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G.O., Nos 588, 589

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the Supt. Imperial Light Service, Ceylon & Minicoy, to suggest the form and extent of any further reward which should in his opinion be given to the two Minicoy Islanders who rendered services in connection with the wreck of the S.S. "Thamscoe".

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS REVENUE DEPARTMENT 25 JUL 99

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Through the Revenue Department

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From

The Board of Revenue
Land Revenue,
Madras.

No. 2343 Misc

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Order
Endl A. No. 1052 of 11 August 1899
Forwarded.
By order
H Thompson Bunbury
Ag: Under Secretary to Government.

SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government report called for regarding the recognition of the services rendered by the Amin and Don Manakkan of Minicoy in connection with the wreck of the steamer "Thrunscoe" near the island.

To the Political Dept ✓

Ans
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RS
28-7-99

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Recordrd - pending receipt of further information as to the amount of honorarium proposed to be paid
See separate sheet 27/8/99

for collector

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To

The Collector of Malabar.

Report from Syed Gulam Kadir, Gumasta of Minicoy.

I have already reported under date the 23rd April 1899 that a detailed report regarding the steamer would be submitted after enquiry. I hear that while S. S. "Thurudoo" of the (name indistinct) Company, commanded by Captain Lake was sailing from Aracan with a consignment of 50000 bags of raw husked rice, to other ports, it reached the eastern point of the North Pandaram at 11 P. M on the 11th April 1899 and stranded there. On the following morning the inhabitants saw her stranded and reported the matter to the Amin. By the blowing of the Conch the inhabitants were assembled and the amin and the inhabitants proceeded to the Stranded steamer. Under the orders of the Amin about 5000 bags of rice were removed from the Steamer and brought to the Island. It is further heard that some bags of rice were distributed among the inhabitants and that the Major portion was taken by the Amin.

The Amin wanted me to submit a report to the effect that the Government rice would not find a sale in the Island and on my asking him for particulars, he drafted a report in "Mahl" and wanted me to submit it. A true translation of it is accordingly submitted herewith.

(A true translation) (Sd) Gulam Kadir
28. 4. 99

For Collector

Enclosure to the Gunnastah's Report.

To

The Collector of Malabar.

Report from Muradugandwar Ali Mali Khan Ag Amin of Minicoy.

On the morning of the 12th April 1899 a big steamer was found stranded on the previous night near the North Pandaram. The inhabitants were assembled on the beach to the sound of the Conch. Some got on board the steamer by swimming across. The Captain of the steamer then told them that he intended to throw overboard some bags of rice and that if they wanted rice they should fetch boats. The inhabitants accordingly took ordinary boats and Masa boats to the steamer and removed rice therefrom for five days. The bags removed in the first instance were distributed among the inhabitants of the Island and those subsequently removed were taken to their respective dewans by the individuals engaged in the removal. I hear from the pilot of the Steamer that about 5000 bags of rice were thus removed and that the total Consignment was 50000 bags.

About the time the said Consignment of 50000 bags came in, the Government Supply was also received. I beg to state that this supply will not find a Sale here. The Island has besides received a small supply of rice from private individuals.

(Sd) Ali Mali Khan
Ag Amin
23-4-99.

(A true translation)

V Ryan Nicholson
for Collector

Bde 1899
REVENUE DEPT.
Encl. No. 4
Cor. No. 1833/067

Malabar Collector's Office
Calicut 5th July 1899.

From
G. W. Dancer Esquire I.C.S
Collector of Malabar

To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Political Department.

Thro' The Secretary to the Commissioners of
Land Revenue.

No. D-129
3C-99

Sir,

With reference to G.O No. 309 dated 15th May 1899 embodied in Board's reference A No. 159 dated 20th May 1899, I have the honour to enclose translations of a report received from the Gumasta of Minicoy and its enclosure.

2. It would seem that any assistance the Minicoy Islanders gave to the Steamer "Invincible" has already been sufficiently rewarded by the payment of 5000 bags of rice, which they are said to have been allowed to take from the steamer for their own use.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Most obedient Servant

G. W. Dancer
Collector of Malabar.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE. MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue)

No.2343 Misc.,dated 21st July 1899

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Mr.F.A.Nicholson

Read letter from G.W.Dance Esquire, Collector of Malabar to the Chief Secretary to Government, Political Department, through the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras,No.D.129/Isl-99 dated 5th July 1899.

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Resolution

The letter from the Collector of Malabar together with its enclosures will be forwarded to Government with reference to its order No.309, Political, dated 15th May 1899.

2. Mr.Dance makes no special recommendation as regards the recognition by Government of the services of the Amin & Don Manakkan of Minicoy for the services rendered by them in connection with the wreck of the steamer "Thrunscoe" near the island. He apparently considers that such recognition is not called for having regard to the fact that they had also received a portion of the five thousand bags of rice which were distributed gratis among the islanders for their kindness and attention. The Board however, notes that the Superintendent Imperial Light Service, on his subsequent visit to the wreck, guaranteed recognition by the Government of the services of the Amin and Don Manakkan both for the original and for further services, and would suggest some suitable honorarium in

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fulfilment of the guarantee.

(True Extract)

Lowell Bowden

Ag. Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Government, Political Department, through the Revenue Department, with letter and 2 enclosures in original.

The Collector of Malabar.

Md. R.H.

C.R.K. 22-7-99.

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H.S. Mr Lel + enc.

Letter filed with GO 309 Pol 15-5-99

Draft letter subm.d. H.S. 31/8/99.

