

Marine (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 1005 Marine

DATED 9th December 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Collision at Sea, Ordered that a telegram be sent to the Govt of Bengal stating that the Steamship "Nawab" has run down & sunk a Native barge on Malabar Coast and enquiring whether that Govt will summon a Court of Enquiry in Calcutta where the vessel proceeds shortly, and the vessel ordered to be detained at Madras, meanwhile.

10/12/97

BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings :—

Again G.O., dated	189	, No.
Again G.O., dated 6th December 1897	189	, No. 988 Marine.
Current No. 1575	of 1897 , dated 8th Dec. 1897	, from the P.P.O.
„ „ 1577	„ 189 „ „ 9th Dec. 1897	„ „ -do-
„ „ 1578	„ 189 „ „ 9th Dec. 1897	„ „ - do -

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Ordered that the following telegram be sent to the Government of Bengal:-

"Steamship "Nawab" has run down and sunk a native barque on Malabar Coast. Inquiry under Act V of 1883 desirable. Will Bengal Government summon Court in Calcutta where vessel proceeds shortly".

2. Meanwhile, and pending reply from the Bengal Government, the vessel should be detained at Madras.

To

The P.P.O. ✓
Messrs. Wilson & Co. Madras. ✓

Madras.

Special

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. 988 Mar. dated 6th Dec. '97. and

C. No.s. 1575, 1577 and 1578.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Collision at Sea

FOR ORDERS.

The papers read above relate to the collision between the Asiatic Steam Navigation Company's steamer "Nawab" and the Barque "Amanath Rahman" in the vicinity of *Reem* Island on the Malabar Coast, on the morning of the 29th November 1897-in which the latter vessel was sunk with loss of life.

2. The preliminary investigation points to the necessity ~~points to the~~ ~~necessity~~ for an inquiry, under section 7 of Act V of 1883 as amended by section 10 of Act VI of 1891, into the conduct of the second officer of the "Nawab", Mr. Wood, and into the other circumstances attending the collision, as specified in para 7 of the Presidency Port Officer's letter No. 1261/432 G. dated 7th December 1897.

3. The special Court of Inquiry should consist of not less than two members-one of the members being a magistrate

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magistrate acting in or near the place where the investigation is made, and another being some person conversant with maritime affairs.

4. The Court appoints 2 assessors under section 13(1) of the Act.

5. Messrs. Wilson & Co., the agents of the steamer, ask that the vessel shall not be detained at Madras on arrival on the 11th instant, but be allowed to complete her voyage to Calcutta, and they guarantee "free return passages and maintenance to the owner of the Barque and his necessary witnesses". This is understood to be a request for the holding of the inquiry in Calcutta. There is no legal objection to this being done.

^{now} vide Order printed with G.O. 86 Marine dated 18th March 1895. All the papers would in this case ~~will~~ have to be forwarded to the Government of Bengal.

6. If the inquiry is to be held in Madras, the master and officers of the steamer will have to be detained here on arrival on the 11th instant, and the members of the Court must be nominated, in regard to which orders are solicited.

Yes - But only under the circumstances mentioned in that section, that is, the cancelling of the certificate of ownership, with regard to the vessel.

But the Bengal Govt. ask if it will convenience the ship by ordering investigation in Calcutta. We can't give an order investigation in Calcutta - Pending reply from Calcutta, the steamer must be detained here. If Bengal says "yes" all the papers should be sent at once.

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Telephone

From

The Secretary, Marine Dept

To.

The Presy. Port Officer

Is there any objection to the steam ship "Nawab" going on to Calcutta and engaging into collision being conducted there.

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Reply

From

The Presy. Port Officer

There is no legal objection as an enquiry was held at Calcutta into the stranding of the S.S. 'Sirdhana' near Coalingapatam. See G.O. Marine No 86 dated 18-3-95. The only objection is the

extra expense of
sending witnesses to
Calcutta.

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Urgent

Department.

CURRENT No. 1575

From

Messrs Wilson & Co
agents Asiatic Steam
Navigation Co. Ltd
Madras

No.

Dated 8-12-97

Received } 8-12-97

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Enclosures -

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SUBJECT.

Collision between the S.S. Waco
and a barge at Cochin

Requesting that the
inquiry into the circumstances
connected with the
may be conducted at
Calcutta that being the
destination of the Steamship

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Telephone

From the Secretary, Marine Dept.
To the P.S.O.

Is there any objection
to the Steam Ship "Hawab"
going on to Calcutta and
engaging into collision
being postponed and not
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Very Urgent

ASIATIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LD.

MADRAS, 8th December 1897

FROM

MESSES. WILSON & Co.,
MADRAS,

TO

The Secretary to Government
Marine Department
Fort St George.

SIR,

We have the honor to inform you that we understand
that Government will, in all probability, order an
enquiry, in this City, into the Collision between
the S.S. "Hawab" of this Company and the late
Barge "Amanath Rahiman." As the
will cause considerable detention to the Steam
and consequently a monetary loss to the
Company, we have the honor to request
the enquiry be held over until the Steam
arrival at her destination port, Calcutta.
Should our request be complied with
we guarantee free return Passage
and Maintenance to the Owner of
the Barge and his necessary Wives.
We have the honor to request
that an immediate reply be forwarded
to

to this letter as the Steamer is expected
here on 11th Instant.

We have telegraphed to
Cochin to the Owner of the Barque
regarding the expected date of arrival
of the "Nawab."

We have the honor to be
for
Your Most Obedt Servts
P. P. Wilson & Co.
J. Wilson

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Urgent
Marine (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 1577

From

*The Presidency Port office
Madras*

Order

No. $\frac{1261}{432}$ 4

Dated 7th December 1897

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SUBJECT.

*Forwarding for perusal and
action of Government minutes
of Proceedings of an enquiry
touching the collision of barque
"Amanath Rahiman" with the
S.S. "Rawab"*

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CURRENT No. 1578

The Presidency Port officers,
Madras

Order

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Dated 7 December 1897

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SUBJECT.

Affording further information
in respect to the crew of the
barque "Amanath Rahiman"

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