

(No. 3912.)

“ BELLAPORT.”

FINDING of a Court of Inquiry held on the fourteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, at the British Vice-Consulate, Iquique, to inquire into the loss of the British barque “BELLAPORT,” official number 79,121, of Workington, 1,030 tons, through stranding in Iquique Bay on the 12th August 1889, whereby five lives were lost.

The Court finds that, although the master may have been justified in sailing so late in the day and with so little wind, he showed want of judgment when the wind failed in not anchoring his vessel at once, and when nearing the coast in not having his boats out, the lashings off the chain, and the leadline marked—further for not having signalled for assistance from the other vessels in the bay, which were only about a mile and a half distant.

In view of the foregoing, the Court decides to suspend his certificate for the term of six months from date.

(Signed) H. BUCKLAND,  
Acting British Vice-Consul,  
President.

JAMES A. PETTIE, British Merchant.  
GEORGE CHRISTIE, British Merchant.  
ROBERT KEY JEFFERY, Master Mariner,  
and Surveyor to Lloyd's Agent at  
this port.  
JOHN KITCHEN, Master of “John  
Lockett.”  
R. FREDK. WHITEFORD, Clerk of the  
Court.