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To

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
COLOMBO.

SIR,

I am desired by His Excellency the Governor in Council to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon, copies of correspondence relating to the death of Mr. F. E. Hall of the Madras Civil Service, which would seem to have occurred in the Merchants' Seaman's Hospital at Colombo on the morning of the 10th current.

2. I am to solicit the attention of His Excellency to the conduct of Dr. Willisford of Colombo, who was in medical attendance on Mr. Hall, and who had recommended that he should be immediately landed from the steamer at Colombo.

3. From the correspondence it would seem that Dr. Willisford, after failing to gain admittance for Mr. Hall at the house to which he directed him to be taken or at the Royal Hotel, told the officers and men from the steamer, who were in attendance on Mr. Hall, that there was nothing left but to take him to the Narandan Hospital. Dr. Willisford at the same time told them that an order for his admission was necessary; but declined, as it was midnight, to obtain the order from the Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Willisford appears then to have abandoned Mr. Hall and gone to his own house. Mr. Hall was carried to the hospital, where he was refused admission. There can, it is observed, be little doubt that, had Dr. Willisford accompanied Mr. Hall to the Narandan Hospital and described the critical condition in which he was, he would have been received into the hospital.

4. The consequence of this omission on the part of Dr. Willisford was, that Mr. Hall, although most dangerously ill, was denied admission into the hospital, was carried back that night to the steamer, was thence again sent on shore, and remained in the ship's boat till the morning of the 8th. He was then received into the Merchants' Seaman's Hospital, where he died on the 10th.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
16th September 1869.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Actg. Secy. to Govt.

From Major R. CREWE, 14th Regiment N. I., to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 13th September 1869.

It is with the deepest regret I have to announce the death at Colombo, on the morning of the 10th instant, of Mr. F. E. Hall, of the Madras Civil Service, late Assistant Collector of Mangalore. As he was changing his station to Arcot, the Medical Officer at Mangalore recommended his taking his passage by steamer round by sea to Madras to shake off an attack of fever that he had been troubled with for a fortnight or three weeks previously. He seemed to get worse from the time he got on board the steamer, and, although the Zillah Surgeon at Calicut, Mr. Roberts, and likewise Mr. Whytton at Cochin, came on board to see him, they did not look on the

fever as anything very serious. However, it flew very shortly to his head, and he became delirious; and, on the night of the 8th, when we left Tuticorin, he managed to escape to the bridge of the steamer, and it was with the greatest difficulty that he could be brought down to his cabin again. He also very nearly succeeded in getting through the stern post. A Medical Officer came on board at Colombo the evening of the 9th, and pronounced him to be labouring under the effects of typhoid, and recommended his being sent on shore immediately under his charge, which was done; but, when he was unable to get Mr. Hall into one or two places that he tried at, he seems to have left Mr. Hall in charge of the men of the ship, most unaccountably to shift for themselves. A statement of the officers of the ship is enclosed, as also a copy of the certificate granted by Dr. Willisford.

S. S. "MAHRATTA,"
COLOMBO, 7th September 1869, 8 P. M.

I have this evening visited Mr. F. E. Hall, Madras Civil Service, on board the Steamer *Mahratta*, Captain Scott.

I find him suffering from typhoid fever, with considerable disturbance of the brain and nervous system. I consider it to be of the greatest importance that he should have prompt medical attendance, which cannot be provided for him on boardship. I have, therefore, urged Captain Scott to send him ashore.

(Signed) F. W. WILLISFORD, M.D.

S. S. "MAHRATTA,"
GALLE, 9th September 1869.

To

Messrs. ALSTON, SCOTT AND Co.,
Agents, B. I. S. N. Company,
Colombo.

GENTLEMEN,

On the representation of Dr. Willisford, and in pursuance of orders received, we, the undersigned, accompanied Mr. Hall on shore in the ship's boat. On arrival at the wharf we placed him in a carriage which had been left there for the Doctor, whom we accompanied to a house where he said he could procure accommodation for him; but, on our arrival there, he informed us that the man left in charge, in the absence of the master, a Mr. Fernando refused to take the responsibility upon himself of letting us have a room, and the Doctor, therefore, proposed that we should proceed to the Royal Hotel in the fort. At this place, however, we were quite as unsuccessful, as, though they admitted that they had a spare room, they refused to give it up to a sick man, and denied him even a sofa in an outer room, which was asked for for the night. Dr. Willisford then went to a Dubash called Matthew, who kindly agreed to give Mr. Hall a sofa, but professed himself unable to find anybody to whom he could trust the task of watching him, and, as his servant had been left on the wharf in charge of his baggage, we were obliged to give up that idea. There remained then, the Doctor said, nothing but the General Hospital at Narandan to which to take him, as, for all others, it was necessary to get an order for admission from the Chief Medical Officer, which he could not undertake to procure for us at that time of night, viz., 12-30 P. M. To the General Hospital, therefore, we started, but on our way Dr. Willisford (when near his own home) left us to shift for ourselves, assuring us that we should have no difficulty in procuring admission. On our arrival there, however, the officer in charge, though we represented the circumstances of the case to him as urgent, absolutely refused to take him in without authority from Dr. Charlesford, the Chief Medical Officer, who, he stated, lived at least two miles off. On hearing this, and being all of us strangers to the place and not liking to keep the man so long in the carriage, we decided on returning to the vessel; but, on our coming alongside, the Captain ordered us to go again on shore, and not to come off till we had succeeded in placing him in one or other of the hospitals, as he considered that it would be much less injurious to him to remain a little longer in the boat than to undergo the exertion of getting on board the ship and back again to the boat at daylight. On getting ashore, we made a futile attempt to procure a carriage with the assistance of a native Policeman; but, finding that impossible, we waited for daylight, and then, having found a convey-

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We remain, Gentlemen,

Your's obediently,

(Signed) W. EAGLESEM, Third Officer.

(") J. POLLOCK, Fourth do.

(") W. K. BRADFORD, Clerk.

(") C. PROSSER, Steward.

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The Deputy Secy to Govt
Fort St. George

Sir.
It is with the deepest regret
I have to announce the death
at Colombo on the morning
of the 10th inst. of Mr.
F. S. Hale of the B. C. S. S.
Mortuary Collection of Hongkong
as he was changing his Station
to meet the District Officer
at Hongkong recommended

Genl. of 1869: 24/11/1869.

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To

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL
SECRETARY, COLOMBO.

Dated September, 16th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 16th September 1869, No. 1296.

NO. 27-20.

Addressing the Ceylon Government respect-
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H. M. M. M.
to the Genl.

General the 14th Nov.

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W. M. M. M. 14th Nov.

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True copy
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Yours
J. H. B.

Remain gentlemen
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W. Carlsson 3rd Officer
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Dr. H. Bradford 1st " "
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16. Sep/69.

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The Honble the Colonial
Secy. Colombo

Dated Sept. 16.

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Nos. 87. 88.

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