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Government of Madras.

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DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
11th May 1861.*

No. 13. Read the following letter from W. E. COCHRANE, Esq., Collector Sea Customs, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 30th April 1861, No. 200.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Order of Government dated 2nd March last, No. 77, communicating a Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, dated 24th January last, No. 3, directing that in future the Shipping Master at Calcutta should grant receipts in every case in which monies are paid to him on account of the Wages and Effects of deceased Seamen, and that all Shipping Masters in India should render to the Board of Trade a monthly Statement of their accounts as regards the Wages and Effects.

2. This Department has always furnished to Commanders of Ships a receipt for Wages and Effects delivered, and the accounts of deceased Seamen are submitted to the Accountant General for transmission to the Board of Trade as casualties occur. I respectfully request therefore to be informed whether a monthly Statement of Seamen's Accounts should be rendered to the Board of Trade, in addition to the Return sent to the Accountant General, and in what Form.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1861, No. 164.

In their Despatch of the 22nd March 1854, No. 7, the late Court of Directors stated, that they had been informed that much inconvenience was experienced from the irregular course adopted in some cases, in remitting to England the Wages and the proceeds of the Effects of Merchant Seamen dying in India—and, in compliance with the wishes expressed by the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council for Trade, they directed that when such monies were paid into the hands of the proper Officers of this Government, the amount should be remitted to Her Majesty's Paymaster in England to be placed to the account of the Wages and Effects of deceased Merchant Seamen, and that an account of such remittance with the particulars relating thereto, with the name of the deceased Seaman, and the Ship to which he belonged, should at the same time be sent to the Secretary of the Naval Department of the Board of Trade as required by the Act, 14 and 15 Victoria, Cap. 102, Sec. 33.

2. Under these instructions, the Accountant General, on whom the duty devolved, has furnished Government for transmission home—formerly for periods of three months and more recently every month, and even at shorter intervals—a General Roll in duplicate, a List of Remittances, and Vouchers for sums realized on account of deceased Merchant Seamen, the original Roll and the List of Remittances being for the use of Her Majesty's Paymaster General, and the duplicate with the Vouchers for delivery to the Secretary to the Naval Department of the Board of Trade.

3. The Collector of Sea Customs in his letter recorded above, states that he submits to the Accountant General the Accounts of deceased Seamen, as casualties occur, and inquires, in reference to the papers communicated to him with the Order of the 2nd March last, No. 77, whether a monthly Statement of Seamen's Accounts should be rendered to the Board of Trade, in addition to the Return sent to the Accountant General.

4. From what has been premised in paragraph 2 supra, it is obvious that any Return to be separately transmitted to the Board of Trade by the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, or by any other Officer receiving charge of the Wages and the proceeds of the Effects of deceased Merchant Seamen, is unnecessary, as the Accounts in such cases are duly submitted to Government by the Accountant General, and are forwarded by Government to the Secretary of State for India, by whom they are made over to the Board of Trade. Further, if the Accountant General be punctually furnished from time to time as cases occur with the Accounts of deceased Seamen, for submission to Government, every possibility of delay and irregularity will be removed.

5. It will be sufficient, if the Accountant General sends in these Accounts monthly. It will not be necessary to forward them for shorter periods.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Committee of the Privy Council

Marine.

Proceedings of the Madras Court

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2. Under these instructions the Acct. Genl., on whom the duty devolved, has furnished Court. for transmission home — formerly for periods of 6 months & more, & more recently every month, & even at shorter intervals — a General Roll in duplicate, a List of Remittances & Vouchers for sums paid on acct. of deceased Merchant Seamen, the original Roll & the List of Remittances for the use of H. M's. Paymaster General, & the duplicate with the Vouchers for delivery to the Secretary to the Naval Department of the Board of Trade.

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Received by the Capt. 11th Regt
Dec 13. of 1861.

Richard Dean

March 1861. Albany

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Proceedings of York

11th May 1861

12th May 1861
In reply to your letter of the 11th of May 1861, I beg to say that the Committee of the York Association, having been informed that you were desirous of seeing the collection of the York Association, I have the honor to inform you that the same is now in the possession of the York Association, and is open to the inspection of all persons desirous of seeing the same. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, Sir, very respectfully,
J. H. M. M.

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Chas. May
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