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Government of Madras

Revenue Department

G. O. No. 571.

Dated 29. 4. 1859

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No. 36. Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevelly; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George; dated Tinnevelly, 20th April 1859, No. 174.

SIR,

With reference to my letter of 16th instant, I have the honor to inform you that it has been ascertained that Captain Robertson sailed in the *Pownah* from Manaar on March 28th for Tuticorin, that she was 2 days in sight of land, and that she must have met with heavy weather in the gulf. Nothing has been heard of him from the above date, and it is the opinion of sea-going men at Tuticorin that if the *Pownah* has not foundered, she must be either drifting about in some way disabled, and perhaps short of provisions, or have found shelter at the Maldive Islands. In the latter supposition however it is reasonable to suppose that intelligence of Captain Robertson's being there would have been received in Ceylon. A vessel however which arrived from Colombo yesterday reported that no intelligence of the *Pownah* had been received, and that it was known there that she was missing.

2. I understand that the Steamer "*Pearl*" is now plying between Manaar and Colombo, and I have the honor to suggest that if Government think fit the Ceylon Government may be requested to send on the "*Pearl*" in search.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, No. 570; dated 26th April 1859,

Ordered that the following Telegram and letter be despatched, and that copies of both be furnished to the Board of Revenue, with reference to the letter from the Acting Collector to their Secretary, dated April 20, 1859, No. 174.

From Madras. To Colombo.

From Secretary to Government, Rev. Dept. To Colonial Secretary.

The *Pownah* which left Manaar for Tuticorin on twenty-eight March has not been heard of since. Can you send a Steamer to look for her.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 38. From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government; to the Colonial Secretary at Colombo; dated 26th April 1859, No. 571.

Sir,

Dated April 20th 1859.

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue Madras, reporting that the "*Pownah,*" with Captain Robertson on board, left Manaar for Tuticorin on the 28th March, and has not since been heard of. In accordance with Mr. Levinge's suggestion I am directed to request that the Ceylon Government will be good enough, if in their power, to send the "*Pearl*" or some other Steamer in search of the missing vessel.

I have this day sent you a telegraphic Message to the same purport.

R 730/09

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Inclosure

If it is thought
fit I will write to the
Captain first - if any
thing else occurs
to me - or if thought
better it may be done
by Telegraph, or both -

The Pennant is
an armed Pattamar
belonging to the Bom.
Govt Establt: she had

been sent to this port
for use in watching
the Pearl Harbor -

Mr. Robertson was
master attendant at
Juneau, & was on
[redacted] ordered to Alaska about
the [redacted] of
[redacted]
his way I [illegible] to
make enquiries about

the vessel [illegible]
[redacted]
under orders from Govt -

D.W.
2/1.25.

As it is a
question of
relative d
vessel suppose
be in distress let
us [illegible] telegraph
Juneau to
Capt. Sweet
Certainly [illegible] should
[illegible] 25-26

Rev. Dept.

Rd. Copy
Disp. 27 "
by Steamer

No. 571.

To

The Colonial Secretary at

Colombo.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from the Acting Collector of Tuticorin to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue Madras, reporting that the "Pouncil", with Captain Robertson on board, left Manaar for Tuticorin on the 25th ult. March, and has not since been heard of.

In accordance with Mr. Lewinge's suggestion I am directed to request that the Ceylon Government will be good enough, if in their

dated April 20th 1859.

Copy sent to Collr. Galle
Cy. 19 Oct. 1859. No. 216

Revenue & Customs Department
From
The Acting Collector of Tuticorin
To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George
Dated 20th April 1859.
Rec'd 26th do.

No. 174.

Sir,

I do myself the honor to inform you that I have been authorized by Captain Robertson of the Pouncil to forward the following letter addressed to him by Captain Mowat, and dated 28th March, for the consideration of the Board of Revenue.

2. Nothing has been heard of him from the above date and I am apprehensive that the Pouncil has foundered in the late gale.

I have &c.
(Signed) [illegible]
Acting Collector.

No. 174.

Forwarded that the following letter be conveyed by telegram, and that copies of despatches, and that copies of both be furnished to the Board of Revenue with reference to the letter from the Acting Collector of Tuticorin, dated April 20th 1859. No. 174.

From Madras
To Colombo
From Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Dept.

The Pouncil, which left Manaar for Tuticorin on twenty eighth March has not been heard of since. Captain Mowat has been asked to look for her.

Sent at 11 A.M. 26th April 1859.

To the Colonial Secretary at Colombo.

Rec'd 29th April 1859.

their power, to send the
"Pearl" or some other Steamer
in search of the missing
vessel.—

I have this day
sent you a telegraphic
Message to the same
purport.—

Port of George,
26th of April, 1859.

3 Copies to Bd of Rev.
Dispt 29

Copy in a Letter to Ceylon
of 19th May 1859. No 16

Revenue 1859 Despatches
Duplicate to Comr. 29th April

No 571.

To the Colonial Secretary
at Colombo.

Dated 26th April 1859.

Correspondence on
the above subject despatched
to the Ceylon Government.

No 38.