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Government of Madras.

Marine

DEPARTMENT.

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Dated <i>4-1-</i>	<i>1859</i>

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 4th January 1859.

No. 4. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 13th December 1858, No. 4989.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that it has been brought to my notice by the Master Attendant at Cochin, that in the Chart of the Western Coast prepared and published under the authority of the Hydrographer at Bombay, the reef off Quilon on which the "Lady Hodgkinson" struck and was wrecked, has been entirely omitted. I have not learned whether her Captain was navigating by that Chart, but as the omission is one of serious moment, likely to lead to similar disasters, and which must tend to throw doubt and discredit on the whole publication, I have directed that no more copies shall be sold pending further instructions.

I have to suggest that it would be advisable to communicate with the Bombay Government, with the view to the Charts being carefully examined with the latest Surveys extant, in order to their being entirely destroyed or corrected as considered most advisable.

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, No. 502; dated 23rd December 1858.

The Government approve of the Superintendent of Marine having stopped the sale of the Chart of the Western Coast referred to by him. Copy of his letter will be forwarded for the information of the Government of Bombay.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 6. TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY, dated Fort Saint George, 23rd December 1858, No. 503.

SIR,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to forward, for the information of the Government of Bombay, the accompanying copy of a communication received from the Superintendent of Marine, dated 13th December 1858, No. 4989, intimating that the reef off Quilon on which the *Lady Hodgkinson* struck and was wrecked, has not been noted in the Chart of the Western Coast prepared and published under the authority of the Hydrographer at Bombay. Mr. Franklin suggests that the Charts should be carefully examined with the latest Surveys extant, in view to their being entirely destroyed or corrected as may be considered most advisable.

2. I have to add that Lieutenant Taylor of the Indian Navy, who recently attended the Right Honorable the Governor to Quilon and Trevandrum on duty, was directed to survey the reef in question on his return to Sedashighur.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Marine Department

N. 502

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
dated 23rd December 1858.

Read the following letter
from the Superintendent of Marine
(Here enter 18th Decr 1858 No 496)

The Government approve
of the Superintendent of Marine
having stopped the sale of the
chart of the western coast of India
to him. Copy of his letter
will be forwarded for the
information of the Government
of Bombay.

It is ordered that the fol-
lowing letter be despatched

To The Secy. to the Govt. of Bombay
(Here enter No.)

Copy to Supt of Marine. - Sep 2. 24th

24-9-58

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Marine Department

No 503.

To The Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to forward for the information of the Govt. of Bombay, the accompanying copy of a communication received from the Superintendent of Marine dated 10th Decr 1858 4987, intimating that the reef off Suilon on which the Sady Hoodkison struck and was wrecked has not been noted in the chart of the Western Coast prepared and published under the authority of the Hydrographer at Bombay. Mr Franklin suggests that the charts should be carefully examined with the latest surveys extant in view to their being entirely destroyed or corrected as ^{may be} considered most advisable.

2. I have to inform that Lieut Taylor of the Indian Navy who

By Lt Col 4 Dec 1859.
Marine 1858 Dep't.

No 502

Enclosure; One.

Dated 23 Decr 1858.

To Bombay
23 Decr 1858
Ref 11 March 1859
of Marine having copied
the state of the chart of the
Western Coast prepared and
published at Bombay in
consequence of the report
of the Hydrographer
of the Indian Navy who
has been directed to
examine the charts
of the Western Coast
and to report on the
state of the charts
and to suggest any
alterations which
may be necessary.

Letter for the information
of the Bombay Government

recently returned to
 R.H.K. Governor to India
 & Indian Revenue on duty
 was directed to survey
 the reef in position on
 his return to Sedashighun.

JP

To Mr. George J
 23 December 58.

Dyke Court 4 Lang 109
 Marine 1838 Depart

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To

The Secretary to the
 Govt of Bombay

Dated 23 Decr 58

Marine letter to Capt. dated
 22 May 1859 of 1859.

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