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No. 374. Read the following letter from the General Superintendent of Public Works Stores and Workshops, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 1st October 1869, No. 686 :—

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the orders of Government, the accompanying correspondence relative to the loss of certain Public Works Stores by boatmen. From Deputy-Master-Attendant, Executive Department, No. 835, dated 6th July 1869. In June last, while landing a cask containing mamoties per *Matilda Atheling*, the head of the cask gave way and the contents were scattered in the surf; with the exception of one mamotie, the rest were recovered. The circumstance was reported to the Marine authorities, and the value of the lost mamotie, Rupees 1-2-0, was deducted from the bill for boat-hire. From Acting Master-Attendant, Administrative Department, No. 5,392, dated 21st September 1869. The Deputy-Master-Attendant, however, objects to the retrenchment, stating that he is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the loss resulted from accident and not carelessness. Do., No. 5,531, dated 28th Sept. 1869.

2. Again, on the 5th July last, a case containing hammers, forwarded by this department for shipment on the steamer *Burmah* for No. 2 Range, Vizagapatam, was broken and four* hammers lost thereby. The case was put into the boat in good order, taken alongside the steamer, and brought ashore again between eight and nine o'clock at night. In landing the case, it was thrown down, the box broke, and its contents fell out. The case weighed about five cwt. In this matter, Mr. Crowther states, that as the case was reported to the Police, the crew will be punished if anything can be proved against them; but he is of opinion that in neither instance should the boat-owners be called upon to pay for the loss in question. I respectfully submit that no such concession as is demanded for the boat-owners is made to Commanders of vessels for damage or short-delivery of Government Stores, nor was the Pier Contractor exempted from liability whenever Government Stores were lost or damaged by him in shipping or landing. It is a notorious fact that the boatmen are very careless and reckless in putting stores ashore, and in spite of all remonstrances, persistently throw down, from off their shoulders, cases, packages of pieces, quite regardless as to the result; and unless some fine is levied as a punishment for damage to stores, they will not be deterred from doing the same thing again.

3. If the Government are pleased to exempt the boat-owners from liability in the instances above recorded, I beg sanction for writing off the books of the Store Department Rupees 7-12-0, the value of the stores lost.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Mamotie...	1	2	0
Four hammers ...	6	10	0
Total...	7	12	0

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and four hammers lost in the cart by the breakage of packages whilst being loaded.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

To the General Superintendent of Public Works Stores and Workshops,
Controller of Public Works Accounts,
Assistant General,
Marine Department.

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Chennai 1st October 1869.

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From

The General Superintendent

Public Works Stores and Workshops

Chennai

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Fort Saint George.

Enclosures 2.

Sir

I have the honor to submit for the orders of

Government the accompanying correspondence relating to

the loss of certain P. W. Stores by boatman

on the 1st inst.

and the loss of certain P. W. Stores by boatman

on the 1st inst.

On the 1st inst., whilst landing a cask containing 4 Mamoties for "Mullika Atholing", the head of the cask gave way, and the contents were scattered in the shop with the exception of one Mamotie, the rest were recovered. The circumstance was reported to the Marine Authorities, and the value of the lost Mamotie Rs 1.2. was deducted from the bill for boat hire. The Deputy Master Attendant however objects to the reimbursement, stating that he is satisfied after due enquiry that the loss resulted from accident and not carelessness.

2. Again on the 5th July last a iron mortar and 4 Hammers forwarded by this Department for shipment in the Steamer "Pernah" for N^o 2 Range - Vizagapatnam, was broken, and four Hammers lost. The cask was put into the boat in good order, taken along side the Steamer, and brought ashore again between

Value
Rs 6.10

879 of 1869

879 Clock at night. In landing the case, it was thrown down, the box broke and its contents fell out.

The Case weighed about 5 Cwt. In this matter.

Mr. Crocker states that, as the case was reported to the police, the Case will be punished if any thing can be proved against them, but he is of opinion that in neither instance should the boatowners be called upon to pay for the loss in question. I respectfully submit that no such concession, as is demanded for the boatowners, is made to Commanders of Vessels for damage or short delivery of Government Stores, nor was the Pier Constructor exempted from liability whenever Government Stores were lost or damaged by him in shipping or landing. It is a notorious fact that the boatmen are very careless and reckless in putting stores ashore, and in spite of all remonstrances persistently throw down, from off their shoulders, cases, packages or pieces, quite regardless as to the result, and unless some fine is levied as a punishment for damage to stores they will not be deterred from doing the same thing again.

If the Government are pleased to exempt the boat owners from liability in the instances above recorded, they sanction for carrying off the books of the Store Constructor No 7 the value of the stores lost.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant

M. Granger

Genl. Supt. P. W. Stores, Melbourne

8700. At night. In landing the case, it was

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Under date the 19th October 1869
Read the following

Prof. G. P. C. S. S. S.
The General Superintendent
Public Works Stores & Workshops
Chennai

To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George.

Dated 19th October 1869
Place S. S.

N^o 686

Enclosure

Forwards correspondence relating
to the loss by boatmen of certain
P.W. Stores and Solicits Orders
of Government thereon.

No 3363-19-October/69.

No 371

Oct 20/69

From the General Superintendent
Pub Works Stores & Workshops
Chennai

S. E. No 686 of 1st October 1869

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M. A.

Authority is granted
for writing off the sum
of Rs. 7. 12, referred to
in Para 3, as the value
of one Mamotie and
four hammers lost in
the surf by the break-
age of packages whilst
being landed.

To the Genl Supt of P.W. Stores
& Workshops
Chennai
Accepted
Manner
Desp. 20/10/69

(Signature)

Loc 4148

Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The Genl. Superintendent
of Public Works, Stores
and Workshops

Dated

Recd.

Eng.

19 Oct 1869 No. 3363

Nos. 374 - 375

Notes Perampore granted for writing
off the ~~Balance~~ sum of Rs 7 12-0, being
the value of certain lines of the Public
Works which were lost in the ship
by the breakage of packages
which have been caused.

e. 6 Oct 1869 Dr. 92