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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

20th January 1877, No. 191.

Copper Coin.

Read the following paper:—

No. 242. From G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Masulipatam, 10th January 1877, No. 58.

I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that fifty boxes containing copper coin valued at Rupees 12,000 were sent by Steam Ship *Dacca* in December last from Ganjam to this district. The steamer was wrecked on Santapilly Rocks and the treasure transferred to S.S. *Asia*. When the latter arrived at Masulipatam, four of the boxes fell from the slings of the ship into the sea in four fathoms water. Captain Richardson, the Master Attendant, was on board the steamer. A copy of his letter giving particulars of the loss is herewith enclosed for the information of Government. There seems no doubt that the Company is responsible for the loss, and I have sent a copy of Captain Richardson's letter to Messrs. Maiden and Co., intimating to them that the loss should be made good to Government by the Company.

2. The remaining forty-six boxes have been received into the Treasury.

3. Messrs. Mackinnon and Co. have telegraphed from Calcutta to Messrs. Maiden and Co., Agents to the Company at Masulipatam, to obtain guarantee against "average" charges before delivering the S.S. *Dacca's* salvage cargo. I request the sanction of Government to send the Agents a letter of guarantee as required.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Captain H. RICHARDSON, Master Attendant, Masulipatam, to the Collector of the Kistna District, dated Masulipatam, 2nd January 1877.

I have the honor to report having received forty-six (46) boxes of specie from the S.S. *Asia*, directed to the Collector, Masulipatam, which had been saved out of the S.S. *Dacca*, a total wreck in the Santapilly Rocks.

2. I am sorry to have to report the loss of four boxes of the specie, I believe all copper, valued at Rupees 960, through the impetuosity of the Chief Officer of the Steamer, who did not give the cargo boat time to come properly along side until he had a sling (a net) with a line hanging over the ship's side; the rolling of the boat and ship caused the gunwale of the boat to strike under the sling; it unhooked from the tackle and tumbled overboard, although I had ropes and buoys in the boat to attach to all the boxes. The officer of the ship would not give time to have anything done or the buoys to be handed up out of the boat to attach to the boxes.

3. Captain Bellwood used all precaution possible by placing two buoys immediately over the net and specie, and wrote to the Agent, Mr. Maiden, reporting the loss and directing him how to proceed. The Company are clearly liable for the loss. I have advised Mr. Maiden to telegraph to the Company to get authority to offer Rupees 200 salvage, as in that case I think the natives here would use some exertions to recover it; otherwise there is not much chance; it is in twenty-four feet of water, but covered overhead in mud.

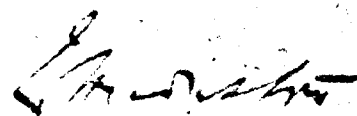
4. I beg leave to draw your attention to the inadequacy of the guard furnished for this duty—a decrepit old Police Serjeant and *two* men; the specie had to be divided into two boats; therefore there was but one man in one boat to protect such a large amount of Government property.

No. 243.

ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1877, No. 191.

unicated to the Accountant-General and to the Master Attendant, Madras.
The Government Solicitor will furnish the Collector with the form of letter
of guarantee approved for adoption here.

.(True Extract.)



Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.

- „ Master Attendant, Madras.
- „ Collector of the Kistna District.
- „ Government Solicitor.
- „ Revenue Department.

Ed. T. O'Connor.

Reserve Debt

82/750

Cont. of 1877 *settled*

FINANCIAL.

To THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL.
McC. &c.

From January 20th.

Paid *25*

Post *22* End

G.O. 30th January 1877, No. 191.

to Mr. McC.

JANUARY.
Nos. 212243.

*Copy of the accompanying letter from the
Collector of the Krishna District reporting that
four boxes containing copper coin saved from the
 wreck of the S.S. "Plover" fell overboard the S.S.
 "Star" at Madrasport.*

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*Secretary to the
Hon. Secy. to Govt.*

24 Jan'y 77

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