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Marine (1896) DEPARTMENT

From

THE PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,

Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS (MARINE) DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

No. $\frac{1261}{138}$ 4Dated 23rd

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Subject.

Submitting report regarding
the stranding of the German
steamer "Baroda" on the
Arneghow Shoal.

See

A.S.H.

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Telephone

From the Mch. P. W. D
Maurice.

To the Presidency Port
Office.

Following telegram
received from the Collector,
Nellor. Steamer Argus
Stranded Arneghon
Shoal - no further
particulars - Message
ends.

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W

R.B.
in Feb 96

Desp. 5/25 P.M.

Mar C^N 197

C. G. W.

The Governor
has not initialled the
draft. His Secy's initials
are on the cover.

Rur
28/2.

Presidency Port Office,
Madras. 25th April 1906

Telephone

Mr. C. M. 671

pp. 213 call

W. D. C.

The Governor
has not initiated the
draft. His hope is that
one or the other
will

Des/ 5/25 P.M.

Telephone message

Mr. 28/6

From Reply

The Presy. Post office
To The Joint Secretary
of Government
Marine Dept

Regarding Angus
no action seems
necessary. See my
endorsement on
Dy. Conservator's
report.

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Reply

Therms. Wilson & Co
write for orders to release
the bundles. Please tell
them that the second
camps on her way.

6/3/86
W

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W. G. C.

What is being done?

C. W. M.

6.2.86

R. H.

Papers on new plan.

R. H.

S. W.

The papers have only just reached me - whether they are complete or not, I cannot say. The matter is to me a new one, and time is required to read it up and

There seems to be
no reason why the
vessel should be
detained as she is
reported to have escaped
without material damage.

W 6.2.96
For favor of order, whether
the Presidency Port Officer may
be so informed. There will be
no time to stay in the detention

Y of this facility if the
vessel is to be cleared by
"forward morning at 11 o'clock."
N.B.
6 March 96

Major telephoned to
Port Officer & stated that
papers are on my desk
across and then in the
time to obtain order &
I am not sure if
it is usual to let
vessels proceed in such
circumstances or if the
themselves the chance
be detained.

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6/3/96

V. Reed

Telephone

To Landing Port office

Presidency Port Office,

Madras 25th

There has been no
time to state orders of
Government on report of
grounding of Argus.

If there is no objection,
the vessel can be released.

Please report by telephone
the action taken & proposed
to be taken.

[Signature]
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W

[Signature]
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Telephone Message

Reply

From
The Presy. Port Office
To
The Joint Secy. to Govt
Marine Dept

The Collector
of Sea Customs
has been informed
that clearance
may be granted
to the Argus - I
am informing Wilson of
also.

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3/50pm

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6/3/86

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Heading.

Casualties. No. 1261/1384

Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 23rd April, 1896.

From

Commr. H. A. Street, R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer,
M a d r a s .

To

The Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
C h e p a k .

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that the German Steamer "Baroda," while on a voyage to Calcutta from Europe, via Madras, was stranded on the Armeghon Shoal during the early part of the morning of the 7th Inst, and was eventually floated on the 9th after about 200 tons of cargo had been jettisoned, when she proceeded to this port.

2 The German Consul was addressed by the Deputy Conservator of the Port with a view to a preliminary enquiry being held, but, as the Consul stated that he intended holding an enquiry himself, no further action was taken by the Deputy Conservator.

3. I have now received a copy of the Proceedings of the Enquiry held by the German Consul, and it would appear that the stranding was caused by the vessel having been swept past the port of Madras by a strong current and the Master mistaking the Light at Armeghon for the Madras Light -- a somewhat extraordinary mistake, as the two lights are so entirely dissimilar that no careful navigator, in my opinion, could possibly mistake one for the other. That the grounding was the result of careless navigation seems to me perfectly clear, for the

Lead does not appear to have been used after the light, which the Master supposed was that of Madras, had been sighted, and had the light been attentively watched it would have been noticed that there was no double flash.

4. On the arrival of the vessel at this port, a careful survey was held, and, as no damage to the hull was apparent, she was permitted to proceed on her voyage.

5. The delay in bringing the matter to the notice of Government was caused by my holding over the papers till I had received the copy of the enquiry held by the German Consul.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. A. Theet

Commr., R.I.M.,

Presidency Port Officer.

Marine (1896) Department.