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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
23rd April 1863.*

No. 58. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine ;
to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Marine
Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 13th April 1863, No. 1,012.

Being on the point of departure for England on Medical Certificate, N. Veerasawmy
Naick, an old and very valued public servant of my Department, one whose praiseworthy con-
duct has elicited the approbation of the former Court of Directors, the Government and the vari-
ous public Officers with whom he has been associated, has asked me to submit to the Honorable
the Governor in Council the testimonials he has received during the period now approaching to
28 years, which he has passed in the service of the State.

2. I have the honor accordingly to enclose the accompanying paper containing a selection
from the testimonials referred to. They will show that during a long series of years he has been
unremitting in the performance of the particularly onerous duties which his position as chief
Native executive in the Marine Department has called for. For many years his situation was
that of Boat Overseer, and since 1859 he has been Boat Supervisor; but these designations give
but a faint idea of the actual duties he is required to perform. He is, as just stated, the chief
Native executive Officer on the beach, open to calls at all hours by night as well as by day, and
from a long and intimate acquaintance with the mode in which these duties have been discharged,
it is with much gratification that I can confirm the very high opinion, which others have already
recorded, of his unwearied zeal and devotedness to the public service.

3. Veerasawmy Naick, whose father was Boat Overseer before him, entered the Depart-
ment on the 1st August 1835, and gradually rose in it to the post he now occupies. In cases of
wreck, or in other emergencies, his presence of mind, judgment and energy have always been con-
spicuous. The late Captain Biden, and Mr. Edward Elliot, formerly Superintendent of Police,
who at such times was always to be found on the beach, bore ample testimony to this. But his
exertions have not been merely confined to these occasions: they were equally apparent to those
under whom he has served in the daily routine of his duties.

4. This has been of much advantage to Government in the supply of boats for the public
service. The Master Attendant is expected to comply with requisitions from all Departments
for boats, and it has been mainly to the exertions and influence of Veerasawmy Naick that this
duty has been performed in so satisfactory and economical a manner. Merchants, through their
dubashes, almost invariably pay more than the authorized rates rendering it difficult for Govern-
ment to compete with them without similarly increasing the hire; yet notwithstanding this, and
the great demand that occasionally arises for boats for the public service, the legal hire has
never been exceeded, and thus from year to year a great saving has been effected.

5. Veerasawmy Naick makes no application now; but he feels that the constant wear and
tear of a harassing life is hastening him, at a comparatively early age, to the time when he must
perforce retire from active duties; and this has induced him to ask me to lay his papers before
Government prior to my leaving India, in order that a record of his services in a complete form
may exist.

6. Veerasawmy's age is barely 50, but in addition to the effects of his laborious duties he
received, as reported in my letter of the 8th October 1860, No. 4,406, a very severe injury in
the foot when employed on a raft recovering a heavy gun that had sunk. This causes him, and
ever will cause him, much pain when having to move about much.

7. With these observations I beg to leave his case in the hands of Government, earnestly
hoping that when the time arrives that this valuable public servant can no longer continue in
the performance of those duties he has so satisfactorily fulfilled, he may meet with all the con-
sideration which a generous Government can bestow, and which his own good conduct merits.

No. 59. ORDER THEREON, 23rd April 1863, No. 145.

His Excellency the Governor in Council will be prepared to give the fullest consideration
to the claims of Veerasawmy Naick the Boat Supervisor at Madras, whenever the state of his
health may oblige him to retire from the public service.

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23rd April 1863.

2. The services of Veerasawmy Naick have been frequently noticed in terms of high commendation by the Government, as well as by the several Officers under whom he has been employed.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

*Proceedings of the
Marine Department
Dated 23rd April 1863
N. J. Veerasawmy Naick*

Exd. T. McMootry.

TESTIMONIALS

OF

N. J. VEERASAWMY NAICK,

AT PRESENT SUPERVISOR OF BOATS IN THE MASTER ATTENDANT'S OFFICE, MADRAS.

MADRAS, 22nd January 1833.

This is to certify that N. J. Veerasawmy, has made himself useful as a Volunteer in the Master Attendant's Office, for three years past, and is now practising in assisting the Boat Overseer. He is a promising young man, and I recommend him to be employed in the permanent establishment whenever an opportunity might occur for so doing.

