

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	575	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	11-11	1859.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
for the month of November 1859.*

No. 3. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROFT Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 11th November 1859, No. 4533.

With reference to my letter of the 8th instant, No. 4498, in the Military Department, which was transferred to that of the Marine, reporting the loss of two 68 pounder guns in the roads, and requesting that the Commander of the "Prince Arthur" might be called upon to report whether he considered the Diving Bell could be used with advantage from his vessel for their recovery, I have the honor to state that as time is passing, and every day lost renders their ultimate recovery more doubtful, the Master Attendant has been using his utmost endeavors to obtain a Diver to attach a rope to each for the purpose of raising them. Of the two Divers belonging to the establishment, one has absconded while the other has been sentenced to three months hard labor for being implicated in a serious riot at Royapooram. If there be no serious legal objection to such a proceeding, I would solicit that permission be given to the Commissioner of Police to employ the man under sentence, in diving for the guns, provided of course that no coercion is used. The sentence is that he be kept to hard labor, and the employment which I propose may be fitly so styled.

2. I would further beg that the earliest orders practicable be passed on my application, as the present fine weather, which affords great hopes of success, cannot be expected to continue; and as no other Diver can be engaged, it is feared if much more delay occurs, that the guns will be lost.

3. In conclusion, I have to add that the committing Magistrate has no objection to the arrangement.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1859, No. 575.

Under the emergent circumstances of the case, the Government authorize an arrangement being made with the diver in question for the recovery of the two guns. As the offence for which he is confined is not of a serious character, the Government will be prepared to remit the remainder of his punishment, provided he undertakes the work, and will bestow on him a reward if he be successful. It is however to be most clearly understood that the engagement is to be altogether voluntary, and that no coercion whatever is to be practised.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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