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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
9th July 1860.*

No. 21. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th July 1860, No. 3,159.

I have the honor to forward an original letter from Lieutenant Sweny, I. N., Commanding the Bengal Surveying Brig "Mutlah," reporting the upsetting of his Launch, during a heavy squall in the Tranquebar roads on the 29th ultimo, and the subsequent rescue of the Crew and most of the stores.

2. Lieutenant Sweny speaks in high terms of the assistance afforded by the Officers and Crew of the English Barque "Narwhal," and the attention shewn by the Officers of the French Ship "Ville de Paris," and expresses a wish that publicity may be given to his letter.

From Lieutenant M. A. SWENY, H. M. I. N., Commanding Bengal Surveying Brig "Mutlah," to Captain J. J. FRANKLIN, Superintendent of Marine, dated "Mutlah," off Tranquebar, 2nd July 1860, No. 28.

I have the honor to inform you that on Friday the 29th June at 4-30 p. m., whilst the boats were out sounding, a severe squall from North West suddenly struck the Launch under Jib and Mizzen, and upset her before the Jib could be taken in to enable her to round to. Through the praiseworthy exertions of Mr. Thomas Sterling, Chief Officer in charge of her, not only were no lives lost, but the boat and most of her stores were recovered. The accident having taken place amongst the shipping off Tranquebar, I have to tender my warmest thanks to the Officers and Crew of the English Barque "Narwhal" who immediately sent a boat to save the Launch's Crew. Two large Catamarans passing by took them all in tow, and under sail, brought them alongside the French Barque "Ville de Paris" laying to leeward, which also had sent a boat to assist. There they were received with thorough French urbanity; her Officers and Crew immediately got tackles aloft to support the Launch and get her baled out and put to rights.

I would therefore also express my gratitude to the Officers and Crew of the "Ville de Paris," and beg that publicity may be given to this letter.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1860, No. 244.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has learnt with much pleasure the assistance afforded by the Officers and Crew of the English Barque "Narwhal" and the French Barque "Ville de Paris," on the occasion of the Launch of the Surveying Vessel "Mutlah" upsetting in the Tranquebar roads on the 29th ultimo.

2. The thanks of Government will be conveyed to the Commanders of the "Narwhal" and "Ville de Paris," through the Collector of Tanjore—and the letter from the Superintendent of Marine, with its enclosure, Lieutenant Sweny's letter, will be laid on the 'Editors' Table.'

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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From

The Superintendent of Marine

The Chief Secretary

to Government

Fort St. George

Dated 6th

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No 245.

Ans. 1.

Forwards our original
Letter from Saint Leger
I. M. Commanding the Yonge
Surveying brig Montreal
reporting the reporting of his
Council during a heavy squall
in the Manguebar rocks on
the 29th ultimo and the
subsequent rescue of the
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With an Order.

Marine, with its enclosure, Lieut.
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'Editor's Table.'

The Suptt. of Marine.

" Collector of Tanjore.

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