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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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20th April 1861.*

No. 43. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 16th April 1861, No. 1,097.

I have the honor to inform you that an East Indian, named James Robertson, has appeared before me, and represented that he served for three (3) years and nine (9) months as a Bandsman in H. M. S. "Nankin," during which time she was engaged in the operations against Canton in 1857. Prize money is now in course of distribution to the Officers and Crews of the vessels so employed, and Robertson prays that his share may be sent out to him through my Office.

2. On being desired to produce his Certificate of discharge and of character, he stated that he had lost them at Singapore shortly after being paid off, and he cannot produce any document to prove that he actually belonged to the vessel. He, however, states that his number on the Ship's register was 438, and from his appearance I am led to believe that his story is true. I would therefore solicit that application be made through the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India to the Admiralty for any Prize Money that may be due to him, and if the claim be admitted that it be transmitted to this Government for payment to him.

3. The same person also applied some short time back for any War Batta that might be due to him while serving on board the "Feroze," Steam Frigate of the Indian Navy, during the Burmese war of 1852. Application was made to the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy on the subject, when it appeared that Donation Batta had been paid to him and that any War Batta due would be paid at the India House, it being no longer payable in India. This claim might be adjusted at the same time. James Robertson was an able seaman on board the "Feroze," and his number was 3,038.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1861, No. 144.

The Government will forward a copy of Mr. Franklin's letter to the Secretary of State—and request that any Prize Money and War Batta that may appear to be due to James Robertson or the occasions specified, may be remitted to Madras for payment to him.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

N^o. 1441. 20 April 1861.

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The Suptt. of Marine
" Asst. Secy.

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