

Marine (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 482-83

DATED 25 May 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Master of the Barque "Queen of England": App-
proving ^{with remarks} the proposed proceedings in regard to the con-
duct of the — in connection with her collision
with the S.S. "Bancroft" in the Negapatnam Road-
stead on the morning of the 21st July 1896

Collision: Forwarding for such further
notice as may be deemed necessary Cfr of Pros:
Containing the result of a preliminary enquiry
into the circumstances attending a — between
the Barque "Queen of England" and the S.S. "Bancroft"
in the Negapatnam Roadstead on the morning
of the 21st July 1896 such collision having been held to
be due to an error of judgment on the part of the Master
of the Barque who holds a Certificate of Competence
from the Govt of the Straits Settlements

Forwarding, for such further notice as may be deemed necessary, copy of Proceedings containing the result of a preliminary enquiry into the circumstances attending a — between the barque *Queen of England* and the S.S. *Bancoora* in the Negapatam roadstead on the morning of the 21st July 1896, such collision having been held to be due to an error of judgment on the part of the Master of the barque who holds a certificate of competency from the Government of the Straits Settlements.

No. 483, MARINE, 25TH MAY 1897.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

THE HONOURABLE COLONEL D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Marine Department,

To

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

SIR,

I am directed to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor of the Straits Settlements and for such further notice as may be deemed necessary, the accompanying copy of the Proceedings of this Government, No. 482, Marine, dated 25th May 1897, containing the result of a preliminary enquiry into the circumstances attending a collision between the barque *Queen of England* and the S.S. *Bancoora* in the Negapatam roadstead on the morning of the 21st July 1896. It will be seen that the collision is held to be due to an error of judgment on the part of the Master of the barque *Queen of England* who holds a certificate of competency from the Government of the Straits Settlements, and that even after the collision occurred, the Master set sail without reporting the accident to the Port authorities or taking any steps to ascertain the extent of the damage sustained by the other vessel.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

OOTACAMUND,
25th May 1897.

Ed. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Government { 1897 } of Madras.
MARINE.

Recd.

Régl.

1897.

Enclosures

Spare copies

G.O., No. 482, 25th May 1897.

MAY.

Master of the Barque "Queen of England"

Approving, with remarks, the proposed proceedings in regard to the conduct of the
— in connection with her collision with the S.S. *Bancoora* in the Negapatam roadstead
on the morning of the 21st July 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 15th May 1897, No. 1261/176 G.

With respect to G.O., No. 800, Marine, dated 18th November 1896, I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that on the 27th April last a preliminary enquiry was held by the Port officer, Negapatam, into the circumstances attending the collision between the barque *Queen of England* and the S.S. *Bancoora* on the morning of the 21st July 1896 in Negapatam roadstead. The Port officer considers that the collision was due to an error of judgment on the part of J. S. Pakeri, the Master of the *Queen of England*, and after a careful perusal of the evidence taken I concur in this view, and consider that no formal enquiry is necessary. I am, however, of opinion that after the vessels had got clear of each other the Master of the *Queen of England* should have brought his vessel to an anchor and have reported the matter to the Port officer. As the case stands, he appears to have set sail and left the roadstead without first making a report or even ascertaining the extent of the damage incurred by the *Bancoora*, and his plea that he thought it advisable to sail without losing time, as it was the end of the season and delay might prevent his calling at Camorta, is not sufficient excuse for his action. Should the Government concur in this view, I submit that the Master be so informed, and a copy of the order forwarded to the Government of the Straits Settlements, as the man holds a certificate of competency granted by that Government.

ORDER—No. 482, Marine, dated 25th May 1897.

His Excellency the Governor in Council approves of the proposed proceedings. The Master of the barque *Queen of England* will be informed accordingly by the Presidency Port Officer, and the Government of the Straits Settlements will be communicated with as suggested.

[Here enter No. 483, Marine, dated 25th May 1897.]

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

From the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, No. $\frac{1261}{176}$ G. dated 15th May 1897.

No 482 Marine of 25th May 1897

His Excellency the

Governor in Council approves of the proposed proceedings. The Master of the Barque "Queen of England" will be informed accordingly by the Presidency Port Officer, and the Govt. of the Straits Settlements will be communicated with as suggested.

To the Presy. Port Officer.

H. E. No 483 Marine, of 25th May 1897

To

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Straits Settlements.

Sir,

I am directed to forward for the information of H. E. the Governor of the Straits Settlements, and for such further notice as may be deemed necessary, the accompanying

Copy

copy of the Proceedings of this Government, No 482 Marine dated 25th May 1897, containing the result of a preliminary inquiry into the circumstances attending a collision between the Barque "Queen of England" and the S.S. "Bancoora", in the Negapatam Roadstead, on the morning of the 21st July 1896. It will be seen that the collision is held to be due to an error of judgment on the part of the Master of the Barque "Queen of England" who holds a certificate of competency from the Government of the Straits Settlements, and that even after the collision occurred the Master set sail without reporting the accident to the port authorities or taking any steps to ascertain the extent of the damage sustained by the other vessel.

I have

15/5/97
In

R.S.

Sealed with 11/5/97
11/5/97

Marine (1897) Department.

CURRENT No.

724

The Hon. Mr. P. S. C.

From

The Presidency Post Office,
Madras

For Order S.

The proposal of the Presidency Post Office may perhaps be adopted in regard to the Master of the "Queen of England".

No. 1261
176 G.

Dated 15th May 1897.

Received

Registered

Enclosures

Spare copies

20/5/97

R.S.

11/5/97

SUBJECT.

Reporting as to the conduct of the Master of the barque "Queen of England" in connection with her collision with the S.S. "Bancoora".

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.
9.0 8.843	7 5 Dec 1896
" - 800	7 18. 4-96
" - 555	7 15-8-96
" - 154	7 28-4-94
" - 477	7 29.12-92
" - 312	7 6-5-96
31	7 28-1-92
246	7 17-5-83
<u>246</u>	
338	7 4. 7-82
197	7 6-2-82

No. 1261/ 176 *ly*

Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 15th May, 1897.

From

Commander H.A. Street, R.I.M.,

Presidency Port Officer,

MADRAS.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Marine Department,

С Е Р А К.

Sir,

With respect to G.O., No. 300, Madras, dated 13th November 1896, I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that on the 27th April last a Preliminary Enquiry was held by the Port Officer, Negapatam, into the circumstances attending the collision between the barque "Queen of England" and the S.S. "Bancoora" on the morning of the 21st July 1896 in Negapatam Roadstead. The Port Officer considers that the collision was due to an error of judgment on the part of J.S. Pakeri, the Master of the "Queen of England", and after a careful perusal of the evidence taken I concur in this view, and consider that no formal enquiry is necessary. I am, however, of opinion that after the vessels had got clear of each other the Master of the "Queen of England" should have brought his vessel to an anchor and have reported the matter to the Port Officer. As the case stands, he appears to have set sail and left the Roadstead without first making a report or even ^{ascertaining} the extent of the damage incurred by the "Bancoora", and his plea that he thought it advisable to sail without losing time, as it was the end of the season and delay might prevent his calling at Camorta, is not sufficient excuse for his action. Should the Government concur in this view, I submit that the

Master

Master be so informed, and a copy of the order forwarded
to the Government of the Straits Settlements, as the
man holds a certificate of competency granted by that
Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. A. Theet

Commander, R.I.N.,

Presidency Port Officer.

1887