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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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No. 13. From F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Civil Auditor; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 11th December 1857, No. 906.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government the following point, and beg to be favored with their orders thereon.

The Honorable Court's Despatch in the Marine Department, dated 10th March, No. 3 of 1852, regulating the grant of Batta to the Royal Navy serving in India, allows Batta to Ward Room Officers according to the rating of their Vessels, and from the Navy List I observe that the Vessels of the Royal Navy are divided into six rates or Classes. The sixth Class includes Vessels of three descriptions: I. All Ships that do not belong to the first five classes, but which bear a Captain; II. Sloops comprising Bomb Ships and all other Vessels commanded by Commanders, and III. All other Ships commanded by Lieutenants and having complements of not less than sixty men. The Despatch above quoted allows Batta to Vessels of the first five classes, and to two descriptions of those of the sixth, *viz.*, Ships bearing a Captain and Sloops commanded by a Commander, but makes no provision for the third description or for any other Vessels.

Messrs. Parry and Co. having enquired whether the Ward Room Officers of Her Majesty's Ship "Saracen," which I observe from the Navy List carries but four Guns, and is commanded by a Master, were entitled to Batta, I replied that the Batta Regulations of the Company extended only as far as Vessels commanded by Commanders, and that, as the "Saracen" was commanded by a Master, I did not think the Ward Room Officers of that Vessel had any claim to Batta. Messrs. Parry and Co. object to this view of the case, and it is therefore that I submit the question for the decision of Government, and in doing so I deem it proper to mention that Masters in command were originally not entitled to Batta, but were allowed the indulgence by the Honorable Court's Orders in the Marine Department, dated 19th September, No. 14 of 1855.

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON,
Civil Auditor.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, No. 6; dated 5th January 1858.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council will refer the question submitted in the foregoing letter for the decision of the Honorable the Court of Directors; but as it appears that "Masters in Command" of Her Majesty's Ships on the East India Station, who were not provided for in the revised Batta Regulations of March 1852, were subsequently admitted by the Honorable Court to the same Allowance as that autho-

Despatch dated 19th September, No 14 of 1855. rised for a "Lieutenant in Command," he resolves in the mean time to authorise the Civil Auditor to pass Batta on the same principle to the Ward Room Officers of Her Majesty's Ship "Saracen" which is commanded by a Master, on security being furnished by Messrs. Parry and Co. for its re-fund, if disallowed by the Honorable Court; and to act in the same manner in respect to any other similar cases which may come before him, pending the receipt of the Court's decision.

Marine Department.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
under date 5th January 1858.

Read letter from the
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