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No. 3. 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, 31st May 1861, No. 19.

I forward herewith for your information a copy of a letter addressed to this Office by Order of the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, on the subject of the realization by Shipping Masters in India of the effects of deceased seamen, and I also forward a printed Circular of "Supplementary instructions" issued by their Lordships on the subject, and I request that a sufficient number of the Circular may be printed and distributed without delay among the Shipping Masters of your Presidency.

From JAMES BOOTH, Esq.; to the Under Secretary of State, dated India Office, 16th May 1861, No. 4,919.

I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, to state for the information of Sir Charles Wood that complaints are frequently made to this Department, by the relatives of deceased seamen of the smallness of the amounts realized by the sale of deceased seamen's clothing and other effects by the Shipping Masters in India, and that on examining the account sales, my Lords have ascertained that the complaints are well founded, and that the effects invariably realize a very trifling sum, owing probably in most cases to the clothing of seamen being unsuited to a hot climate.

Under these circumstances, my Lords deemed it necessary to prepare a Circular of Supplementary instructions for the future guidance of the Officers abroad. Twenty-four copies of the Circular are enclosed, and I am to request that you will have the goodness to move Sir Charles Wood, to cause them to be distributed amongst the several Shipping Masters in India.

CIRCULAR No. 145.

BOARD OF TRADE,
May 1861.

SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICERS IN BRITISH POSSESSIONS ABROAD.

Wages and Effects of Deceased seamen.

Frequent complaints have been made to the Board of Trade, by the relatives of deceased seamen of the smallness of the sums realized by the sale of their effects, and on referring to the account sales it has been found, in many instances, that the complaints are well founded, and that the articles have realized very trifling sums.

With a view of remedying the evil, and of protecting more satisfactorily the interests of the relatives of deceased seamen, the following Instructions have been prepared for the guidance of the Officers of Customs and Shipping Masters, as the case may be, in connexion with paragraphs 49 to 58 of the printed Instructions already issued by the Board of Trade,—

(1.) If a vessel arrives in port having the effects of a deceased seaman on board, or if a seaman dies in port before the departure of his vessel, and such vessel is bound direct to the United Kingdom, the effects should be examined, and if it is found that they are of such a nature as not to deteriorate in value by being kept, they should be left on board for conveyance to this country:

(2.) In other cases where the effects of deceased seamen come into the possession of the Officer, and are found on examination not likely to deteriorate in value by being kept, the Officer should endeavour to send them home (free of expense if possible) by the first vessel bound direct to this country, addressed to a Shipping Master at the port of the vessel's destination and accompanied by a form C.C. 16.

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(3.) When it is found on examination that only a portion of the effects would deteriorate in value by being kept, only such portion should be sold, and the remainder should be forwarded to this country as directed above:

(4.) When it is found necessary, either on account of probable deterioration or on account of difficulty in obtaining carriage, to sell the effects, the Officer should endorse on the form C.C. 15, his reasons for doing so, to enable the Board of Trade to satisfy the inquiries of the relatives of deceased seamen.

T. H. FARRER,

*Assistant Secretary,
Marine Department.*

No. 4.

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Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine and to the Collectors of Maritime Districts.

2. The Circular received with the above Despatch, will be printed at the Gazette Press on paper of the same size as the pamphlet of Instructions of the Board of Trade. The Superintendent of Marine will, on application, be furnished with copies for distribution to all Officers, who take charge of the effects of deceased British Merchant Seamen.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Marine.

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