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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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No. 5. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 15th February 1859, No. 702.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that, in obedience to the orders conveyed in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 24th December last, No. 505, I addressed the Superintendent of Marine at Calcutta, the Resident Councillor at Singapore and the Master Attendant at Cochin, with a view to obtain further tidings of the Ship or Ships which foundered off Pondicherry in the Cyclone of the 9th December 1856. The only reply yet received is from the last named Officer, but as that seems to identify the man picked up by Captain Campbell as one of the Crew of No. 30-1859. the Vessel whose wreck was met with by the "Leverrier," I at once submit it for the information of Government.

2. The only discrepancy between the information obtained by Captain Castor and that furnished by the Ship-wrecked men, is with reference to the Vessel to which they belonged having had Pilgrims on board. The Agent of the "Carnatic" states she had none, while the men saved, those landed at Pondicherry as well as he who was brought to Madras, declared, or were supposed to declare, she had. Probably those who received their Statements were not sufficiently versed in their language to understand them.

3. On receiving replies to the other references, the result will be communicated to Government.

From Captain JOHN CASTOR, Master Attendant at Cochin; to J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, dated 5th February 1859, No. 30.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 87, dated 10th Ultimo, and beg to state that some unavoidable delay has occurred in obtaining the information I was therein instructed to gather.

2. The "Carnatic" under English Colors, (which was originally an English built Vessel, and was purchased and owned by an Arab in Jeddah) was well known to a respectable Arab Merchant here, who was Agent to the Vessel, when she touched at this Port on the 10th October 1856, she left this for Calcutta and by the Statement of the Merchant she foundered off Pondicherry.

3. He further states that, although the Vessel's original name (Carnatic) was retained, she also went by some such Native name as "Hulwee," and she was known to her Crew, only by her Native name.

4. From the same quarter, I also hear that ten men were picked up by a French Vessel, and on another occasion, one young man was rescued from a plank in all eleven lives were saved from the "Carnatic." These two circumstances, the Native name, and a man having been rescued on a different occasion from a plank, may account for the vague report of the loss of another Vessel about the same time.

5. The Vessel had no Pilgrims on board when she foundered, but her Crew consisted of 45 Arab Lascars, and one Arab passenger.

6. The Owner's name was Ferakh Horsoor of Jeddah, and the Commander or Nacoda was one Syed Moodupher.

7. The Arab Merchant, from whom I have gleaned these particulars, states that, to the best of his knowledge, no other Arab Vessel was lost at Sea, either about the time when the Carnatic foundered, or a little before that event.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 70; dated 3rd March 1859.

Ordered to be brought to the notice of the Home Authorities in reference to the Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors under date 1st September, No. 19 of 1858.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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Marine 1859 Dept.
From
The Superintendent of
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To the Chief Secretary
to Government

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 as one of the crew of the vessel
 whose wreck was met with
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