(Signed) WILLIAM MARJORIBANKS, *Master Attendant.*

MADRAS, Beach, 15th July 1834.

I have known N. J. Veerasawmy, upwards of two years, as an Assistant to the Overseer in the Boat Department, and from my always residing on the Beach, it has given me an opportunity of witnessing his zealous conduct. I do not hesitate to say that he is one of the most useful and attentive young men in the Master Attendant's Department, and should be glad to have an opportunity of rewarding his services, either by advancing his views, or by giving any testimony in his favor.

(Signed) J. F. McKENNIE.

Extract of a letter from the Master Attendant, to the Secretary Marine Board, dated 18th July 1842.

"The Board having in their letter to Government of the 7th, mentioned in terms of great praise the services of my Department generally, and especially the exemplary conduct of the Boat Overseer, N. J. Veerasawmy, I am thereby afforded the opportunity of expressing my opinion of his services on several occasions, where they have been conspicuous for zeal and alacrity.

During the period referred to by the Board, the Boat Overseer was at his post at all hours by day and night, Sundays included, and the emergency of the duties then on hand rendered it necessary to deviate from the strict rules laid down for the management of Boats, and send them off to the Transports late and very early, and, although much work was completed after dark, yet through the care and attention of this individual not a single accident occurred, and the public service was very much forwarded by those extra duties.

The second occasion on which I observed his good conduct, occurred on the night of the 5th ultimo, when a Dhoney was driven by stress of weather and stranded on the North Beach. I came to my office about 11 A. M., and found that so soon as the Overseer had observed the vessel driving and in danger, he took with him peons and Cattamaran men and proceeded to render all the assistance in his power, and when I visited the wreck at 1 A. M., her crew and cargo had been safely landed and protected under his able management.

Again on the night of the 17th June, when a fire broke out in a Rice Granary, contiguous to the Commissariat and other Public Offices, the Boat Overseer with great prudence and foresight wrote to the Commissary of Ordnance and sent to the Manager at the Commissariat, requesting the immediate supply of Fire Engines; he repaired himself to the spot with a number of Boatmen, Cattamaran men, and Marine Police Peons, and reported all these circumstances to me. I was at that time at Ennore, and I fully attribute the successful exertions of the parties who promptly rendered their assistance in subduing this fire which at first threatened serious consequences to the timely information which was given by the Boat Overseer; and in this instance he displayed a degree of promptitude and energy beyond the character of natives in a subordinate capacity.

This young man has very lately lost his father, who had served in the Master Attendant's Office as a Boat Overseer for upwards of 22 years, and was admitted as a pensioner on the Establishment in 1836, and the whole of his late father's family and relations are dependent on the Overseer's earning for their support."

Extract from a letter from the Master Attendant to the Secretary Marine Board, dated 13th September 1842.

"I have the honor to acquaint you that early this morning smoke was discovered issuing through the roof of the large Coal Godown in the Marine yard—the Boat Overseer with his usual promptitude sent an express to the Town Major, to the Commissariat and to me, requesting immediate assistance with Fire Engines and

Lascars. I hastened to the spot and found the most prompt assistance had been rendered by the Commissary of Ordnance and from the Commissariat. Engines were in readiness, and the roof had been broken through and as many persons as could work were clearing away the Coal, where it was evident a spontaneous ignition had taken place.

Brevet Major Hammond with a strong party from the Arsenal has rendered me the most valuable assistance, and the part from the Commissariat have worked equally well. The Marine Division of the General Police, the Cattamaran men, the Police Boats Crew and every one belonging to my department are behaving well, and the active exertions of all these persons is deserving of every praise; but I beg particularly to recommend to the favorable notice of the Marine Board the exemplary conduct of Mr. Maskell, my Clerk, and N. Veerasawmy Naick, the Boat Overseer. I found them on the roof of the Godown, superintending the work of Coolies, and other parties, and their example has been attended with a very good effect."

(Signed) CHRIS. BIDEN, *Master Attendant.*

Extracts from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 3rd October 1842.

Read the following Letter from the Acting Secretary to the Marine Board.

(Here enter 16th September 1842, No. 236.)

