

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	201	Press Mis.
Dated	18. 6.	1861.

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

No. 19. 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, 16th May 1861, No. 16.

1. With your Marine letter, dated the 25th February last, No. 6, you have forwarded a copy of a correspondence relative to the intrepid conduct of Mr. Meppen, Master Attendant at Vizagapatam, in rendering assistance to vessels in distress, by which he has been the means, on several occasions, of saving life and property; and with reference to my Despatch, No. 28 of 1860, in which I called your attention to his meritorious behaviour in the case of the ship "Tullochgoram" in view to its being suitably noticed by you, you have recommended that Mr. Meppen's solicitation, that the rank of a Lieutenant in the Indian Navy may be conferred on him in recognition of his services, may be acceded to.

2. You state that Mr. Meppen is "deserving of much credit for the readiness and energy which he invariably evinces, whenever the situation of a vessel calls him into action" and that "the case of the "Tullochgoram" is only one of many which have been prominently brought "to notice."

3. The testimonials which Mr. Meppen has submitted relative to the services rendered by him, to ships and individuals found in circumstances of imminent peril, also give proof of his brave and disinterested conduct in the cause of humanity.

4. The question of suitably recognizing the services of Mr. Meppen, on the occasion which has been brought directly to my notice, and his general conduct as reported in the papers now before me, has had my consideration in Council.

5. His request to have conferred on him the rank of a Lieutenant in the Indian Navy, cannot be complied with, the constitution of that service entirely precluding the introduction into it of any individual in the manner solicited, but as I am desirous of marking my sense of Mr. Meppen's conduct in the case of the wreck of the "Tullochgoram," I have to request that you will direct the presentation to him of the sum of (1,000) one thousand Rupees.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 18th June 1861, No. 201.

Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine, and the Collector of Vizagapatam.

2. The Collector will disburse to Captain Meppen, Master Attendant, the sum of (1,000) one thousand Rupees presented to him by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, in recognition of his services in the case of the wreck of the "Tullochgoram," and will furnish him with a copy of the Despatch from the Secretary of State.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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The Suptd. of Marine	3
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Communicate to the
Capt of Marine and the
Collector of Virginia
the Department of the
Secretary of State advising
the presentation to Mr
Wheeler charter attendant
at Virginia of
18th 1861 for rendering
assistance to vessels
in distress.