

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 3rd to 9th September 1859.*

No. 3. Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 27th August 1859, No. 644.

Paragraph 1. The Government are perhaps aware that a Ship called the "*Ballengeich*" of Glasgow was wrecked south of Negapatam in the storm in April last. The ship was loaded with a valuable cargo consisting of Wine, Beer, Piece goods, &c., and valued at about 4 lacs of Rupees.

2. I considered it my duty to take charge of the ship and cargo and the greater part of the latter was therefore landed under the Superintendence of the Sea Custom Manager and the Amildar of the Head Assistant Cutcherry.

3. The proceeds of the cargo which has been saved amount to about one lac and 25,000 Rupees, and Captain Miller, the Master of the ship acting on behalf of the underwriters has offered a Commission of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the value of the cargo saved, to the Government Officers and who were engaged in saving and disposing of the cargo.

4. I am of opinion, that so large an amount is unnecessary; but looking to the great additional work thrown upon the Sea Custom Officers and to the activity and energy displayed by them in the saving of the property; I would beg the permission of Government to accept the sum of Rupees 2,000 on their behalf to be distributed in such a manner as may seem just and equitable.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 3rd September 1859, No. 433.

Approved.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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To the City of San Francisco - Sept 9th 1859