"The most Noble the Governor in Council considers the promptitude and energy evinced by the subordinate Officers of the Department which were employed in subduing the fire mentioned in the above letter highly creditable to them, and desires that his thanks may be tendered to the Officers by whom the labours of the parties were directed."

(Signed) R. CLERK, *Acting Chief Secretary.*

Extract from a letter from the Master Attendant to the Secretary Marine Board, dated 18th June 1844.

"The short time H. M. S. *Cornwallis* had to remain in the Roads, and the certainty that no other opportunity could offer for a length of time to carry into effect the order of Government, induced me to persevere with every available means in my power to launch the raft * and it is a grateful portion of my duty to bear my humble testimony to the prompt and efficient assistance which I received from the Commissariat, the Commissary of Ordnance, from the *Gun Carriage Manufactory*, and from the Commander, and the Officers and Crew of the Ship *Castle Eden*, without their effectually combined and zealous co-operation, all my exertions must have failed: and further I beg leave to call the favorable attention of the Board to the able and zealous service afforded by my Assistant, Mr. McKennie, and also to the unremitting and indefatigable exertions of N. J. Veerasawmy, the Boat Overseer, who was at work both day and night from the 8th till the 16th ultimo; my best thanks are also due to the whole of my department (including the Ghaut Syrang and Cattamaran establishment."

(Signed) CHRIS. BIDEN, *Master Attendant.*

Madras, 16th October 1846.

I have known the bearer Veerasawmy Naick for seven years and half, during last six of which he has been Boat Overseer, as an honest, active, intelligent, and first-rate public servant he cannot be surpassed, and I hope he will some day succeed to a higher appointment in the public service.

(Signed) H. D. E. DALRYMPLE, *Acting Chief Magistrate.*

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

No. 96.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 27th January 1848.

Read the following letter from Captain Biden, Master Attendant.

(Here enter 20th January 1848.)

1st. The Government sanction the Statement submitted with the foregoing letter of expences incurred in placing a temporary barrier to further encroachments of the Sea, opposite to the Marine Villa, amounting to (Rs. 1,517-0-11) One Thousand Five Hundred and Seventeen and Pice Eleven.

2nd. The Government are gratified to observe the very favorable mention made of Veerasawmy Naick, the Boat Overseer, and, as a reward for his zealous services and general good conduct, present him with the sum of Rupees (200) two hundred.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. C. MONTGOMERY, *Offg. Chief Secretary.*

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. BIDEN, *Master Attendant.*

Marine Board Office, 31st January 1851.

On the occasion of relinquishing my seat as a Member of the Marine Board, I desire to record, my opinion of the excellent behaviour of Boat Overseer Veerasawmy Naidoo, during the ten years that I have been connected with the Marine Department at Madras. His zeal and intelligence has been brought to the notice of Government, and as a mark of its favorable consideration, bestowed a gift of two hundred Rupees upon Veerasawmy; his activity in the execution of his duties is conspicuous, and he richly deserves the estimation in which he is held by his superiors.

(Signed) B. R. HITCHINS, *Lieut. Colonel.*

November 16th 1851.

VEERASAWMY.—It affords me very great pleasure to acquaint you that both the Chief Magistrate and the Town Major, speak of your conduct whilst assisting the shipwrecked Crew of the Barque *Union*, in very high terms. I return you my thanks for your active and useful exertions on this occasion, and beg you to keep this note as a remembrance thereof.

Let me know whether the sea has fallen and the surf abated, and send me a Crew list of the Barque *Union*; Mr. Elliot and the Town Major say, six men were landed, you say seven.

Your's

CHRIS. BIDEN.

No. 110.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, Dated 19th April 1853.

Read the following Papers from the Master Attendant.

(Here enter 8th April 1853.)

From the Chief Magistrate and Superintendent of Police.

Submits with his favorable testimony, a Statement from the Master Attendant, of the proceedings on the Beach during the late gale and of the meritorious conduct of the parties named, recommends the Boat Overseer N. J. Veerasawmy Naick for some special mark of favor and brings to notice certain Officers of the Police Establishment.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council cannot too highly appreciate the extraordinary exertions which are detailed in the foregoing papers, and which, under Divine Providence, resulted in saving so many persons whose lives are shewn, at one time to have been almost beyond human hope or aid.

