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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 29th April 1859.

No. 4. From R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India; to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 4th April 1859, No. 687.

Home Department. SIR,

I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of a letter, No. 3, dated the 20th January last, from the Colonial Secretary, Cape of Good Hope, and of its enclosure, and to request that such publicity may be given to the notice as the Right Honorable the Governor in Council may think proper, with a view to the guilty parties being brought to justice in the event of their visiting any of the Indian Ports.

No. 3.

CIRCULAR.

From RAWSON W. RAWSON, Esq., Colonial Secretary, Cape of Good Hope; to the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, dated Cape of Good Hope, the 20th January 1859.

SIR,

The enclosed notice contains information of a most daring act of Piracy or Barratry, committed yesterday in Table Bay. It is of importance that the perpetrators should not escape with impunity.

I am therefore directed by His Excellency Sir G. Grey, to forward to you copies (in duplicate) of the notice, and to request that you will move the Right Honorable the Governor General of India to take steps to give publicity to the notice, and to aid this Government in the recovery of the vessel, and arrest of the Crew and any other persons concerned in her abstraction.

No. 28.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

Colonial Office, Cape of Good Hope, 20th January 1859.

PIRACY OR BARRATRY OF A MATE AND MARINERS.

It has been brought to the notice of the Governor of this colony that a daring act of Piracy or Barratry was committed on the evening of yesterday, the 19th instant, by the Mate and Crew of the Schooner *Prince Edward*, of Cape Town.

This vessel was cleared out for a voyage from Table Bay to Hondeklip Bay and Angra Pequena; and the Master, George Maple, who was on shore, was about to go on board, when the vessel was observed to have got her anchor up, and to be sailing out of Table Bay. Though hailed at once, she took no notice, but crowded sail, and went away.

There are no ship's papers on board,—all of them being in the possession of the Master and Part owner, George Maple. Should she produce any papers, they must be false.

The following particulars will, it is hoped, enable the authorities of any British or Foreign Port into which she may be carried, to identify and detain her and her Crew:

1. Burthen, 56 Tons; deck 1; masts 2, schooner rig; stern square; build carvel; galleries, nil; head, bust of *Prince Edward*, with a Scotch cap, black, blue, and red, with gilt edge round cap
2. New decks and topsides of teak, and newly coppered.
3. Name *Prince Edward* cut into the stern.
4. Words "60 Tons" cut into the combings of the hatchway.
5. Long masts; main-mast much chafed at the head with the working of the gaff.
6. Four of the chain-plate bolts, on the port side, broken.
7. Chronometer on board—name, C. Shepherd (London), No. 1512.

There were on board two male passengers, proceeding to Namaqua Land as miners, viz., R. P. Webb and George Gould: the latter of these was formerly seaman on board of one of H.

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M.'s ships of war; and one female passenger, a young woman, named Margaret Lucas, who was proceeding to the same destination, for the purpose of entering service there.

It is reported that other females were seen on board at, or shortly before, the departure of this vessel, and also that some seamen belonging to one of H. M.'s ships of war were on board. But the correctness of these reports has not yet been ascertained.

The proper Crew of the Ship were as follows:—

William Hamilton, Mate, 43 years of age, born at Dorset, formerly Master Mariner, acquainted with South America, and engaged for three voyages in navigating the *Prince Edward*.

Crew.

John Fisher, 22 years of age, born at Trieste.

John Edy, 23 years of age, born at Neath.

Henry Cosky, 31 years of age, born at Londonderry.

Thos. Sinnott, 21 years of age, born at Wexford.

Hugh Smith, 34 years of age, born at Dunbar.

J. Potter, 50 years of age, born at Ceylon.

The *Prince Edward* had a General Cargo on board, and was fitted out for a voyage for Guano, with sacks, spades, and a riddle, all new, and provisions for upwards of three months.

It is hoped that all principal officers of Customs, and other authorities in British and Foreign Ports will act upon this Notification, in case the *Prince Edward* should come within their reach, by seizing the Ship, and causing the Crew to be imprisoned, to answer for the crime they have committed; giving the earliest notice to the Government of this Colony, and to the Officer commanding at the nearest British Naval Station.

It is conjectured that the Ship is destined for some Port in South America.

By Command of His Excellency the Governor,

(Signed) RAWSON W. RAWSON,
Colonial Secretary.

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that a Warrant has this day been issued by J. M. Hill, Esquire, the Resident Magistrate of Cape Town, and the District thereof, against the following persons, being the Mate and Crew of the Schooner *Prince Edward*, of Cape Town, charged, upon oath, with having, on yesterday, the 19th January 1859, committed the crime of feloniously and piratically running away with the said ship,—that is to say:—

1st.—William Hamilton, mate, age 43 years, a native of Dorset.

2nd.—John Fisher, seaman, aged 22 years, a native of Trieste.

3rd.—John Edy, seaman, aged 23 years, a native of Neath.

4th.—Henry Cosky, seaman, aged 31 years, a native of Londonderry.

5th.—Thomas Sinnott, seaman, aged 21 years, a native of Wexford.

6th.—Hugh Smith, seaman, aged 34 years, a native of Dunbar.

7th.—J. Potter, seaman, aged 50 years, a native of Ceylon.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, CAPE TOW, }
20th January 1859.

(Signed) HUGH EYNAR,
Clerk of the Peace, Cape Town.

Transferred to the Home Department for disposal.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, }
The 31st March 1859.

By order,
(Signed) R. SIMSON,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, No. 149; dated 20th April 1859.

Resolved that the Circular and its annexures, received with the foregoing letter, be published in several successive issues of the Gazette.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Fort St George
20 April 1859
to the Supt Gazette Office

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Forward copy of a letter from the Colonial Secy, and of copy of Lord Hope, and of its enclosure, regarding a most daring act of piracy or robbery, committed in Table Bay, and request that public publicity may be given to the notice at this port may thereby be given, with a view to the public parties being brought to justice in the event of their visiting any of the Indian ports.

With an Order from the Under Secy to the Govt. of India. 607.

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24th April 1859.

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No. 687

FROM

R. B. CHAPMAN, ESQUIRE,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India,

TO

The Secretary to the Govt. of
Fort St. George

SIR,

Dated Fort William the 4th April 1859.

HOME DEPT. I AM directed to forward the accompanying copy of a letter No. 3, dated the 20th January last, from the Colonial Secretary, Cape of Good Hope, and of its enclosure, and to request that such publicity may be given to the notice as the Right Honble the Gov. in Council may think proper, with a view to the guilty parties being brought to justice in the event of their visiting any of the Indian ports.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

R. B. Chapman

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.