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No. 16. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 11th July 1861, No. 1,999.

I have the honor to forward the accompanying letter from the Master Attendant, representing the circumstances under which William Ewen, the Carpenter of the American Ship "Nestorian," who is by birth a Scotchman, has been left on shore destitute by his Captain; having been assaulted by the Mates, he applied to a Magistrate for redress. Summonses were served on them to appear on the 9th to answer the charge, but these were evaded by the Ship being taken out of Port on the night of the 7th, the complainant who states that his property on board and wages due amount to £93, being left behind in distress with nothing beyond the clothes in wear.

2. I am not aware of any mode by which the Commander of the "Nestorian" can be punished for what appears to be on the exparte statement of Ewen an act of gross injustice. The latter, although a British subject, must as regards any claim he may have for compensation, submit to the laws of the country to which the Ship he was serving in belongs, but as he is here entirely destitute and a Vessel will be leaving to-morrow for Moulmein, the Port to which the "Nestorian" has proceeded for the purpose of loading, I would solicit as a special case permission to provide him with a passage in order to give him an opportunity of recovering his effects and perhaps his wages.

3. The expense so incurred would in all probability be borne by the Board of Trade.

From H. D. E. DALRYMPLE, Esq., Master Attendant; to J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, dated 10th July 1861, No. 526.

I regret to be obliged to bring to your notice an incident, which has occurred within the last few days and which has placed a British subject in a very distressing position.

An American Ship named the "Nestorian" arrived in the Madras Roadstead on the 13th ultimo, with a cargo of Coal for the Madras Government and manned by a Crew principally shipped in England.

The Ship's Carpenter named William Ewen, a Native of Scotland, was on several occasions, in the Madras Roadstead, assaulted by the 1st and 2nd Mates and was obliged to come on shore on the 5th instant, to seek redress for the ill usage he had received; the Captain telling him at the same time that he would not allow him to join the Ship again. William Ewen obtained from the Magistrate Summonses for assault against the two Mates, who were ordered to appear at the Town Police Court on the morning of the 9th instant, but in the mean time the Captain got his Port Clearance and sailed during the night before the time appointed, leaving this unfortunate man behind, but carrying off his clothes, tools, and wages altogether equivalent in value to about £93. The poor man, who has a wife and family at home has been thus deprived of all he possessed and is left in Madras with only the suit of clothes he stands in.

The "Nestorian" has sailed for Moulmein there to take in a cargo of Timber for Europe and the only chance of saving this man from utter ruin is if possible to enable him to reach Moulmein before the Ship's departure from that Port, where he may either re-join his Ship or the authorities may obtain for him redress and the restitution of his property.

MEMORANDUM.

	£.	s.	d.
Value of Tools the property of the Carpenter taken away by the Ship.....	50	0	0
Do. of clothes, &c., do.	18	0	0
	£ 68	0	0
Amount of wages due to him	25	0	0
	Total £ 93	0	0

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ORDER THEREON, 11th July 1861, No. 230.

Under the peculiar circumstances represented, the Government authorize the Superintendent of Marine to provide William Ewen, Carpenter of the American Ship "Nestorian," with a passage to Moulmein. A statement of the expense should be submitted, in view to recovery of the amount from the Board of Trade.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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The Suptdt. of Marine, 11/7