The Governor in Council deems it proper to offer to the Chief Magistrate and the Master Attendant the strongest acknowledgment of Government for their great and unremitting efforts throughout the whole of the late Gale and for the most humane and most laudable example displayed by them in putting off in a Boat, at their imminent personal risk, to save some perishing and exhausted seaman from the wreck of the *Serampore*. He desires also to acknowledge the very active and zealous exertions of the Assistant Master Attendant, Mr. McKennie.

He fully concurs in the recommendation of the Master Attendant, that a gold medal be presented on the part of the Government, with a suitable inscription to N. Veerasawmy Naick, the Boat Overseer, and a Silver medal suitably inscribed to each of the four men mentioned in para 13 of his letter to the Chief Magistrate, for their gallant and conspicuous conduct on the occasion in question. His Honor in Council has noticed with great pleasure the flattering testimony borne by the Chief Magistrate to the zealous and enterprising conduct of Mr. G. J. Lafond, the Clerk to the Justices, and also to the useful services rendered by Constables Muller and Drysdale, on all occasions where there is a call for arduous work.

It would appear that there are altogether about 50 persons recommended by the Chief Magistrate and the Master Attendant, as fit objects for some pecuniary mark of the favor of Government, and the Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves, therefore, to grant a gratuity of (500) Five hundred Rupees to be divided by the above Officers at their discretion amongst the persons named as having rendered meritorious services.

Ordered that the papers above recorded be submitted to the special notice of the Honorable the Court of Directors, and that they be published together with these Proceedings in the Official Gazette.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. C. MONTGOMERY, *Chief Secretary.*

GUN CARRIAGE YARD, 4th November 1853.

I have much pleasure Veerasawmy in returning this handsome Medal which Government have very properly presented to one of the most deserving men in India.

I hope your good services may be rewarded in some more substantial way before long.

I am, your friend,

(Signed) J. MAITLAND.

FORT ST. GEORGE, 9th November 1853.

VEERASAWMY NAICK,—I am much obliged by your sending your Medal for my inspection. I am also very glad to find your meritorious services and excellent conduct on all occasions, have met with so gratifying an acknowledgment from Government, of which you and your children must justly feel proud.

Believe me always,

Your sincere friend,

(Signed) E. ARMSTRONG, *Lieut. Colonel.*

10th November 1853.

MY DEAR VEERASAWMY,—It is very kind of you to send for Mrs. Sanderson and my own inspection the Medal that has been bestowed by the Government on you. It was only right and just that the Government should take such public notice of such praise-worthy exertions, as you so cheerfully and efficiently rendered on that never to be forgotten night. I hope that the Almighty will long preserve your life to wear so honorable a testimonial, and that you also feel how gratifying it is to have been so instrumental in saving so many of your fellow creatures lives.

Believe me to be, your sincere friend,

(Signed) J. SANDERSON,

No. 1292.

MADRAS, MARINE BOARD OFFICE, 22nd June 1853.

To Sir H. C. MONTGOMERY, BART., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George.

SIR,—I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to transmit the accompanying copy of a letter from the Master Attendant, bringing to notice the praise-worthy exertions of N. Veerasawmy Naick, the Boat Overseer, who, on the morning of the 12th Instant, succeeded in hauling off the *Amazon* Brig, which vessel had parted from her anchors on the previous night, and had come on shore off Royapooram.

2. It appears that the *Amazon* had several Garce of Salt on board, the property of Government, and that by the prompt measures then taken, the greater part of it was saved.

3. The Board cannot omit this opportunity of recording the very high opinion they entertain of N. Veerasawmy Naick, as a public servant. He has on all occasions when his services have been required, displayed a readiness and alacrity, as well as a sound judgment in the discharge of his duties which call for their warmest commendations, and they have much pleasure in recommending him to the favorable notice of Government.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN, *Secretary.*

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

No. 179.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 24th June 1853.

Read the following letter from the Secretary, Marine Board.

(Here enter 22nd June 1853.)

