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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
3rd April 1862.*

No. 7. 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, 25th February 1862, No. 5.

I forward herewith for your information, a copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, (to the last paragraph of which I desire to draw your especial attention,) on the subject of the Report into the circumstances connected with the loss of the British Barque "Alert," transmitted with your letter in this Department, dated the 20th of December 1861, No. 29.

From JAMES BOOTH, Esq., to Under Secretary of State, India Office, dated Whitehall, 13th February 1862, No. 1,459.

I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, transmitting copy of a Despatch from the Government of Madras with its enclosures, being the Report and Proceedings in the matter of an investigation held under the Provisions of the Act of India, No. 1, of 1859, to enquire into the circumstances attending the loss of the British Barque "Alert" near Cuddalore in October last.

I am to acquaint you for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council that my Lords concur in the opinion expressed in the Report of the Court of Inquiry that the loss of the "Alert" was caused by the culpable neglect of Mr. Waster B. Price the Master, and they have given such directions as will prevent him from obtaining a renewed certificate.

I am however to point out that it would have been more satisfactory if the report which it was obviously the intention of the Madras Government to approve had received the formal confirmation of the Governor in terms of the 242nd Section of the Merchant Shipping Act 1854, since such confirmation would have placed beyond doubt the power of the Board of Trade to cancel the certificate which has been granted and which it is just possible may yet be found.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 3rd April 1862, No. 88.
To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Secretary of State*

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Marine Despatch
No. 5.

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