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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following

Letter from the Presidency Port office,
 Madras, No 1261/323 G, dated 25th September
 1896:—

With reference to the foundering
 of the barque "Kervetta Elizabeth" of
 Negapatam at sea while on a voyage
 from Negapatam to Namcoory - vide
 account in the "Madras Times" of this
 date, I have the honour to enquire
 whether Government consider that a
 prosecution should be instituted against
 the owner and the master of the vessel
 under Section 5 of Act No VII of 1880.

2. It seems to me that a prosecution
 is necessary in view of preventing native
 owned vessels from being sent to sea
 in an unseaworthy condition. There
 are a number of old sailing vessels of
 European build owned by natives engaged
 in the coasting trade, and from their
 age and appearance I am inclined to
 think that very few are really in a
 seaworthy condition.

3. The "Kervetta Elizabeth" appears
 to have been surveyed at Singapore
 on the 18th September 1895.

Letter

Letter from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, Burma Commerce Department, No 548/15-27, dated 23rd September 1896.

I am directed to forward a copy of the correspondence cited in the margin on the subject of the foundering of the native barque "Henrietta Elizabeth" on the 25th July 1896. The Chief Commissioner intended to appoint a special court under the Indian Merchant Shipping Act 1883 to ascertain the facts of the case. But as the surviving members of the crew including the Naoda and two Malays, left this port by the S.S. "Patiala" for Negapatam on the 19th September 1896 an enquiry at Rangoon is now impracticable.

Letter No 343/15-27, dated the 12th September 1896, to the Chief Commissioner Andamans. Endorsement No 1062, dated the 10th September 1896 (with three annexures) from the Commissioner of Arakan.

2. In these circumstances I am to suggest that if His Excellency the Governor in Council see fit, orders may be issued under section 7 of the Indian Merchant Shipping Act V of 1883 by the Government of Madras for an investigation into the circumstances under which the vessel was lost.

Order thereon No 690 Marine & 7th October 1896

His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to appoint, under the Indian

Indian Merchant and Shipping Act V of 1883, a special Court of Inquiry to investigate the circumstances connected with the loss of the native barque "Henrietta Elizabeth". The Court will assemble at Negapatam, and will consist of the Head Assistant Magistrate, Tanjore District, as President; and as members the Post officer Negapatam, and a local merchant to be nominated by the President. The name of the mercantile member will be reported for the approval of Government.

2. Ordered that the following telegram be forwarded to the Head Assistant Magistrate, Negapatam.

Under Indian Merchant Shipping Act 1883 Government directs Court of Inquiry at Negapatam into loss of native barque "Henrietta Elizabeth". You are appointed President and Post officer Negapatam member. Report for approval name of local merchant as second member. Papers follow.

(True Extract)

The H^d Asst Magistrate, Tanjore District, Negapatam, with papers in original to be returned. Presidency Post officer. Revenue Department. Col. R.E. Secretary.

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