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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
18th March 1861.*

No. 63. 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 London, 8th February 1861, No. 7.

I transmit herewith, for your information, a copy of a letter
Dated 18th January 1861. addressed to this Office, by order of the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, in reply to a communication I caused to be made to their Lordships on the receipt of your Marine letter, dated the 9th of November 1860, No. 29, on the subject of the loss of the British Barque "Hopewell" on Kalpeni Island.

From JAMES BOOTH, Esq., to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated Whitehall, 18th January 1861.

I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, transmitting a printed copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department, in the matter of the loss of the British Barque "Hopewell" on Kalpeni Island.

I am to acquaint you for the information of Sir Charles Wood, that the circumstances connected with the loss of the vessel appear to my Lords to be such as to deserve careful enquiry, and their Lordships think it a matter for regret that the Marine authorities at Bombay did not take advantage of the presence of the Master and Crew at that Port on their return from Cochin to investigate the matter.

In the case of wrecks happening at a distance from the United Kingdom, it is at all times difficult to obtain such evidence as, in the event of an enquiry being ordered here, would have any satisfactory result.

In the present instance my Lords have ascertained that the Master of the "Hopewell" is now in this country, but as none of the Officers or Crew can at present be found, my Lords are unable to take any steps for enquiring into the case.

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Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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