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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
7th March 1862.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 13. Read Abstract Petition from Mr. JOHN BALTHAZUR SERGENT, late Master Attendant Calicut.

Petitioner states that after discharging the duties of Master Attendant at Calicut for 2 years he obtained in January 1861 privilege leave of absence for 2 months, and resigned his appointment without having re-joined it at the expiration of his leave. Complains that he has been refused the pay of his post for the two months he was enjoying privilege leave, and that his salary from the 1st to the 22nd January 1861 has also been withheld from him, although during that time he was in charge of his appointment at Calicut.

Prays for orders for the payment to him of these monies.

No. 47.

Transferred to the Chief Secretary to Government.

By order,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
GUINDY PARK,
15th February 1862.

(Signed) J. W. BREEKS,
Private Secretary.

No. 484 of 1862.

Referred to the Civil Paymaster for his remarks.

By order,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
20th February 1862.

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

No. 234.

MEMORANDUM.

With reference to the Order of Government, dated 20th instant, the Officiating Civil Paymaster has the honor to report that Mr. J. B. Sergeant, late Master Attendant at Calicut, obtained 2 months' privilege leave on the 15th January 1861, and quitted his station on the 23rd idem.

2. Mr. Sergeant's resignation of his appointment was communicated to this Office by G. C. 17th April 1861, No. 139, Marine Department, and as he did not resume his duties prior to resigning, he forfeited, under the rules, all claim to salary from the date on which he relinquished charge.

3. Mr. Sergeant's salary from 1st to 22nd January 1861, the date up to which he actually did duty, remains undrawn, and will be passed to him on his submitting a Bill for the same.

CIVIL PAYMASTER'S OFFICE,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
25th February 1862.

(Signed) W. J. RAYNOR,
Offg. Civil Paymaster.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 7th March 1862, No. 59.

Resolved that Mr. Sergeant be informed that his claim to the salary of the post of Master Attendant at Calicut for the two months he was on leave prior to sending in his resignation of the appointment is inadmissible. His salary from the 1st to the 22nd January 1861, during which he actually discharged the duties of the post will be passed to him on his submitting a Bill in the usual manner to the Civil Paymaster.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

To

His Excellency Sir W. J. Denison
Governor of Madras &c. &c.

The Petition of John Pottamanna
Sergeant late Master of transports
Calicut.

Respectfully Sheweth

That your Petitioner after a
laborious toil at sea in the Merchant Service
for forty one years, thirty one out of which he
held the responsible post of Master and
commanded several vessels out of the po. of
Madras and ports adjacent and during which
period he held appointments in vessels taken
up by Government as transports in the two
Burmah wars both in the capacity of Officer
in the first and commander in the second, and
in latter years was frequently employed in
transporting Government stores and Commissions to
the satisfaction of the authorities, was at last
emboldened to petition your Excellency's predecessor
Robert Lord Harris Governor of Madras
who

who conferred upon him the post of Master
Attendant of Calicut, which he thankfully
accepted and joined his station in February
1859.

2 That your Petitioner during the
time he held the post of Master Attendant
at Calicut from February fifty nine to
January sixty one devoted the whole of his
time to his duties and conducted them to the
best of his abilities and with every zeal which
no doubt will be fully corroborated by
Mr Grant Collector of Calicut if enquiry
were made of him.

3 That your Petitioner after serving
nearly for two years applied for leave
of two months which was granted and visited
his coast but owing to a tedious passage by
sea which he was forced to take owing to
his not being able to afford the expense
of a speedy transit to Madras by land,
only arrived at Cocanada on the 16th March 1861
having left Calicut on the 23rd January 1861
by which unforeseen occasions he had only six
days left of his leave, and not having the
means at Cocanada to hasten to his station
with

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with many regrets was forced to tender his
resignation of the post which was duly accepted.
Your Petitioner here would humbly beg to
bring to your Excellency's kind consideration,
that during his whole course at sea he was
unable to lay by sufficient to give a main-
tenance should he have been compelled from
age to abandon his laborious livelihood as he
had with many reverses so much so that
when the post of Master Attendant was
offered him he had some little difficulty
in joining his station from pecuniary reasons
and unfortunately the post at Calicut having
only given him Rs 105 per mensem he would
certainly have been further embarrassed had
he not fortunately been allowed to act as
substitute for the District agent at Calicut
without prejudice to his appointment by
which means his income was somewhat
advanced for a period of eight months only.
That your Petitioner was not in position to
leave Calicut and bear the expense attending
a visit to the coast he was fully aware
of but his affection for his children who
he longed to see induced him to adopt that
course little thinking that the passage
would

would be prolonged for nearly the whole term of his leave.

That your Petitioner after resigning his post received official intimation that Government had ruled that his salary ceased from the day he quitted his post (thereby depriving him of two months pay during his furlough leave, as he had arranged for a substitute on his own responsibility) in addition to this he is now unjustly kept from receiving his pay due him from the 1st to 22nd of January 1861 with the days inclusive and has not so much as received a reply to his written application made to the Collector of Calcutta soliciting him for the pay due for the dates above mentioned which your Petitioner begs to bring to your Excellency's kind consideration.

That your Petitioner had not only his duties of Master Attendant and Conservator to perform at Calcutta and also for the port of Benares, in addition to which the duties of Shipping Master were also required from him in consequence of which he has reasons to believe, Mr. Goant, the Collector having recommended that he should

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be put in the same footing as the other Master Attendants of our ports on a salary of 300 Rs. per annum which your Petitioner solicited and which was not acceded to.

That your Petitioner during his two years service at Calcutta, was fortunate enough to be the means of saving two large ships laden with salt and homes for the port of Calcutta. First the ship "Hedershaw" got on the rocks while endeavouring to shift her position and your Petitioner hastened to her assistance and happily succeeded in getting her off from the dangerous position with the loss of her keel only. Planned a temporary rudder and rendered further assistance by which means the said ship was safely taken to the port of Cochin and there refitted. Second the ship "Hamoader" drifted on Cooten Reef when the surf were high and your Petitioner ventured out to her assistance and also succeeded after a laborious toil to extricate her from her dangerous position which enabled the ship to proceed on her voyage in safety. The Government's duty on the cargo on board these two ships about thirteen hundred tons of salt amounted to about Rs. one lac would have been inevitably

inevitably lost has it not been for his prompt
assistance, full particulars of which are only
recorded in the Collector's Office at Calicut and
that of the Superintendent of Marine Affairs.

Lastly your Petitioner would humbly
beg your Excellency's kind consideration of his
Petition and do him justice and your Petitioner
with ever pray.

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that after discharging
the duties of Master - often
- went at Balint for 2
years he obtained in
January 1801 privilege
leave of absence for 2
months and resigned
his appointment with
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it at the expiration
of his leave - Complaints
that he had been refused
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Marine Dept.

Proceedings of the Marine Board
in relation to the case of the

Marine Board of the U.S. Navy

Report of the Civil Pay

Master

File under 25th Feb 1862

Order thereon
March 1862. No 59.

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Sergeant be informed
that his claim to the
salary of the post
of Master Attendant
at Calicut for the

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to the Secretary

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Report on the case of the

Marine Board of the U.S. Navy

Attendants at Calicut, with the

Marine Board of the U.S. Navy

to the Secretary

Wm. Small

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 the bill of exchange of
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 to the Civil Paymaster

Wm. J. B. Sergeant Secy 8th J.P. L.H.
 5 Jan 1881

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