

(No. 4445.)

"ELLENBANK."

FINDING of a Marine Court of Inquiry, held at Singapore, on the 30th November 1891, into the loss of the British ship "ELLENBANK," of Liverpool, 1,426 tons, through stranding on the S.E. coast of Sumatra.

Finding.

The Court, having carefully considered the available evidence produced before it regarding the circumstances leading to the stranding and loss of the British ship "Ellenbank," official No. 89,477, on the night of the 8th November 1891, finds as follows:—That the said ship was stranded owing to the vessel having been allowed, while in ballast, and in such trim that she was unable to tack, to be embayed in Semanka or Keyser Bay, from which she failed to extricate herself.

While on the port tack, with the wind from the south-eastward, she endeavoured to weather Cape Rada, but having stood on too long, in attempting to wear the vessel would not come to the wind, owing to the strong current setting into the bay, and struck on Cape Rada, on a lee shore, where she had to be abandoned. As it was uncertain when the master (who has remained on the scene of the wreck) will arrive at Singapore, and as the witnesses could no longer be detained, this inquiry was held in the absence of the master.

Nothing has been produced in evidence which would show any act of negligence on the part of the master calling for the suspension of his certificate.

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