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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 4th to 10th May 1859.*

No. 7. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine ;
to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 21st
April 1859, No. 1678.

I have the honor to inform you that the English Barque "Sally," of 402 Tons N. M., which
left Vizagapatam for London *via* Cocanada on the 16th Ultimo, sprung a leak shortly after her
departure, and that the water gained so much on the Ship, notwithstanding the efforts made by the
Crew who are reported to have been for four nights and three days at the Pumps without ceasing
that the Commander was forced to beach her on or about the 23rd at a place called Yerada, 5
miles South of the Port of departure. The water was then up to the lower Deck beams, covering
the cargo which consisted of Jaggery.

2. The Master Attendant at Vizagapatam immediately proceeded to the wreck to afford all
assistance in saving the property, and he reports that the conduct of the Commander Officers and
Crew was most praiseworthy, and that their utmost exertions were put forth in endeavouring to
secure from destruction such property as could be brought on shore.

* No. 245, dated 13th April 1859. I beg to submit a communication* from the Collector
+ 13th April 1859. of Vizagapatam covering a letter† from the Commander of
the wrecked Vessel, wherein the latter expresses his thanks for the assistance afforded him by the
Master Attendant, and to add my testimony to Mr. Reade's of the activity invariably evinced by
Captain Meppen in rendering efficient personal aid in all similar cases.

From C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam ; to J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Super-
intendent of Marine, dated 13th April 1859, No. 245.

I beg to forward for record in your Office the accompanying copy of a letter received this
day from the Commander of the late Barque "Sally" recently wrecked near this Port.

2 I can add my testimony to the ready zeal and assistance of the Master Attendant, who is
ever foremost when there is any thing to be done in his Department, but the Captain's expression
of thanks to myself is rather a satire on his eulogy in the same breath of Mr. Meppen, seeing
that I was absent on the occasion, and literally did not move in the matter, though of course all
my native Public Servants at hand did their duty in a manner deserving of every praise.

From H. G. RUGG, Esq., Master of the late Barque "Sally"; to C. W. READE, Esq.,
Collector of Vizagapatam, dated 13th April 1859.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of the Protest which has duly come to hand.

Allow me to render my best thanks for the prompt assistance rendered by you on hearing of
the beaching of the "Sally," I would also bring to your notice of the valuable assistance, I re-
ceived from Captain Meppen, Master Attendant, in not only sending Boats and Cooleys to assist in
landing the Stores and cargo from the Vessel, but also stopping by her for days together, and
ordering the men to work, otherwise from our ignorance of the Native language, we would have
been at a very great loss.

I beg you will kindly bring the above to the notice of the Marine Board.

I further would observe that Captain Meppen had the misfortune of getting his leg near
broken in his eagerness to save the Ships, Stores, and cargo, I do not know how to express my
thanks for the kind and ready assistance that was given by you, and Captain Meppen, Master
Attendant.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1859, No. 172.

The Government notice with approval the exertions made by Captain Meppen. Master
Attendant of Vizagapatam, for saving the property of the wrecked Barque "Sally."

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

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approval to execution, made
by Capt. Stephen Martin Abbott
- some of the property of the
wrecked Tarpaulin Sally.

Fort St. George,
4th May 1889.
Sup^t of Marine - Dispt. J. J.

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