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To

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF BRITISH BURMAH,
RANGOON.

SIR,

I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of a letter* from the Magistrate of the Godavery District, bringing to notice the arrival at Cocanada of a Brig

* Dated 21st April 1866, No. 103.

of 133 tons barden, with 150 Native passengers from Rangoon (being 17 in excess of the number she could legally carry), under a license granted to the Nacodah of the vessel by the Master Attendant at the latter place.

2. It will be seen, from the 3rd paragraph of Mr. Fraser's letter, that, according to the report of the Master Attendant at Cocanada, the Brig was ill-found and in bad repair, and could properly carry only 120 passengers; further, that the present is not the only instance in which licenses have been issued by Captain H. Lewis, without due attention to the requirements of the Act. I am to request, therefore, that you will be so good as to take such steps as may be necessary to prevent the recurrence of the irregularities now brought to notice, on the part of the Master Attendant at Rangoon.

3. Since the above was written, a further letter† on the subject has been received from the Magistrate of the Godavery District, a copy of which is also now sent.

† Dated 30th April 1866, No. 107.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
14th May 1866.

Chief Secretary.

From J. FRASER, Esq., Magistrate of the Godavery District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cocanada, 21st April 1866, No. 103.

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter, and an original license, received the day before yesterday, from the Master Attendant here.

2. It appears to me that the Master Attendant is right in saying that there has been a violation of Act XXV of 1859; but the guilty party is the Officer who granted the license in Rangoon. In no Section of the Act is a vessel permitted to carry passengers across the Bay of Bengal in larger numbers than at the rate of one to every ton of burthen, and this has been exceeded in the present instance by 17.

3. The Master Attendant further informed me that he had proceeded on board of, and carefully inspected and surveyed, the *Mymoodah*; that he considered her ill-found and in bad repair; and that the largest number of passengers she could properly carry was 120. He also informed me that this is not the first time he has had to find fault with licenses granted in Rangoon by the same person who has now granted the enclosed one.

4. I forward the case to you, therefore, that proper steps may be taken to prevent the recurrence of similar errors.

From the Master Attendant, Cocanada, to the Collector and Magistrate of the Godavery District, Cocanada ; dated Cocanada, 19th April 1866, No. 551.

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the Chittagong Brig *Mymoodah*, of 133 tons, Unwer Ally, Commander, or Nacodah, arrived here on the 17th instant, with 150 Native passengers,*

* Number of Crew unknown as there is no Crew list.

and as I consider this a gross violation of Act XXV of 1859, and as the passengers declare that they have not had proper provisions or water, I have to inform you that I proceeded on board this vessel yesterday evening, and examined the space occupied by the passengers, and found, on measuring the vessel, that there was barely space for one hundred and twenty. I was told by the people on board that the passengers were stowed away in the lower hold, and had even recourse to the pump well to find space for themselves. It is only my surprise that cholera or some other contagious disease has not broken out on board this vessel, as the stench and filth on board was very bad.

N. B.—I enclose the license granted by the Master Attendant at Rangoon, which neither bears the Collector of Sea Customs' signature, nor the space mentioned that the passengers are to occupy, and other discrepancies.

LICENSE to carry Native Passengers, granted, under Act No. XXV of 1859, to the Nacodah of the Brig *Mymoodah*, of 133½ tons, Unwer Ally, Commander, bound to Cocanada.

"Mymoodah."	Name of vessel.
133½.	Tonnage.
Brig.	How rigged.
	Name of Owner.
Unwer Ally.	Name of Master.
Chittagong.	Port of Registry.
28 in number.	Number and Description of Crew.
In 1863, Chittagong.	When and where built.
Passable.	Bottom how protected and when last repaired.
Good for her class.	State of the hull and rigging.
Sufficient.	How found in Nautical Instruments, &c.
Sufficient.	How found in ground tackle and spare stores.
One boat serviceable.	Number and condition of boats.
2 Anchors and 3 Cables.	Number of Anchors and Cables.
	Space to be assigned for passengers.
One hundred and fifty only.	Number permitted to be embarked.
	Remarks.

N. B.—This is to certify that the Nacodah of the above vessel has complied with all the terms of the Act, and that I have personally surveyed the vessel as to the space allotted for the passengers, together with water and provisions provided for.

RANGOON, 19th March 1866.

(Signed) H. LEWIS,
Master Attendant.

From J. FRASER, Esq., Magistrate of the Godavery District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Cocanada, 30th April 1866, No. 107.

In continuation of my letter of the 21st instant, No. 103, I have the honor to forward copy of a second letter* from the Master Attendant, regarding the violation of Act XXV of 1859 formerly alluded to.

* Dated 27th April, No. 610.

From the Master Attendant, Cocanada, to the Collector and Magistrate of the Godavery District, Cocanada ; dated Cocanada, 27th April 1866, No. 610.

Referring to my letter, No. 551, dated 19th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I proceeded on board the Chittagong Brig *Mymoodah*, of 133 tons, now at anchor off this river, and examined and measured the between decks for Native passengers ; and, under Act XXV of 1859, find her only capable of taking under a license not more than one hundred and ten to one hundred and fifteen adult passengers. I did not measure the cabin, which was separated from the between decks by a bulkhead, and which, in my opinion, is solely appropriated to the vessel's use, and not for passengers of a different caste to the crew of the vessel. Had this vessel applied to me for a license to take passengers I should have refused it ; as in her present state, and having only one small boat, I should have considered her not safe to take them. The document intended for the license forwarded with my former letter is full of discrepancies, and not as ordered in Notification, Fort Saint George, 13th July 1860, vide *Fort Saint George Gazette*, July 20th, 1860, page 123.

2. This is not the first instance of vessels arriving at this port from Rangoon with documents improperly drawn up, and which has prevented the fines, &c., in Act XXV of 1859, being inflicted.

3. May I now solicit the favor of your taking such steps in this matter as you deem most expedient, to put a stop to such irregularities, as the Native ship owners of this Port complain that I am too severe with them, in carrying out the provisions of Act XXV of 1859, and now, more especially, when such instance of the infringement of the Act becomes generally known, as this now brought under your notice.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

No. 610 of 1866

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From

H. Thomson Esq
Master Attendant
Canada

To

J. Fraser Esq
Collector and Magistrate
of the Godavery District
Canada

Sir,

Referring to my letter No. 551
dated 19th Instant I have the honor
to inform you that I proceeded on board
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I have signed / S. Thomson
Master Attendant
Office for Canada
27th April 1866
Master Attendant.

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J. Healey,
Magistrate

Edw. P. Kitchell
as Clerk

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annexures }

Public Department

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To
The Chief Commissioner of
British Burma,
Rangoon.

Sir,

I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Magistrate of the Godavari District, bringing to notice the arrival at Cocimada of a Brig of 125 tons burden with 150 native passengers from Rangoon (being 17 in excess of the number she could legally carry), under an order granted to them in violation of the regulations of the Master Attendant at that place.

It will be seen from the 3rd paragraph of Mr. Fraser's letter that, according to the report of the Master Attendant at

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21 April 1882. N. 103
JP

W. J. Fraser

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Enclosed from the
Magistrate of the
Godavari District
to the Chief Secretary
to Govt. dated 17th May
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Copy of a letter from
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- and of Cocimada
dated 27th April 1882
No 610 -
Rangoon 11th May 1882
W. J. Fraser
No 328

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Fort St. George
14 May 1866

Copy to the Magistrate,
Godavery District
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Public Works Departt.

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The Chief Commissioner of
British Burmah.
Rangoon.

Dated 14 May 1866.
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