

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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

No. 5. From HUMPHRY SANDWITH, Esq., Colonial Secretary at Mauritius; to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated 26th November 1857, No. 198/17, D.

SIR,

I have the honor, by direction of His Excellency Governor Stevenson, to forward to you herewith copy of a letter from R. Jack, Esq., the Agent in this Port for the Honorable East India Company, relative to (3) Three Seamen who deserted from the Honorable Company's Frigate "Assaye" previous to her departure from this Island in October last.

2. And I am now to inform you that these Seamen, whose names are in the margin, have been shipped on board the Ship "Marshal Pélissier," for Madras, Captain Anderson; their passage costing (£10) Ten Pounds Sterling each.

William Thompson,
Robert Brown,
James Samersgill.

3. I have to request that you will take the necessary measures for having these Men handed over to the Indian Naval Authorities on their arrival.

4. I am also to request that you will recover the cost of passage money, (£30) Thirty Pounds Sterling, together with the further cost of necessaries supplied for the use of the Men on their Voyage, amounting to (£12-3-9) Twelve Pounds Three Shillings and Nine Pence Sterling, from the Government of India, and place the same to the credit of this Government.

(Signed) HUMPHRY SANDWITH,
Colonial Secretary.

From R. JACK, Esq., Honorable Company's Agent; to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, dated 30th October 1857.

SIR,

I beg to inform you of the following circumstances, with a request that the same may be submitted to His Excellency the Governor for decision.

A few Men (3) belonging to the Honorable East India Company's Frigate "Assaye," lately deserted from her when she was at the Bell Buoy. As the Agent in this Port of the Honorable East India Company, I was requested to see that those Men, when arrested, should be dealt with according to Law.

The designation of each of them having been left at the Central Police Office, they have been arrested. But it appears that no other Authority in the Island than His Excellency the Governor has power to deal with them. So, at least, I am given to understand in consequence of a verbal communication with the Honorable Procureur and Advocate General. I therefore beg, on behalf of Honorable East India Company, that His Excellency may take cognizance of those Men's case and dispose of the same as His Excellency may deem it expedient.

(Signed) R. JACK.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) R. B. CUMMINS,
Assistant Colonial Secretary.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 49; dated 27th January 1858.

1. Ordered that the foregoing letter and its enclosure be communicated to the Commissioner of Police, and that he be directed to take charge of the Three Seamen referred to and retain them in his custody until they can be sent to Bombay or made over to some Vessel of the Indian Navy.

2. The Marine Board will, in communication with the Commissioner of Police, take measures for the shipment of these Men when a suitable opportunity offers for making them over to the Indian Naval Authorities.

3. The Accountant General will make the necessary adjustment of the expenses incurred by the Mauritius Government on account of passage money and necessaries supplied for the use of the Men on their voyage to Madras, crediting that Government with the amount and debiting the same to the Bombay Government.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Marine Depart.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
under date 27 January 1858—

Read letter from the
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Mauritius.

(Dated 26 Nov 1857. No 108/4)

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To the Marine Board
a Commissioner of Police }
a Secret General. } Dated 29/1/80

George Thompson
the Liberator

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