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council notices with approbation, the further instance of the meritorious conduct of Veerasawmy Naick, the Boat Overseer, now reported by the Marine Board. It would appear by para 3 of the Board's letter, that the *Amazon* had on board Salt on account of Government, which has been saved by the Overseer's exertions, and the Governor in Council resolves to call upon the Collector of Madras, to state to what extent benefit has been thus secured to Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. C. MONTGOMERY, *Chief Secretary.*

To the President and Members of the Marine Board.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN, *Secretary.*

Forwarded to the Master Attendant for his information, with reference to his letter of the 17th June 1853.

MASTER ATTENDANT'S OFFICE, Madras, 17th June 1853.

To J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq.,

Secretary to the Marine Board.

SIR,—I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Marine Board, that during a fresh gale from the Southward on the night of the 11th instant, the native Brig *Amazon* dragged her anchor, and her Owners applied to the Boat Overseer for a boat to carry off an anchor and cable to that Vessel; this request was promptly attended to, and the Boat reached along side the *Amazon*, but before the anchor could be laid out, that Vessel parted and drove on shore just to the Southward of Royapooram. The Boat Overseer lost no time in receiving her crew, (19 men) who were safely landed and provided for. He also landed several Garce of Salt and sundry Stores, and set a watch on the Vessel during night. I received his report of the occurrences about midnight, and in reply desired him to render all further assistance that might be necessary.

At day light on Sunday, the 12th, when the sea was smooth and the wind was off the land, the Boat Overseer without further advice boarded the *Amazon* and finding that she had not received any material damage, he determined forthwith to make every effort to heave her off, and with the whole of the boat's Crews—Catamaran men and others belonging to this department, he directed kedg anchors and warps to be laid out; this was well and ably done—and at 11 A. M. the *Amazon* was hove off and warped to a safe anchorage.

The *Amazon* had on board about eight Garce of Salt on account of Government, for which I understand the owner of that vessel was bound on delivery of the Salt to pay to Government 85 Rupees per Garce. As the Cargo was not insured, it is evident that if the *Amazon* had been bilged, the salt would have been destroyed and a public loss to the amount of 85 Rupees for every Garce would have been sustained. Under these circumstances, I wish to call the attention of the Board to the very praise-worthy conduct of N. Veerasawmy Naick, the Boat Overseer, who in the zealous and enterprising discharge of his duty saved the Brig *Amazon* from becoming a total wreck—and at the same time, adopted those prompt measures which prevented the loss of that portion of her Cargo which belonged to Government.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

(Signed) CHRIS. BIDEN, *Master Attendant.*

MADRAS, 5th November 1853.

To M. R. R. N. Veerasawmy Naick, Government Boat Overseer, Master Attendant's Office.

SIR,—We have much pleasure in forwarding by desire of the Board of Directors of the General Screw Steam Shipping Company, the accompanying Watch which they beg you will accept of as a mark of their appreciation of your services, in facilitating the despatch of their Steamers by your efficient management in the department under your control, and we would, at the same time, add our acknowledgment of the assistance you have on all occasions given, in the landing and shipping of goods by the Company's vessels.

We have the honor to be, &c.,

(Signed) PARRY AND CO.

Agents G. S. S. S. Company.

Extract from an Extract from a letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated 2nd August, No. 14 of 1854.

Letter No. 2, dated 11th August 1853.

Hurricane in the Madras Roads on the 27th March 1853.

"We notice with much satisfaction your testimony to the humane exertions of the several Officers of Government mentioned by you as having particularly distinguished themselves by their successful efforts to rescue the Seamen of the Vessels wrecked in this disastrous storm. Your grant of honorary medals to Veerasawmy Naick, Boat Overseer, and to four boatmen in acknowledgment of their gallant conduct, and the distribution of Rs. 500 among 50 of the other boatmen engaged on the occasion are approved."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) JOHN J. FRANKLIN, *Secretary Marine Board.*

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) CHRIS. BIDEN, *Master Attendant.*

Madras, 14th April 1855.

On the eve of my departure for England, Veerasawmy Naick, Boat Overseer, has asked me to furnish him with a testimonial of his services, and although he has not been immediately under my orders, his duties have brought him so constantly under my observation, that great opportunity has been afforded me of judging correctly of his character.

