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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
4th April 1861.*

No. 11. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 20th March 1861, No. 887.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the amended draft Act for the preservation of property recovered from wrecked boats, and to submit that in its present state it is likely to lead to confusion in cases of wreck occurring on the *sea shores* of this Presidency; and this partly in consequence of the difficulty of deciding what is meant by a boat. The Bill was first introduced with reference to boats on the large rivers of India, which were occasionally wrecked, purposely as well as accidentally, and plundered by the adjacent villagers; and it appears to be well adapted for this purpose: but by extending its action to the shores of seas we introduce a second mode of disposing of wreck which must open a door to discussion and doubt. For instance a ship's boat driven on shore would be dealt with under the Act now reported upon, while a spar or a cask belonging to the same ship as the boat, would be disposed of under the Salvage Rules forwarded in my letter of the 17th September last, No. 4,080. Two vessels wrecked together, one a native boat of ten tons, the other a doney of twenty, would in like manner be dealt with differently.

2. In my letter above quoted, I recommended that the Act should be comprehensive enough to provide for all cases of wreck and salvage, but as the Select Committee, in reporting on the draft, have stated their opinion that this would be beyond the scope of a Wreck Bill, although it does not appear why such should be the case, I would now respectfully suggest that it should not be made applicable to the *sea shores* of the Madras Presidency.

No. 12. To H. FORBES, Esq., Member for Madras of the Legislative Council of India, Calcutta, dated Fort Saint George, 4th April 1861, No. 128.

With reference to my letter under date the 2nd October last, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to forward to you the accompanying further communication from the Superintendent of Marine relative to the Bill for the preservation of property recovered from wrecked boats which was presented by the Select Committee to the Legislative Council under date the 9th February last, and to state that the Government concur with that Officer that, for the reasons which he has given, the Bill should not be made applicable to the sea shores of the Madras Presidency.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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To,
A. Forbes Esquire,
Member for Madras of the
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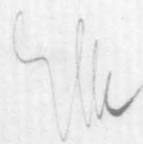
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