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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 19th April 1859.

No. 31. From Colonel A. McCALLY, Commissary General; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 18th April 1859, No. 63.

SIR,

In submitting for the sanction of Government the accompanying Bill for Rupees 636-10-8 on account of demurrage claimed by Messrs: Bainbridge & Co., Agents of the Barque "Great Britain" arrived from Moulmein with Timber for Ordnance purposes, I have the honor to afford the following explanation thereon.

2. The Vessel arrived in the Madras Roads on the 17th February 1859 with 267 Logs of Pedowk Peemah and Ingein and $20\frac{1}{2}$ Tons of Stave Boards.

3. The landing commenced on the 19th February 1859, and up to the 25th of that month 81 Logs of Timber and the Stave Boards were landed. The remaining 186 Logs of Timber were landed between the 5th and 23rd March and none between 26th February and 4th March 1859.

4. It would appear that although every endeavour was used by the Marine Department as well as by this Department to expedite the landing, an unavoidable delay has occurred.

5. The Superintendent of Marine to whom a reference was made on this subject states that "the Master Attendant explains that he was at the same time landing similar Timber from the "Lutchme Pursaud" and heavy Machinery from the "Cressey" and that notwithstanding "a loan was obtained from the Railway Department of a large number of rafting Logs, he found "it impossible to land the "Great Britain's" Cargo faster than was done."

6. Messrs. Bainbridge and Co., have based their claim upon the grounds that "the "Royal Bride" with a similar Cargo landed as much as 25 Logs per diem, but taking 20 Logs as a "fair day's work the ship should have been discharged of 166 Logs of Pedowk in 11 days including Sundays, *i. e.* having been ready to discharge on Saturday 26th February, had she commenced on the 28th, she ought to have been discharged by the 10th March, instead of which, "she was not cleared till the 23rd; the last 4 days, however, Timber was kept in as the Captain "did not wish to run the risk of having it all discharged, and that they have therefore made "their claim from 10th to 19th March 1859, both days inclusive, being 10 days in all."

7. Under these circumstances, and as the Superintendent of Marine is of opinion that "the Vessel is entitled to demurrage for the delay which was unavoidable," it is respectfully requested that the sanction of Government may be accorded for the disbursement of the amount of demurrage alluded to. The rate of demurrage is the same as in most English Charters.

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, No. 145; dated 19th April 1859.

Referred for the early report of the Government Solicitor.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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To Mr. George
19 April 1859



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Dear Mr. President