

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

119

Press
Mis.

Dated

26. 3.

18 *61*

Not to be folded or roughly handled

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
26th March 1861.*

No. 75. Read the following letter from A. PURVIS, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 12th March 1861, No. 2.

* In Magistrate's Department.

Landing and embarking Troops,	
baggage and stores.....	Rs. 336-2- 0
Materials for temporary shelter.	" 24-4- 2
Fresh Provisions.....	" 73-9-11
Compensation for property	
damaged, &c.....	" 8-0- 0
Coolies throwing over Cargo....	" 54-0- 0
	496-0- 1

I have the honor, with reference to my letter* of the 1st instant, No. 62, reporting the departure of the Steam Ship "Arracan" and the "Chatsworth" from Nursapur, to forward a letter from my Acting Sub-Collector, transmitting an account of expenditure incurred by him in connection with the accident to the last named vessel. The total amount expended has been Rupees 496-0-1 as in the margin, Mr. Master has fully detailed the circumstances under which the outlay was necessary, and I request sanction for the payment to him of the sum named. A portion certainly of the expenditure would appear to be fairly chargeable to the Ship, but such recoveries can only be made from the Agents in Calcutta.

From R. E. MASTER, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, Godavery District, to A. PURVIS, Esq., Collector, Godavery District, dated 7th March 1861, No. 56.

I have the honor to forward an account of the expenditure which I incurred last month, on the occasion of the stranding of the transport Ship "Chatsworth" and request that you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of Government for the disbursement to me of the amount, viz., Rupees 496-0-1.

2. The expenditure was incurred in landing the Troops and families with the baggage and stores from the "Chatsworth," and shipping them again on the Steamer "Arracan," in providing the people with shelter on shore, in furnishing them with such fresh provisions as were procurable, to supplement the rations landed from the Ship during their stay; and in providing Batta Lascars to work on board the Ship and assist in throwing Cargo overboard. I hardly know how far these different items are properly debitable to the Government, or to what extent they should be borne by the Ship. Perhaps both are in a measure liable. With the item last named for instance the Government would appear to have no concern, but under the peculiar circumstances of the case, and in the absence of any Agents to whom the Commander could apply, I of course had no hesitation in attending to his requisition, equally with those of the Officer Commanding the Troops. The Ship having sailed for Calcutta, any adjustment that may be necessary will have to be made with her Agents there.

3. The amount charged for boats will at first sight appear large, but I beg to explain in reference to this point, that there are at this port no Masula boats, or others, adapted for carrying passengers, and the only alternative was to employ large decked Cargo boats. These are always paid for by the garce, the rate per garce (Coringa) for the trip from Nursapur to the shipping in the roads (fully 10 miles) being 1 Rupee. It is true that as these boats conveyed passengers with their baggage and stores only, the actual weight carried by each was not equal to its full burthen, but considering that the number of the Crew for each boat, and the time occupied by the trip was the same, and that they were prevented from carrying their usual Cargo for at least two days, it seemed fair that they should be paid the usual rate.

4. It will be observed that a small item is entered as compensation for damage done to a few Native huts. The owners very kindly vacated their houses, and gave them up as places of shelter for the families when they first landed, and before other accommodation could be provided, and it was afterwards pointed out to me, that some damage had been incurred from such occupation, and the roofs of one or two were accidentally burnt owing to the men having made bonfires too near them, on the morning of their embarkation. I promised compensation to the owners, and have therefore included the item in the account.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
26th March 1861.*

5. A large quantity of Palmyra leaves was used, but the greater portion was given back to the owners uninjured, and therefore no actual expenditure was incurred on this account except for 1,000 leaves, which were damaged or destroyed. The bamboos were re-sold but having been cut in pieces in making the huts only realized a portion of their first cost.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. PURVIS,
Collector.

No. 76.

ORDER THEREON, 26th March 1861, No. 119.

The Government sanction payment of the expenses, (Rupees 496-0-1,) four hundred and ninety-six Rupees and Pie one, incurred by the Acting Sub-Collector of the Godavery District, on the occasion of the stranding of the Troop Ship "Chatsworth."

2. The account of expenditure submitted will be forwarded to the Superintendent of Marine for his opinion, as to the amount properly chargeable to the Ship.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 119 26 March 1861.

The Govt. sanction pay-
ment of the expenses, —
Rs. 496-0-1, Four Hundred
& Ninety Six Rupees, incur-
red by the Acting Sub-col-
lector of the Godavery Dis-
trict, on the occasion of the
stranding of the Troop
Ship, "Chatsworth."

2. The Account of expendi-
ture submitted will be
forwarded to the Suptd
of Marine for his opinion
as

as to the amount pro-
perly chargeable to the
Ship.

JP

17-4-60

The Collector of the
Godavery District

- " Civil Auditor
- " Suptt. of Marine.
- " with Acct.
- " Black Seal.

Dec 26-3-67