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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 2nd February 1858.

No. 3. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Secretary Marine Board; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 25th January 1858, No. 320.

SIR,

The Chief Commissioner of Police will have informed the Government that a party of English Emigrants, consisting of ten men, six women, and three boys were brought here by the Sweedish Ship "Thor," having been taken off the American Ship "Helen" while on fire near the Cape, on her passage from London to Melbourne.

2. The Board would not have addressed the Government until their orders had been passed on the Chief Commissioner's letter, if it were not that an opportunity will soon present itself of forwarding them a part of their way towards their original destination by a Government Transport. The "Thebes," Steamer, will leave for Galle about the latter end of the week and might convey them so far; and should it be the intention of Government to provide them with further passage from that Port to Melbourne, leaving the adjustment of the expenses to the proper Department of Her Majesty's Government, they might be sent on by the Australian Steamer, which touches at Galle about the middle of each month.

3. The cost of a second class passage by these Steamers is £25; but probably some reduction might be made under the peculiar circumstances in which these unfortunate Emigrants are placed: and should the Government decide on undertaking the responsibility of forwarding them on, the Board will address the Master Attendant at Galle with a view to his obtaining their passage on the most favorable terms practicable.

4. Four men belonging to the crew of the American Ship were likewise brought to Madras. Although only one was an English subject, being a Native of Antigua, the Board thought it advisable to incur the expense of temporarily providing for them, as there was no American Consul to whom they could apply for assistance; and they had, in common with the Emigrants, lost nearly all but what was on their backs when they left the burning Ship. Of the remaining three, two are Americans and one a Native of Hamburgh. This last man has, however, from misconduct, forfeited all title to consideration.

5. A claim has been made by the Master of the Sweedish Ship for their maintenance during the passage from the Cape to Madras, which after investigation will be submitted to Government.

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN,
Secretary.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, No. 48; dated 27th January 1858.

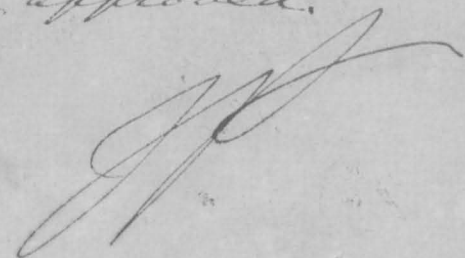
The Government have already, upon the application of the Commissioner of Police, passed orders for providing the Emigrants referred to with a passage to Melbourne. The proceedings of the Marine Board with respect to the four Seamen alluded to in para: 4, are approved.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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The Gov. have already
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To Mr. St George, }
27 January, 1838. }



To the Marine Board. Dec^r 30th 1837