It is therefore with confidence and with much pleasure that I bear testimony to the untiring zeal and activity with which he has invariably conducted himself during the time I have been Secretary to the Marine Board, (from 1846 to the present date inclusive) whether by night or by day in landing or embarking troops and stores, in assisting vessels in distress—in supplying boats on emergency for Government service, and in fact in all matters requiring intelligence, energy and judgment. Veerasawmy Naick, has acquitted himself in the most praise-worthy and creditable manner. His conduct has on several occasions come under the favorable notice of the higher authorities, and he is by all admitted to be a most efficient, trust-worthy and deserving public servant.

(Signed) JOHN J. FRANKLIN, *Secretary Marine Board.*

MADRAS, 25th April 1856.

Before my final departure from India I consider it due to N. Veerasawmy Naick, to certify that I have known him for nearly 20 years, during which period I have had constant opportunity of marking his zeal, intelligence and activity in the discharge of his onerous duty as a Boat Overseer, but more especially upon several occasions of shipwreck his energy, extraordinary exertions, and enterprising character were most remarkable, and called forth the acknowledgments of those under whose more immediate notice he was acting. I believe I may honestly record my opinion that his services in his particular calling have been most valuable for the public weal.

(Signed) G. F. ELLIOT,

Chief Magistrate and Superintendent of Police.

No. 2674.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, under date 3d August 1857

Read letter from the Secretary, Marine Board, No. 2593, dated 30th July 1857; reports that the boiler which was lost on the 16th May last, has been brought to shore by the joint exertions of Mr. Thomkinson, Serjeant Callaghan, and Boat Overseer Veerasawmy.

The Inspector General requests that the Master Attendant will express to his Assistant, and to Boat Overseer Veerasawmy, his thanks for their exertions.

(Signed) G. BALFOUR, *Lieut.-Colonel,*

Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) CHRIS. BIDEN, *Master Attendant.*

MADRAS, February 15, 1858.

As I am about to relinquish my office of Master Attendant for a time, owing to the failing state of my health, I cannot part with my old and faithful servant Veerasawmy Naick, without furnishing him with a testimonial of the estimation in which I have always held him.

The frequent instances which I have had occasion to bring to the notice of Government and of the Marine Board, wherein his conduct has so conspicuously exhibited his zeal, energy and judgment, will of themselves prove the value of his services as a public officer, untiring in his attention to his duties, watchful in every way of the interests of the Government he serves, and ready at all times whether by night or by day, to afford assistance where such is needed. I can unhesitatingly affirm that I view Veerasawmy Naick as one of the most useful and trustworthy servants the Government possess. His present salary of 70 Rupees a month is wholly inadequate to the duties required of him, and I leave him in the strong hope that when opportunity occurs, his position will be bettered, for I deem him to be deserving of the most liberal consideration.

(Signed) CHRIS. BIDEN.

28th December 1859.

I have known Veerasawmy Naidoo for the last twenty years, and have often been witness to the energetic and efficient manner in which he has performed the duties which has gained for him the respect and confidence of his own immediate superiors. For myself I have again and again received from him the greatest assistance which was rendered with an alacrity and good will, that merits my best acknowledgments. I consider Veerasawmy to be a very remarkable,* possessing abilities and a force of character far above the present post, his faithful and meritorious services in which, entitle him to the especial favor of the Government.

I have much pleasure in giving Veerasawmy this testimonial of his deserts at the time I am leaving India, more particularly as I understand that he lost a number of valuable credentials which were lost or destroyed at the time of Captain Biden's death. I have frequently heard Captain Biden speak of Veerasawmy in the highest terms of commendation and regard.

(Signed) WALTER ELLIOT,

Near Aden, 26th March 1860.

VEERASAWMY NAIDOO,—I have much pleasure in sending you a few lines according to my promise. I have been acquainted with you for some years and have watched with interest your attention to duty. You have only to persevere in this course, and you will continue to merit the high approbation of Government. I wish you every success.

We have had a very prosperous run thus far and hope to reach Aden in a few hours, the Ship is very comfortable, but in rough weather I am afraid it would be otherwise.

I am, your's faithfully,

(Signed) J. GOLDINGHAM,

Madras, Marine Superintendent's Office, 22nd October 1860.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The Superintendent of Marine has the honor to forward the accompanying copy of the Proceedings of Government of the 17th Instant, No. 363, noticing with approbation the exertions of N. J. Veerasawmy Naick, in recovering a boiler and a 68 pounder Gun lost over board in the Roads, and to request that the Master Attendant will be good enough to make the same known to that functionary.

