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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
for the month of April 1860.*

No. 3. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Secretary on behalf of the Committee of the Madras Marine Society, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 9th March 1860.

1. I have the honor, on behalf of the Committee of the Madras Marine Society, to inform you that at a meeting held on the 20th January 1860, the following resolution was passed, and that consequent thereon the Marine School was closed on the 31st January last, and all payments towards the funds ceased from that date, the Government allowance not having been drawn beyond November 1859 in arrears.

Resolution passed on the 20th January 1860:—

“That as there is no further necessity for a Marine School, which is shown from the fact of no likely lads having applied for admission for some months past, while all those hitherto on the Establishment have been provided for, the Institution shall be closed immediately, the Establishment discharged, and the furniture, &c., sold off.”

2. The resolution will explain the reason of the Committee's proceeding. There was no longer that need for an Institution of this nature which so manifestly existed when the late Captain Biden first brought it before the public in 1851. At that time numbers of respectable although poor boys of European and mixed parentage were growing up in idleness, merely from the want of some means of entering into life. An useful career was thrown open to them, and during the first three years 149 lads were provided for on board ship. The applications for admission were subsequently less numerous. New fields offered for employment. The Railway, the Telegraph, the Public Works, and the admission into the Army of young men who had previously been excluded, offered opportunities of which lads availed themselves in preference to entering upon a sea life. Finally, it was found that applications from eligible boys entirely ceased, and this having continued for some months, during which the whole of those previously admitted into the School had been provided for, it appeared to the Committee inexpedient to tax further a liberal public to keep up an Establishment which was evidently no longer required. It was therefore resolved that the School should be closed, and that the surplus funds, rather more than 2000 Rupees, should be handed over to the Sailors Home, another Institution which mainly owed its origin to the untiring philanthropy of the late Captain Biden.

3. From the opening of the School on the 15th September 1851 to its close on the 31st January 1860, a period of nearly 8½ years, the number of boys sent to sea was 222, of whom, as before stated, 149 were provided for in the first three years.

4. In communicating these proceedings to Government, the Committee desire to record their sincere thanks for the liberal support granted to the Institution over which they presided by the Government of Madras and the Council of India.

No. 4.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1860, No. 140.

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(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

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Your most obedient Servant

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