able and active Police Officer, my predecessor in Office, Mr. E. F. Elliot, under date 16th October 1854, No. 54; the first will clearly shew, that at the very period of which Mr. Dalrymple speaks, when he alludes to the excellent system of surveillance introduced by the late Captain Clarence Dalrymple, followed up by himself, when Beach Magistrate and Superintendent of Marine Police, the state and efficiency of that Body were viewed in a vastly different light by Mr. Elliot, who, in letter referred to, says:

" 1. There was formerly a Marine Police Office at Madras with a distinct Establishment, which was so defective in every way that there was a general demand for change and by order of Government, Public Department, under date the 2nd January 1839, the present Town Police Office was established, and the Marine Establishment was incorporated with the General Police at the Presidency; the majority of the Peons thus transferred continue located at

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Ascertained that Mr. Master Attendant
 is informed that the former
 having received from the Commission
 of Police explanation on the subject
 of ~~the~~ his letter of the 7th & 8th
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 interference in the manner which
 the provisions of Act XXVIII. 1858
 are being carried out by that

Forb. St. George

29 October 1858. Office -

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