Note

In May last the Supt of the Imperial Light Service, Ceylon & Minicoy, wrote to this Govt stating that on his arrival at Minicoy in connection with the wreck of the ss "Nrunoa" he found that the Islanders "had been very "kind & attentive to the ship-"wrecked people". The Supt secured the assistance of the Amin of Minicoy & of Don Makrakkan (Lt.), a leading merchant, at the wreck by guaranteeing to these two the "recognition of their services "by the Sircar". This guarantee

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the Supt requested might be redrimed by Govt making a grant to these men, a proceeding which he felt assured the Board of Trade would imitate.

2. This letter was comm^d to the Board of Revenue with a request that the recommendations of the Collector of Malabar might be obtained & submitted to Govt. The present current contains the Collector's report with the Board's views thereon forwarded through the Rev Dept.

3. The Collector goes into details & shows that the Islanders got 5000 bags of rice from the wrecked steamer. All this was done under the direction of the Amin who appears to have got his full share of the free rice made available by the Captain being compelled to either give it away or throw it overboard. Under these circumstances the Collector considers that these men have already been sufficiently rewarded. The Board refers, however, to the "guarantee" given

(Collector's letter is flagged A)

(Board's Rec^n flagged C.)

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by the Supt of the Light Services & suggests that, by way of redeeming this guarantee, some suitable honorarium should be granted to the two leading individuals named by the Supt.

4. It is subm^d that but for the "guarantee" referred to, there would be absolutely no need to further recognise the services of these people who are shown to have been most considerately treated by the Captn of the Thrums coe in being permitted to take away as much as 5000 bags of rice. But it would seem that the promise made by the Supt binds this Govt to recognition of services rendered, apparently, after the receipt of the rice from the wreck. The question, therefore, for orders is how much (if of money) should be paid to these people as an "honorarium".

The Supt's promises appears to have been made in a very open-handed manner if he was aware of the amount

which the Minicoy Islanders had already gained by the wreck, but on the other hand it may be pointed out that the salvage of the steamer or whatever operations the Supt was engaged in in connection with the wreck depended, probably, entirely on these people. The value of the property at stake probably dictated to the Supt, therefore, the advisability of making as liberal promises as possible. Perhaps the best course might now be to forward a copy of the Collector's Report vide two Enclosures to the Supt of the Light Service with a request that he will state what amount of further remuneration, if any, he considers that his representations to the Islanders make it incumbent on Govt to pay them.

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23/8/99.

The Supt. recommends a complimentary present: W. to letter to give them a handle. I do not think Govt. to reward the Supt's promise.

23/8/99.

If open with the Chief Sec., that we should not propose to reward the Islanders if Supt in case the Supt's promise, and should it is made to encourage the Islanders to ship in case of shipwreck. I think we might ask the Supt. to suggest the form and extent of the reward which should be given. The Supt. should be told that Govt. does not

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Political Department.

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Rewards to the Minicoy Islanders.

Read again G.O. No 309 Pol dy 15-5-99. B

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ORDER:- W. 588 d/5 Sept 99

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Supt. Imptl. Light Service Ceylon & Minicoy will be addressed.

Fwd 31/8/99 Cwds 1.9.99

Board of Rev (R) (Encl all)

Desp 8.9.99.

LETTER:- W. 589 d/5 Sept 99

Desp 8.9.99.

To

The Superintendent Imperial Light Service, Ceylon and Minicoy, Colombo.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. 436, dated 4th May 1899 suggesting that this Govt. should recognize the services rendered by two of the inhabitants of Minicoy Island on the occasion of the wreck of the S.S. "Brunscoe", I am directed to state

(In the G.O. read again above)

it appears from a
state that ~~the Collector of Malabar having~~
~~report on the subject which is now~~ has been rec'd by the
~~been requested to obtain and submit to~~
~~Govt. a report on the subject it appears~~
~~from papers forwarded by that officer~~
that any assistance rendered by the Mini-
coy Islanders ~~on the occasion was at the~~ has already been
sufficient
~~time~~ rewarded by the payment of 5000
bags of rice which ~~they Islanders~~ are said
from
to have been allowed to take from the
steamer for their own use.

At the same time this Govt. is desirous
of redeeming any promise made ~~subsequently~~ by
you
~~to the receipt of the rice~~ and I am to re-
quest that you will be so good as to
suggest the form and extent of any fur-
ther reward which should, in your opinion,
be given.

(From orders)

Note for the C.S.

The note for orders in this file was marked by the C.S. for "H.S. the Govt. & circ" vide circ. instns. Flagstaff O.
The file has not been known to have
the Hons. the C.S having directed that a draft showed be prepared - vide C.S's direction "Draft" of the 31st ult.
Orders are solicited as to whether the order may now issue ? or it should be circ. to the Hons also ?

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I do not think it need circ.

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POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

G.O. Nos.588-9, dated 5th May 1899.

NOTE FOR THE CS

The Supt., Imperial Light Service, Ceylon and Minicoy, has not replied to letter No.589, Poll., d/5th May 1899. ~~Orders are solicited as to whether any further reminders should issue~~. Attention is, in this connection, invited to paragraph 3 of Board's Proceedings No.51, dated 21st March 1900, on the last report upon the inspection of the Laccadive Islands. It will be observed that the islanders were allowed to appropriate 3700 bags of rice in return for services rendered by them in connection with the wreck of the S.S."Thrunscoe", with the result that a portion of the rice sent over by the Collector had to be sent back to the mainland, while a considerable quantity had to be left on the islands and sold at a loss. It does not appear that the persons concerned in the attempt at rescuing the "Thrunscoe" entertain any expectations of further reward in this connection.

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The Supt. has been reminded of the subject × in the marginally noted letters but has not yet replied. It is for orders whether the matter may not be dropped.

Cancd. 23/6/00

Yes. Drop it & close the enclosures.

23/6/00.

~~Ledger~~

Ref Stitch Thro with with letter No 589 PR dy 15. 5. 99 & take the item out of the Call Book

Done Cancl 28. 6. 99

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