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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 8. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to the Acting Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 29th November 1858, No. 4816.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 28th Ultimo, No. 434, communicating for report a Despatch from the Honorable Council of India of the 1st September last, No. 19, on the subject of a claim to remuneration put forward by Monsieur S. Moreau, Commander of the French Ship "Leverrier," for having saved ten men from part of the wreck of a Vessel which foundered off Pondicherry in the Cyclone of the 9th December 1856, and which Vessel he supposed to have been British.

2. There was no record in my Office, or in that of the Master Attendant, of the circumstances narrated; but Captain Campbell, Indian Navy, then in Command of the "Coromandel," reported to Government in his letter of the 11th of that month, that he had picked up an Arab Sailor, the sole survivor of an Arab Ship which had foundered off Pondicherry, with a large Crew and a number of passengers. It was therefore inferred that the men might have belonged to the same Vessel, and inquiry was made of the Master Attendant at Pondicherry.

3. That Officer's reply has now been received. He states that Captain Moreau landed at Pondicherry ten Sailors calling themselves Arabs, who represented themselves as part of the Crew of a Vessel called the "Carnatic," proceeding from the Red Sea to Calcutta. They were overtaken by bad weather when near Ganjam, and having drifted to the South till abreast of Pondicherry, the Vessel then foundered. Fifteen Sailors had clung to the poop of the Vessel, which broke away from the rest of the hull, when she went down: five of these were subsequently washed off and drowned; and the remaining ten were picked up by the "Leverrier," as narrated, on the 10th December.

4. A few days afterwards the poop of the Vessel on which they had saved themselves was washed on shore at Pondicherry, but no name could be distinguished.

5. The French Government subsisted the survivors for a few days and then gave them money to carry them to Madras. No report was, however, made by them to the Authorities here, and they probably proceeded as passengers to Calcutta in some Native Vessel.

6. The Master Attendant at Pondicherry further mentions that there were 75 Mussulmen passengers on board the foundered Vessel returning from a Pilgrimage to Mecca; all of whom were lost.

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, No. 505; dated 24th December 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Home Authorities in reference to the Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 1st September, No. 19 of 1858.

2. It appears to Government doubtful whether the wreck seen by Captain Campbell is the same as that met with by the "Leverrier." Both, if indeed there were two, seen to have been Pilgrim Ships sailing from Calcutta or Madras or perhaps from the Straits. The Superintendent of Marine will be instructed to obtain more definite information in regard to the wreck referred to in the above letter. It might be ascertained from Agents and Owners of Ships whether any Vessels bearing the name "Carnatic" or "Thergesey" of Judda sail to and from Indian Ports.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Marine Department

No. 505

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
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