

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	337	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
29th September 1860.*

No. 52. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 21st September 1860, No. 4,166.

I have the honor to inform you that advice has been received of the total loss of the British Barque "Hopewell" of London, 481 tons, Captain J. Barron, on Kalpeni, the South Eastern Island of the Laccadives group.

2. She left Bombay on the 6th instant with a cargo of Seeds for London, and struck at 1 A. M. on the 11th. She fell over with her deck to windward which obliged all hands to abandon her as soon as the long boat could be launched. They left her without even being able to obtain any fresh water, and arrived at Cochin on the morning of the 14th in a very exhausted state with nothing but the clothes they wore.

3. The Crew, including Captain and Officers, is 19 in number. Of these 14 are British born subjects, 2 are Chinese, 1 American and 2 Prussians. The first are those only, as far as is known, who are entitled by law to subsistence as distressed Seamen. I have, however, instructed the Master Attendant at Cochin to afford similar assistance to the others as they are utterly destitute, but to endeavour to recover any amount so expended on their obtaining berths; and I trust the Government will approve this proceeding.

4. I would suggest that the Government, in accordance with Section 100 of Act I of 1859, order an enquiry to be instituted into the circumstances attending this wreck. According to the report the weather was fine, and her loss five days after leaving port seems to point to an investigation as necessary. The Joint Magistrate and the Master Attendant at Cochin are the functionaries who could best undertake this duty.

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1860, No. 337.

In this letter the Superintendent of Marine reports the total loss of the Bark "Hopewell," on Kalpeni, Laccadives, in fair weather, five days after leaving Bombay with a cargo of Seeds for London.

2. The Government concur in thinking an investigation needed—and nominate the Officers, named in the margin, to examine the witnesses at Cochin. On concluding the case, a full report, as required by Section CII of Act I, 1859, will be submitted to Government by these functionaries.

Chinese 2.
American 1.
Prussians 2.
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3. The arrangements made for the subsistence of the foreigners, forming part of the Shipwrecked Crew, are approved.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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To the Civil Auditor, Secy. H.

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