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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 14th August 1863.

No. 135. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. F. MARRIOTT, Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Marine Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Bombay Castle, 3rd August 1863, No. 873 :—

SIR,

Referring to your Telegram of the 24th June last, I am directed to forward for the information of the Government of Madras, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Marine, No. 182A, dated 24th July, reporting the arrangements made by him for despatching provisions for the Laccadive Islands.

From J. W. YOUNG, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. F. MARRIOTT, Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Marine Department, dated Bombay, 24th July 1863, No. 182A.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to inform you that the "Coromandel" which left this port with provisions for the Laccadive Islands, returned on the 19th instant, without having completed the duty on which she was sent, in consequence of the trunk of the air pump of one of her engines having broken.

2. The "Coromandel" proceeded from this on the 6th instant to Sedasheghur where having taken on board the Amendevee Monigar, she proceeded to the Islands Kiltan and Chitlac, which she supplied with as much rice as was required by the inhabitants, thence on her way to the Island Amein her engine broke down and caused her to return to this port.

3. From the Amendevee Monigar, the Government official who was sent in the "Coromandel" from Sedasheghur to distribute rice, &c., amongst the Islands, I learn that at the Islands Kiltan and Chitlac which were visited by the "Coromandel" there was no immediate distress, their stock of rice would have lasted about a month, as although the last boats of the season did not each the Islands, the first boats did, and gave a supply though an insufficient one for the whole season, and from Lieutenant Carew I learned that he had been able to procure fowls, pomegranates and cocoanuts from the Natives who came on board his ship, they are besides able to catch fish, and with the aid of these there is little fear of actual starvation amongst them.

4. The repairs of the "Coromandel" will take at least twenty days, I have therefore transferred the rice from her to the "Semiramis," and that vessel left for the Laccadives this morning. I have sent Mr. Kennelly, Assistant Dock Master in command of the "Semiramis," he having had some experience amongst the Islands, and in whom I have great confidence. Herewith I forward a proposed establishment for the "Semiramis" to which I have to solicit the approval of His Excellency in Council from the 21st instant.

5. I have great pleasure in forwarding herewith a letter from Lieutenant Carew, bringing to my notice the conduct of Mr. Downing, Chief Officer of the "Coromandel," in rescuing one of the crew of the wrecked ship "General Simpson" at the Island Chitlac, this is the second time within a short space that it has been my pleasing duty to bring this young Officer to the notice of His Excellency in Council.

No. 136. ORDER THEREON, 14th August 1863, No. 1,500.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, in continuation of the Proceedings of Government, dated 29th June 1863, No. 1,142.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 873 of 1863.

Marine Department.

Bombay Castle 3rd August 1863.

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Lieutenant Colonel W. F. Marriott,

Secretary to Government.

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Your Most Obedient Servant,

W. F. Marriott Lieut.t Colo.

Secretary to Government.

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Pro: of Govt Proceedings
No 1893.

From the Secty
to the Govt of Bombay

Dated 30 July 1863
Received 12 Sept 1863.

No 873
From Secy to Govt Bombay
Marine Dept dated 6 Nov 63
Con 2784 in Pro.
With an Encl.

Forwarding Copy of
a Letter from the Supt of Marine
Bombay, respecting the
arrangements made by
him for despatching Steamers
for Persian Gulf Ports during the
Monsoon

No 1500 — 11 Aug

With an Order of

No 1500.

Ordered that the accounts
mentioned in the Board of Rev
in continuation of the Proc
of Govt of 29th June 1863
No 1142 —

Sent to Govt
11th Aug 1863.

11 Copies sent to Bd of Revenue Cash No 15 Aug

No 1735 & 1736.