

The only exceptions to this rule are the Colonies of Malta, Mauritius, and Ceylon, where the Local Governments have accepted the responsibility of repaying any expenses which may be incurred on behalf of Distressed Natives of those Colonies.

In the case of Malta, you are aware that the Local Government authorize Her Majesty's Consuls to afford Relief at the rate of 10d. a day each, and to defray the return passages home of all really distressed Maltese who may present themselves for relief, and periodical Bills may be drawn by Her Majesty's Consuls on the Maltese Government for the expenses thus incurred.

In the colony of Mauritius an Ordinance has been passed, in which it is enacted that whenever a British Consul shall have paid the expenses of sending back to the Mauritius any Distressed Native of that Colony or its Dependencies, or any Person naturalized as a British Subject in the Colony, the expenses will be repaid out of the Poor Relief Fund; but the Government are desirous that whenever it is practicable Her Majesty's Consuls should communicate with them before availing themselves of these powers.

With respect to Ceylon, it has been decided that Her Majesty's Consuls may assist Natives of that Colony in any case, and on the same terms as Natives of the United Kingdom.

I am to call your particular attention to the foregoing Instructions, and to request that they may be strictly complied with.

I am, Sir,  
Your most obedient humble Servant,  
(Signed) JAMES MURRAY.  
Her Majesty's Consul.

(CIRCULAR.)

DOWNING STREET, 1st April, 1869.

SIR,

With reference to the Circular Despatch from this Department of the 6th of February, 1868, enclosing a copy of a Circular, issued by the United States Government, relative to the necessity of Vessels bound for those States being furnished with full Manifests of cargo, I now transmit to you a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Savannah, addressed to the Board of Trade, calling attention to the frequent arrival at that Port of British Vessels with unlawful Manifests.

I have to request that you will take such steps as may be necessary for calling the attention of Persons interested in Shipping in the Colony under your Government to the Penalties referred to in the enclosed Despatch for non-compliance with the Law of the United States in this respect.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient humble Servant,  
GRANVILLE.

The Officer Administering  
The Government of  
Prince Edward Island.

BRITISH CONSULATE, SAVANNAH,  
22nd December, 1868.

SIR,

I have the honor to address you with regard to a subject which, from despatches now at this Consulate, I find that Mr. Consul William Tasker Smith has already brought before the notice of the Board of Trade.

It is of frequent occurrence that British vessels enter at this port with unlawful Manifests, and the Masters generally plead ignorance of the laws in excuse for so doing.

As it is of course necessary to conform to the laws of the United States of America in this matter, and impossible to assist Masters transgressing them, I would most respectfully call the attention of the Board of Trade to the expediency of making public, as far as possible, that without a lawful Manifest (such as I find are printed by James Brown, Tower Street, Liverpool, which is the same for all legal purposes as the printed copy of In-

ward Foreign Manifest which I have the honor to enclose for the inspection of the Board), all vessels entering at this port are subjected to a fine of twenty-five dollars American currency and upwards.

There can be no doubt but that the Masters of vessels are in many instances much to blame for not making themselves acquainted with the United States laws, but regarding it as my duty to make known to the Board of Trade such facts as they occur in this consular district, I have respectfully reported the same.

(Signed) WM. HOTHAM BENNETT,  
Her Britannic Majesty's Acting Consul.  
The Secretary Board of Trade.

### In the Court of Insolvent Debtors.

*In re Joseph Smallwood, of Township Number Five, in Prince County, in Prince Edward Island, Farmer and Miller, an Insolvent Debtor.*

Notice is hereby given, that on application of Joseph Smallwood, Farmer and Miller, of Township Number Five, in the county of Prince, in Prince Edward Island, made to his Honor the Commissioner in Insolvency, pursuant to "The Unfortunate Debtors' Act, 1868," I do, by his Honor's directions, hereby appoint Tuesday, the Third day of August next, at the Court House, in Charlottetown, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as the time and place for meeting of the creditors of the said Joseph Smallwood, for the purpose of examining into the state of his affairs, and considering the terms of a compromise to be offered by him under the said Act.

Dated the twenty-eighth day of April, 1869.

F. W. HUGHES, Clerk.

F. S. Longworth, Attorney.

Prince Edward Island, }  
Ch'town, to wit. }

*In re Joseph Smallwood, of Township Number Five, in Prince County, in Prince Edward Island, Farmer and Miller, an Insolvent Debtor.*

Notice is hereby given to all parties concerned, that I have been this day appointed Assignee of Joseph Smallwood, an Insolvent Debtor, in terms of the "Unfortunate Debtors' Act, 1868," and do hereby require all persons having any property of the said Insolvent Debtor, or being in any way indebted to him, to deliver and pay the same to me.

Dated the twenty-eighth day of April, 1869.

A. McNEILL, Ch'town, Assignee of  
Joseph Smallwood, Insolvent Debtor.

### In the Court of Insolvent Debtors.

32nd Vic., A. D. 1869.

Prince Edward Island, }  
Queen's County. }

*In re James McCraith, of Charlottetown, in the said Island, Merchant, an Insolvent Debtor.*

Whereas, at a meeting of the creditors of the said Insolvent Debtor, held on the Twenty-first day of April, instant, after arguments, it was ordered, that as the Schedules of the said Insolvent Debtor were insufficient, he have leave to amend the same; and that upon the Schedules, as amended, being filed, a meeting of the said creditors shall hereafter be called; and whereas the said Schedules, as amended, are now on file in the Records of this Honorable Court, I do order that a meeting of the said creditors be held on Saturday, the Thirty-first day of July next, at the Court House, in Charlottetown, aforesaid, at Eleven o'clock, a. m., for the purposes of the said meeting, first above mentioned; and that this order be published in the *Royal Gazette* newspaper, for three months from the date hereof.

Dated the 29th day of April, A. D. 1869.

CHARLES YOUNG,

Judge or Com.

On motion of Solicitor General, of counsel for Insolvent Debtor.

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