

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	15	Press Mis.
Dated	9/1	18/10.

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

No. 16. Read Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, dated London, 11th November 1859, No. 30.

Letter dated 6th July (No. 6 M. B.) 1859.

"	"	15th	"	"	13	"	"
"	"	29th	"	"	14	"	"
"	"	30th	"	"	15	"	"
"	"	12th Augt.	"	"	16	"	"
"	"	19th	"	"	17	"	"
"	"	26th	"	"	18	"	"

1. Your Marine letters of the numbers and dates noted in the margin having received my consideration in Council, I have now to communicate to you the following reply,

Letter dated 6th of July (No. 6 M. B.) 1859.

Hammocks and Bedding lost or unaccounted for in transport of Troops to India. Complaint of difficulty of accounting for value of, and requesting that the subject may be considered by the Home Government.

2. Your suggestion that instructions should be issued to Officers in charge of Troops that a correct return should be made at the port of debarkation in India of the number of Hammocks, Cots and Bedding placed on board in England, that proper care should be taken of those articles during the voyage, and that, on arrival, an account should be rendered of such of them as may have been lost or otherwise disposed of, will receive attention.

Letter dated 13th July (No. 13) 1859.

Estates of deceased Seamen. General roll for quarter ending 30th June 1859, with vouchers forwarded showing a sum of Rupees 111-15-1 to be debitable to the Indian Government.

3. The equivalent of this sum has been remitted to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade.

Letter dated 29th July (No. 14) 1859.

Pulicat Shoal. Ten copies of Fell's Charts of, corrected by Lieut. Sweeny, with a report of that Officer on his recent survey of the Shoal, forwarded.

4. These Charts have been placed in the hands of the Hydrographer.

Letter dated 30th July (No. 15) 1859.

Death of Captain Robertson, Master Attendant at Tuticorin, by foundering of the Pattimar "Pownah" reported; and a provision for his family recommended.

5. The loss of this Officer, who appears on all occasions to have given every satisfaction to his superiors, and of so many other lives at the same time, is much to be deplored.

6. The precise circumstances under which the "Pownah" was lost are involved in obscurity; and it must be ever a matter of doubt whether the peculiarity of her rig together with the inefficiency of her crew was the cause of her destruction or whether, notwithstanding the partial repairs she had just received at Tuticorin, previous to her last departure from that Port, the condition of her hull and equipment led to the melancholy result.

7. The explanations offered by the Board of Revenue in respect to the original objections of your Government to a vessel of the Pattimar rig,

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to your expectations that the "Pownah" would be properly armed and officered and to your ignorance of her faulty condition till after the catastrophe appear to me to absolve you and the Officers of your Government from any blame in the matter. I observe that you have forwarded a copy of your proceedings on the subject to the Government of Bombay with the view of their being informed of the allegations which have been made as to the utterly unseaworthy condition in which the "Pownah" left Bombay, I shall, doubtless, receive a communication from the Government of that Presidency, reporting the result of the enquiry which they will have assuredly thought it necessary to institute.

8. From the letter of the Acting Collector of Tinnevely dated the 9th of March last, it appears that Captain Robertson had intended to proceed to Ceylon in the "Henrietta," a schooner already taken up by your Government for the examination of the Pearl Banks; but it is to be presumed that he considered the repairs which the "Pownah" underwent at Tuticorin to have been sufficient to warrant his proceeding in her. So far, therefore, there being another vessel available for the immediate duty on which he was engaged, his use of the "Pownah" was his own act, as observed by the Acting Collector.

9. In your letter under reply you solicit my favorable consideration of the case of Captain Robertson's widow and family who have been left in a destitute condition and you recommend that looking to that Officer's past services, and to the circumstances under which he came to his end, a provision should be made for them.

