

# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Marine* DEPARTMENT.

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| G.O. No. | 557      | Press<br><del>Mis.</del> |
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,  
for the month of November 1859.*

No. 3. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office London, 23rd September 1859, No. 24.

8th September 1859. Paragraph 1. Herewith is transmitted copy of a letter from Mr. James Burness in which he advances a claim to the sum of £ 204-1-6, the value of 81 tons 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs. of steam coal, which he alleges remained unaccounted for, through the acts of the authorities at your Presidency, out of a cargo of 1155 tons of coal purchased from him by the late Court of Directors, and delivered at Madras from alongside the Ship "Cleadon."

2. You will observe that Mr. Burness states that the coal, instead of being weighed from the ship, was taken on shore and there weighed, when a receipt was given for a quantity less, by the amount above noted, than that stated to have been shipped and of which the Commander of the vessel asserts that no portion was used or lost on the voyage.

3. I have to request that you will cause enquiry to be made into the circumstances attending the weighing and landing of the coals referred to, and that you will furnish a report on the claim preferred by Mr. Burness.

(Signed) C. WOOD.

To Sir JAMES C. MELVILL, Secretary to the Honorable East India Company, dated 138 Leadenhall Street, London, 8th September 1859.

On the 29th October 1857 I sold you four cargoes of steam coals for delivery from ship's side at Madras, one of which was the "Cleadon" 1155 tons Brymbo Merthyr steam coals. By the agreement the coals were to be received from *alongside the ship*; the whole cargo was so delivered to the Honorable Company's Craft, but instead of weighing them from the ship, they were taken on shore, and weighed there, and a receipt given for only 1073 tons 7 cwt. 1 qrs. 16 lbs. being 81 tons 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs. not accounted for.

I have waited the arrival of the Captain in order to get full particulars, but for which I should have preferred my claim long ere this. I am now prepared to prove that the 1155 tons stated in the Bill of Lading were put on board, and the Captain will make an affidavit that no coals were used or thrown overboard during the voyage—therefore the error must have arisen at Madras, either in weighing or by the loss of coals in transit from the ship to the shore. I beg now to annex invoice of said quantity of coals, amounting to £ 204-1-6, and shall feel obliged by your causing a warrant to be passed in my favour for said amount. Permit me to refer you to my letter of the 1st November 1858, respecting an arbitrary percentage deducted without screening from my coals actually delivered, to which I am still without any reply.

(Signed) JAMES BURNESS.

LONDON, 8th September 1859.

THE HONORABLE EAST INDIA COMPANY TO JAMES BURNESS.

1155 Tons of Brymbo Merthyr coal shipped per "Cleadon" as per Bill of Lading and delivered from alongside at Madras at 50 per ton.....£ 2,887-10-0

*Deduct.*

Amount paid on sailing.....£ 962-10-0 } £ 2,683- 8-6  
Do. do. Landing Certificates.....£ 1,720-18-6 }

£ 204- 1-6

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ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1859, No. 557.

A copy of the above Despatch and its enclosure will be furnished to the Superintendent of Marine, who will submit the report required by the Home Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,  
Chief Secretary.

Exd. W. J. Boyton.

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the Rt. Honble. the Secre-  
tary of State for India. Enter 23<sup>rd</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 1859  
N<sup>o</sup> 24.*

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*The Superintendent of  
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General Marshall Order on War

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