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN, *Superintendent of Marine.*

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) H. D. E. DALRYMPLE, *Master Attendant.*

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following letter from J. J. Franklin, Esq., Superintendent of Marine to T. Pycroft, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 8th October 1860.

No. 4406.

Referring to Proceedings of Government marginally noted, I have the honor to inform you that the No. 300, dated 25th August 1860. Master Attendant has verbally reported that the boiler therein mentioned has been recovered and delivered to the Mint Master, principally, as I am given to understand, through the exertions of N. J. Veerasawmy Naick, whose name has so frequently been before Government, as a zealous and energetic servant in the Marine Department.

2. Although no report of the circumstance reached me officially at the time, I should not omit to mention here that the recovery of one of the heavy guns lost overboard from the breaking of raft on which it was placed in December last, was mainly due to that officer, and that while employed on this duty, he was very seriously injured in the right foot, from the heel of one of the sheer legs, by which the gun was being hoisted up, slipping and striking the foot, tearing away the flesh from the instep. It was for some time doubtful whether amputation would not be necessary for the wound was of a most serious nature. Finally, however, it was healed, and Veerasawmy Naick returned to his duties, but he will never fully regain the use of his foot.

Order thereon, 17th October 1860, No. 363.

It is observed that the recovery of the boiler has already been reported by the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works.

2. The Government now, however, find from the letter of the Superintendent of Marine, that the recovery was mainly effected through the exertions of N. J. Veerasawmy Naick, whose name has so frequently been before Government as a zealous and energetic servant in the Marine Department.

3. The Government regret to learn the injury sustained by this valuable public servant in December last, as mentioned in the last para of Mr. Franklin's letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT, *Chief Secretary.*

To Superintendent of Marine.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. B. CROWTHER, *Asst. Supt. of Marine.*

(True Copy of a Copy.)

(Signed) H. D. E. DALRYMPLE, *Master Attendant.*

To N. J. Veerasawmy Naick, Supervisor of Boats.

This is to Certify that Velasawany Naick
Boat Supervisor, has been suffering from right
indirect inguinal hernia, for the last three
years, induced by hard work. About six
months ago the hernia became incarcerated,
and was with great difficulty reduced,
after the application of cold lotion, ice and
taxis. Any great exertion brings down the
hernia, notwithstanding the constant use
of a truss, and produces inconvenience,
to say nothing, of the liability to incarceration, and strangulation of the intestine,
when thus protruded. He has been under
treatment for the last six months, and
during this period, he has, under advice,
abstained from violent exertion and loud
speaking, and has occasionally used
laxatives. He bears the mark of a severe
injury on the right foot, contracted in the
execution of his duty, and he still feels
pain in this foot when walking.

The nature of his complaint is such, that
change of air, or further treatment is not
likely to produce any benefit.

His disqualification is not the result
of intemperance or other irregular habits.

J. S. K. S. S.
Port & Marine Surgeon.

Madras.
3rd July 1868.

Recd. 68 Oct. 4.
J. S. K. S. S.

13 Madras
Marine Supt^y Office
St. 2381. 6th July 1868.

From

John I Franklin Esquire
Superintendent of Marine

To

The Honorable R S Ellis C B
Chief Secretary to Government
Marine Department
Fort Saint George

Sir

In the Proceedings of Govern-
ment of the 23rd April 1863 is recorded my
letter of the 13th idem, pointing out the praise-
worthy conduct of N I Vedarasamy Naik,
the boat Supervisor, during a long series of
years. The health of this valuable public
servant was then failing: he had been maim-
ed in the execution of his duty, and his
unremitting labors had impaired his con-
stitution. He did not, however, desire to retire
then, feeling that he still had some years work
in him, but wished that his services might
be brought to notice and placed on record.
The Government were pleased to acknowledge
his merits and to state that they would be
prepared to give the fullest consideration to
his claims when his health might oblige
him to retire.