10. Captain Robertson has held the appointment of Master Attendant at Tuticorin for the last ten years on a salary of Rupees 200 per mensem. Taking into consideration therefore, the favorable account you have been able to give of Captain Robertson's services, and the natural anxiety he must have felt to make use of the particular vessel which had been allotted to the service on which he was deputed, I have decided on granting to his widow a pension, during widowhood, of £ 100 per annum, to commence from the date at which Captain Robertson left the port of Tuticorin on his last voyage.

Letter dated 12th August (No. 16) 1859.

Relief of distressed Seamen ex Vessels "James Turcan" "Ballengiech" and "Monarch." Vouchers shewing a claim against the Board of Trade for Rupees 383-14.

11. The equivalent in sterling of this amount has been received from the Lords of the Committee, of Privy Council for Trade.

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Letter dated 19th August (No. 17) 1859.

Conduct of Lieutenant Fraser, I. N., in refusing to accommodate a Native Deputy Collector on board the Steamer "Coromandel" under his command, brought to notice.

12. The circumstances set forth in the papers which accompany this letter have been viewed by me with much regret.

13. The conduct of Lieutenant Fraser, I. N., in refusing, without an express order from your Government, to give cabin accommodation on board the Steamer "Coromandel," under his command, and detached for service at your Presidency, to T. Dharmaroya Moodelliar, a Native gentleman holding the responsible office and the social position of a Deputy Collector, appears to me to evince such an intolerant spirit and such a want of consideration for his Native fellow subjects, as would scarcely be looked for from an Officer of the rank and standing of Lieutenant Fraser, and which are not consistent with the liberality of feeling which may be expected from an Officer of his position and education.

14. An expression of feeling such as that shewn in the case under notice, if evinced by the European portion of Her Majesty's subjects holding office in India, must interfere with the attainment of that harmony between all classes and races which is so desirable, and which, in respect to the official section of the community, is absolutely essential to the proper conduct of the public service.

15. I have to desire that you will communicate these remarks to Lieutenant Fraser; and at the same time to convey to you the entire approval of Her Majesty's Government of the instructions you have issued that the Commanders of vessels which have been placed at your disposal will be required to treat Native Officers proceeding on their vessels with the same consideration, and to give them and their families the same accommodation as they would in the case of European Officers of the same rank.

Letter dated 26th August (No. 18) 1859.

Forwarding a silver watch, property of the late Jonathan Rogers, Chief Officer of the Barque "Rosetta," with a request that it may be delivered to his father.

16. This request has been complied with.

No. 17.

ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1860, No. 15.

The Honorable the Governor in Council proceeds to pass Orders on the above Despatch.

2. Paragraph 2 will be communicated to the Military Department.

3. Paragraph 3 will be communicated to the Accountant General in reference to his letter 7th July last No. 99, and paragraph 11 will be communicated to that Officer and to the Superintendent of Marine in reference to the Orders of the 29th July and 6th August last, Nos. 346 and 371.

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4. Paragraph 4 will be communicated to the Superintendent of Marine in continuation of paragraph 2 of the Order of the 2nd July last, No. 29.

5. Copy of paragraphs 5 to 10 will be forwarded to the Board of Revenue and the Superintendent of Marine in connection with the Proceedings of Government, 30th July last, No. 347, relative to the loss of the Pattimar "Pownah."

6. Paragraph 10 will at the same time be communicated to the Offices of Audit and Account. The Collector of Tinnevely will apprise Mrs. Robertson, in reply to her Memorial, that Her Majesty's Government have been pleased to grant her a pension of (£100) one hundred pounds per annum, during her widowhood. With respect to the date named for the commencement of the pension, viz., that at which Captain Robertson left the Port of Tuticorin on his last voyage, it is to be remarked that the Government, in Order, 2nd May last, No. 167, sanctioned Captain Robertson's full salary being disbursed to Mrs. Robertson up to the date on which the deceased's successor assumed charge of his office. Mrs. Robertson's pension will, therefore, commence from this last mentioned date. The Collector will submit the usual application for the issue of the necessary Certificate, and will state whether she wishes to draw her pension in India or in England.

