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DATED 15 December 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

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Witnesses at the Port of Enquiry ^{at Calcutta} in Con-
nection with the Sinking of the "Almanak Rahiman."

Approving the action of the P.P. Officer in
the matter of securing the attendance of the—

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The action of the
Presidency Pol. officer
is approved.

The Presidency Tort officer,
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SUBJECT,

Forwarding copy of a telegram
from the Port officer, Cochin,
regarding the remuneration
for the attendance of witnesses
at the Court of Enquiry
to be held at Calcutta in
connection with "Amanath
Rahiman"

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Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 16th December 1897.

From

Commander H. A. Skel R. I. N.,
Presidency Port Officer,
Madras.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
CHEPAK.

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you,
for the information of Government, that
a telegram has just been received from the
Port Officer, Lochin, reading as follows:—

“Eight witnesses” Amnath Rahiman
“present. Decline to start unless hundred
“Rupees per head is paid as wages
“whilst away in addition to passage
“and maintenance”.

2. Batta and cost of journey
are in the usual course payable to
the ^{trainees} from Provincial Funds
(Judicial) and the Post Office,
Cochin.

Lochin, has been directed to advance the money required and to send the witnesses to Madras, whence Messrs Wilson & Co, the local Agents of the Asiatic Steam Navigation Company, are prepared to convey them to Calcutta by the S. S. "Kawal" free of cost to Government if there is no objection.

3. Under Section 12 of Act V of 1883, the Court of Enquiry that is to assemble at Calcutta will have power to compel the witnesses by Summons to appear, if necessary.

4. The question of compensation for wages which the witnesses might have earned during the time they are engaged in connection with the Enquiry is, I believe, for the Court to decide.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
H. B. Bannerjee.
For Presy. Port Officer.