

Marine (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 619 Marine

DATED 7th July 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Brig "Sree Ramamarti"

Letter from the Presy. Port Officer
regarding the supposed loss of the
_____ near the head of the Bay of
Bengal on or about the 20th Sept 1898,
recorded.

Reporting regarding the
loss of the Brig "Bree"
Ramamoorti near the
head of the Bay of Bengue
on or about the 20th Sept
1898.

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No action on the part of Gov^t
seems necessary or possible -
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Presidency Port Office,

Madras, 30 June 1899.

Heading *Wrecks*

From

Commander J. G. R. Finney, R.N.,
Presidency Port Officer,
Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
CHEPAK.

Sir,

I have the honour to report, for the information of Government, that the Port Officer at Masulipatam has brought to notice that the Brig "Sree Ramanamurti" of 192 tons burden, registered at Masulipatam, is overdue, she having left Masulipatam on 4th September last for Calcutta and not having since been heard of. The Port Officer of Calcutta to whom a reference was made

under
* Section 6 (1) (c) of
act V of 1883

state

States that no report regarding the vessel has reached him.

2. A preliminary enquiry was held at Masulipatam by the Port Officer, at which the depositions of three part-owners of the "Sree Ramamoorti" and of the Sindal of the boat "Venture" were taken which, however, were of no value beyond eliciting from the last named witness the fact that on his passage from Co-canada to Masulipatam he sighted the Brig off Sacramento about the 16th September proceeding northwards. It is presumed from this, and from the fact that squally weather prevailed about the 20th September 1898 at the head of the Bay, that the missing vessel was caught in a squall and lost with all hands on board, 16 in number.

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There is, however, no direct evidence for this, and there is no reason to suspect that the vessel was in an unseaworthy state when she left Masulipatam.

3. Further enquiry can be of no avail as no evidence of any value can be obtained. I have therefore reported to the Registrar of Wrecks, Calcutta, the supposed loss of the vessel with all hands on or about the 20th September 1898 near the head of the Bay of Bengal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,
Your most obedt. servant,

J. S. R. D. J. J.

Commander, R.S.M.,

Presidency Port Officer

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