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It is with much regret I have now to report that this officer is no longer in a fit condition for service. Being himself aware of the power and influence he possesses among the boat owners and boatmen — a practical exemplification of which is to be found in the fact that although merchants and others have been for years paying double, treble and even higher boat hire, boats for Government have always been obtained at the legal rates, resulting in a saving of many thousands of Rupees — and knowing the great loss he would be to the department, he has from time to time postponed his application to retire, and even now will not object to remain on for a further moderate period, but the painful disease from which he is now suffering, and which he believes was contracted in the service although he cannot define exactly when, renders it physically impossible for him to take that active part in his duties for which he was formerly so conspicuous. On one or two occasions of late when his anxiety to perform some service has led him to forget his infirmity, he has suffered excruciating agony, and has only recovered by slow and painful degrees.

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I now beg to submit Veerasawmy Naik's medical certificate, accompanied by printed copy of testimonials, in the confident assurance that in awarding him pension the Government will take the most liberal view of his case possible.

4 Veerasawmy Naik's actual service commenced in 1830, according to the certificate granted to him in 1833 by Mr. Marjoribanks who was then Master Attendant. He was, however, only a volunteer then, and the time thus passed would not be reckoned for pension, but as he has been borne on the permanent establishment since 1835, he has exceeded the period, 30 years, required for the grant of the highest ordinary rate.

5 But this officer has been such an invaluable public servant, his energy and devotion to his duties have been so conspicuously shewn and acknowledged by all with whom he has come in contact, and his failing health and inability to continue in office have been so much accelerated by the hard work and exposure he has been subjected to at all times and in all weathers, that I submit his case should be treated

treated specially.

6 The late Honorable Court of Directors were pleased in 1858 to bestow a pension for three lives on K. Narasinga Rao, the head Sheristadar of the Revenue Board — namely 800 Rupees a month which was the amount of his salary on himself, 400 Rupees on his heir and 200 on the third life. I would not ask for similar reward to Veerasawmy, for his services have not been of that importance to the State to warrant so liberal a measure, but as I am satisfied that in his own department he has performed his duties with equal energy, honesty and success, I would submit for the consideration of Government whether he might not be allowed to retire on his full salary of 150 Rupees a month.

7 Veerasawmy's health as I have before stated renders him incapable of performing the active duties of his office as he has hitherto done, but in consideration of the great inconvenience that would be felt by his immediate retirement, he has at the express desire of the Master Attendant, who will shortly assume the duties of head of the department, consented to

to remain for a little time longer.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient Servant.

Am. Braudie

Superintendent of Marine.

N^o 688

Memorandum.
For orders.

In pursuance of
Subj. of the 23^d April
1863 have not been
put up. Very
should now be
submitted with a
draft stating in
general terms that
the Subj. will be
in amount in continuing
bene by Mr Franklin
& Verasamy which
terms show striking
as his application for

Mr Franklin's recom-
mends for full pension there-
sawmy Nair, the Boat Overseer, who
must shortly retire, having been
for three years ruptured. Of course,
Government cannot give any final
recommendation until he retires, or
sends in his resignation, but they
may desire to express their opi-
nion with reference to the claims
of this well known public servant.
The highest pension the rules
allow is, of course, one half the average
of the past 5 years salary.

I am afraid it will be difficult
now a days to obtain a special
pension for a man in this
position - all we can say for
him is that he never failed
to get boats when required for
Government. R.R.

of pension. It is a
case which I think
may be treated specially.
Verasamy which has
more than one distinguished
witness of his activity.

End. 1863 Department.

N^o 688

The Department of the Interior

Office Chief Secretary to Govt

Minister of the Interior

San Francisco

Nov 23 1863

Enclosure 2

Submitted for the consideration of
Govt to allow Mr. S. Verasamy
his Boat Overseer to receive no
pension as his full salary of
Rs. 150 a month.

D. H. 267.

528 July
1863
R. H.

in the discussion of
works.

Pension Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter

From the Superintendent of Marine (Here enter 6th July 1868 N^o 2281)

Order thereon 14th August 1868 N^o 262.

The Government will
bear in mind the testimony
borne by Mr. Franklin to the
good service of
Veeraswamy Naick when
deciding on his application
for a pension. Till that is
submitted in the regular form,
no definite recommendation
can be made in his favour.

To Master Attendant Dept. 14/8.
The Superintendent of Marine.

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No. 262.

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Dated 11th August 1868.

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