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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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No. 10. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 30th December 1859, No. 34.

I forward in the Packet copy of a correspondence between this Office and the Board of Trade respecting the vouchers for the sum disbursed in the relief of distressed British Seamen, Statements of which accompanied your letter in this Department, No. 22, dated 4th October 1859, in view to the recovery of the amount from the Board of Trade.

2. You will perceive that the amount disbursed has been refunded to this Office; but the Board of Trade still require that "vouchers may be sent, if possible, for the whole sums, but "more especially for the 150 Rupees charged for the freight for a Dhoney from Negapatam to "Madras." I have therefore to request that the attention of the Officers of your Government may be particularly drawn to the importance of the forms prescribed by the Board of Trade being *strictly* adhered to: and that you will report to me the result of the orders you may issue for the supply of the papers referred to in the concluding paragraph of Mr. Booth's letter, dated the 7th December 1859.

From J. COSMO MELVILL, Esq.; to T. H. FARRER, Esq., &c., &c., &c., Board of Trade, Whitehall, dated India Office, 24th November 1859.

I am directed by Secretary Sir Charles Wood to forward herewith for the information of the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, copy of 3 Statements of sums disbursed under the Government of Madras in the relief of distressed British Seamen, amounting to Rupees 380-2-5, or £ 38-0-4, and I have to request that you will obtain their Lordship's sanction to the payment of that sum into the Treasury of this Office in re-imbursement of such expenses.

The correspondence which accompanies the above named Statements (copy of which is enclosed) fully explains the informality of the return.

From T. H. FARRER, Esq.; to the Under Secretary of State for India, India Office, dated Whitehall, 29th November 1859, No. 11984.

I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, transmitting accounts of disbursements made by the Government of Madras in the relief of distressed British Seamen; and I am to request that you will move Sir Charles Wood to cause the vouchers in support of the various charges, amounting to Rupees 380-2-5, to be forwarded to this Office.

As soon as these vouchers are received, an order for the payment of the amount will be issued.

From T. G. BARING, Esq.; to T. H. FARRER, Esq., &c., &c., &c., Board of Trade, Whitehall, dated India Office, 3rd December 1859.

With reference to your letter, dated the 29th ultimo, requesting that vouchers may be supplied for the expenses incurred at Madras in the relief of distressed British Seamen as claimed in my letter of the 24th ultimo, I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to state that the papers from Madras forwarded with my letter explain why the accounts of the expenses in question were informal, but that steps would be taken to prevent such informalities in future; and Sir Charles Wood trusts that the absence of vouchers in the present case may not prevent the payment in the usual manner of the sum claimed.

From JAMES BOOTH, Esq.; to the Under Secretary of State for India, India Office, dated Whitehall, 7th December 1859, No. 11984.

With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant on the subject of the expenses incurred at Madras in affording assistance to certain distressed British Seamen, I am directed by the Lords

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of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade to acquaint you, for the information of Sir Charles Wood, that Her Majesty's Paymaster General has been requested to pay to the India Office the sum of £ 38-0-4, being the value of the Rupees 380-2-5 expended in the subsistence of the Seamen at Negapatam and for their conveyance to Madras.

With respect to your observations that the papers from Madras explain why the accounts of the expenses in question were informal, I have to point out that these papers have reference to the mode in which the accounts had been rendered rather than to the absence of vouchers: and my Lords still hope that vouchers may be sent, if possible, for the whole sums, but more especially for the 150 Rupees charged for the freight for a Dhoney from Negapatam to Madras.

No. 11.

ORDER THEREON, 10th February 1860, No. 65.

Ordered that a copy of the above letter and its enclosures be furnished to the Superintendent of Marine in reference to the Order of the 27th September last, No 484. Mr. Franklin will obtain and forward to Government the vouchers required by the Board of Trade.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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*Superintendent of
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