

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	366	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
19th October 1860.*

No. 53. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 10th October 1860, No. 4,430.

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government, the inconvenience that is frequently experienced by the independent mode adopted by Officers in command of Vessels in the commission of the Indian Navy, when sending any of their men to Hospital.

2. The rules of the port require that on such occasions, Commanders should apply to the Master Attendant who takes the proper precautions for securing the recovery of the expenses incurred. In Vessels of the Indian Navy this is not only omitted, but no notice whatever is sent to the Master Attendant when Seamen are discharged to Hospital, and much inconvenience consequently ensues. In the first place, the men take money with them which the Physician of the Hospital has to take charge of; a responsibility of which he has more than once complained. He has now represented that two men of the "Dalhousie" have been sent to Hospital, one with 91 Rupees, the other with 52 Rupees 12 Annas, and he considers that it is not within the scope of his duties to take charge of these sums which ought to be lodged with the Master Attendant. In the second place, when the men come out of Hospital, and no Indian Navy Vessel is in port, their position, whether still belonging to the Service or not, is unknown, and if without money they have to be subsisted at the risk of whomsoever is willing to advance funds. Not long back three men belonging to the "Dalhousie" were actually shipped by the Shipping Master in Merchant Vessels from his not having been furnished with any information regarding them.

3. Attempts have been made to induce Officers in command of these Vessels to forward to the Master Attendant notice of such men as they have occasion to send to Hospital but without success. I have therefore to solicit that Government will be pleased to issue an order on the subject, requiring Commanders of Indian Navy Vessels to forward notice to the Master Attendant of any men sent to Hospital, accompanied by such sums as may be due to them, and stating how they are to be disposed of when convalescent.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 19th October 1860, No. 366.

The foregoing letter represents the inconvenience often experienced by the Marine author. ties at the port of Madras, in consequence of Officers in command of Vessels of the Indian Navy, forwarding men to Hospital without application or notice to the Master Attendant. Instances have occurred of the men entering Hospital with money in their possession—the care of which, for the time, improperly falls on the Physician in charge. Further, the position of the men, on being discharged from Hospital, whether still belonging to the Service or not, is often not known. If without money, they have to be subsisted at the risk of any one who may be willing to provide funds. Instances are given by Mr. Franklin in which Seamen belonging to a Vessel of the Indian Navy were actually shipped by the Shipping Master on Merchant Vessels from his not having been furnished with any information regarding them.

2. His Excellency in Council resolves to call the attention of Officers in command of Vessels of the Indian Navy coming into port, to the subject, and request them to conform to the rules in this respect. On every occasion of sending men to Hospital, Commanders are directed to forward a notice to the Master Attendant, together with whatever sums of money may be due to each man specified in it, and to state how the men are to be disposed of on becoming convalescent.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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