7. Ordered in accordance with the instructions of Her Majesty's Government that paragraphs 12 to 15 of the foregoing Despatch be communicated to Senior Lieutenant H. A. Fraser, Indian Navy, Commanding the "Coromandel." Copy of this portion of the Despatch, will also be forwarded to the Government of Bombay, the Superintendent of Marine, and the Inam Commissioner.

8. The last paragraph of the Despatch will be communicated for the information of the Collector of Sea Customs in reference to Proceedings, 25th August last, No. 416.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 13. TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY, dated Fort Saint George, 9th January 1860, No. 16.
SIR,

I am directed, by the Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you, for the information of the Government of Bombay, the annexed Extract from a Despatch, 11th November last, No. 30, received from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, relative to the conduct of Lieutenant H. A. Fraser, I. N., in refusing to provide suitable accommodation for a Native Deputy Collector and his family on board the Steamer "Coromandel," under his command.

2. In accordance with the instructions of Her Majesty's Government, that portion of the Despatch has been communicated to Lieutenant Fraser.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Read Despatch from
the Secretary of State - Enter 11th Novr. 1859.
Nº 30.

Order of January 1860. Nº 15.

*The Honble the Governor
in Council proceeds to
pass orders on the above
Despatch.*

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to the orders of the 29th
July & 6. August last
N^o. 346 & 371.

4. Para 4. will be
communicated to the
Superintendent of
in continuation
2 of the order of
July last N^o. 29.

5. Copy of para
will be forwarded
the Board of
& the Superintendent
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to the loss of the Patti-
mar "Bawnah."

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One Hundred Pounds
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Civil Auditor's Manual - Chap III - para 147.

India and England

will, therefore, correctly commence from this last mentioned date. The Collector will submit the usual application for the issue of the necessary Certificate, and will state whether the husband drew his pension in England. 7. Ordered in accordance with the ^{instructions} express wish of H.B. M^{ts}. Govt. that paras 12 to 15 of the foregoing Despatch be communicated to Senior Lieut. H.B. Fraser, I. N., Commanding the "Coromandel." Copy of this portion of the Despatch, will also be

Govt of Bombay
 be forwarded to
 the Superintendent
 of Marine, & the
 Naval Commissi-
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8. The last para. of the
 Despatch will be
 communicated for
 the information of
 the Collector of Sea
 Customs in reference
 to Proceedings, 25th
 Augt. last N^o 416.

[Signature]

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Orders on Marine
Despatch No 30.

No 99.

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For of Govt to Secy
Marine 1860 Despatch

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No 14

The Secretary to the Govt. of Bombay

Sir.

I am directed, by the
Honble the Governor
in Council, to transmit
to you, for the informa-
tion of the Govt. of Bom-
bay, the annexed Ex-
tract from a Despatch,
11th Novem^r. last No 30, re-
ceived from the Rt. Hon^{ble}
the Secretary of State,
relative to the conduct of
Lt. Hb. A. Fraser I. N. in
refusing to provide suita-
ble accommodation for
a Native Deputy Collec-
tor & his family on board
the Str. "Coromandel" under
his command.

2. In accordance with the
instructions of Hb. M^{rs}. J^r
Govt., that portion of the
Despatch has been com-
municated to Lt. Fraser.

Sub. Secy, & J. P.
9 January 1860

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The Secretary to the Govt. of Bombay

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Further Despatch from the Secy: of State of 22nd June 1860

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No of post to Secy
Marine 1860 Dept

No. 11.

The Secy: to the Govt of
Bombay.

27th January 1860.

The undersigned the Governor
in Council, to transmit
to you for the information
of the Govt. of Bombay
the annexed copy
of a despatch from the Secy: of State
of 22nd June 1860
relating to the proposed
amendment of the
Act. No. 11.
relating to the
provision of
the necessary
for the
the Government
in Council.

The undersigned with the
instructions of the
Govt. that portion of the
despatch has been
transmitted to the Secy.