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Report by Procurator Fiscal at Tobermory as to the death of Mathew Byrne Mate, Robert Mackay, Thomas Wedick, James Donley or Donelly, James Kehoe, - all seamen and residing in Arklow, and Herman Hallander, a Cook and native of Gottenburg, Sweden

The deceased were all serving on board the Brigantine "Nancy" of Dublin of the burthen of 300 tons and of which Richard Kerrow of Arklow was Master -

This ship sailed from Liverpool on Friday 6th February 1885 laden with a cargo of Salt bound for New Castle upon Tyne. They rounded Skerryvore Lighthouse at 2 A M of Sunday the

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the 8th February 1885 -

About 5 A M of the same morning the weather being thick and stormy the vessel struck on the Dubhsker an outlying rock about three miles to the North West of Craignish Point on the island of Tiree - The Captain and three of the Crew were on the deck at the time, the other three being below in their berths - The vessel immediately after striking split in two and Sank, The Captain who was standing on the Poop was floated away on it, and he says that he saw none of the crew as they went down with the Ship - The Captain drifted landwards, and after being on

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the piece of Wreck for ten hours was landed on a small outlying Island a short distance from Craignish Point, on the afternoon of Sunday he was seen by some men from the shore of Tiree and they tried to launch a boat to go to his assistance but the surf on the beach was so great and the wind so strong on the lee shore that they were unable to do so, The island on which the man was standing was within 100 yards of the shore, and when the men found themselves unable to reach him they tried to pass a rope to him but failed in this also, and darkness coming on they had to leave, - They returned next

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next morning about six o'clock and the weather then having somewhat moderated and the tide being low they waded into the sea and got within forty yards of the rock and by attaching a stone to the end of a rope they succeeded in throwing it to him and after attaching it round his waist they pulled him thro' the surf to the shore and so rescued him, He was on the rock all night and was much exhausted after an exposure of upwards of 24 hours, He gave the name of Richard Kerrow and informed them that he was master of the

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the "Nancy" which had struck the previous morning on a rock about three miles from land and that the crew with the exception of himself had all been drowned, that the vessel split into two and sunk almost

immediately after striking and that he was floated away on the Poop on which he was standing at the time the vessel struck -

None of the bodies have come ashore –

The above facts were ascertained on the spot by an Examination of the following Witnesses

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- 1 Richard Kerrow, Master of “Nancy” of Dublin residing at Arklow
- 2 Alexander Cameron, Moss Island of

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of Tiree aged 31

- 3 William McNeil Fisherman Balevullin Tiree aged 30
- 4 Niel McMillan Fisherman Balevullin Tiree aged 30
- 5 Murdoch MacLeod Police Officer Tiree

Tobermory 17th March 1885 *[signed]* Will. Sproat Proc. Fiscal.

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RESULT OF A PRECOGNITION
TOUCHING THE DEATH OF THE UNDERMENTIONED PERSON
17 AND 18 VICT. c. 80 § 40

Name and Surname – Thomas Wedick

1. Rank or Profession, and whether Single,
Married or, Widowed Seaman on board Brigantine “Nancy” of Dublin - Single
- 2 When and where Died, 8th February 1885 Drowned by wreck of above vessel on rock 3
Usual residence miles west of Tiree Island
Arklow, Ireland
- 3 Sex Male
- 4 Age 21
- 5 Name, Surname, and Rank ort Profession . Michael Wedick
of Father (when known)
Name and Maiden Surname of Mother Not known
(when known)
- 6 Cause of Death, Duration of Disease and Drowning by wreck of above vessel on rock three miles
West of
Medical Attendant by whom certified, Tiree Island
- 7 Burial place, and Undertaker, by whom Body not found
certified

[signed] Will Sproat Procurator Fiscal

PROCURATOR-FISCAL’S OFFICE

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Inventory of Precognition death of Mathew Burns and 5 others

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1. Report
2. Schedule for Registrar death of Mathew Burns
3. Schedule for Registrar death of Robert Macke
4. Schedule for Registrar death of Thomas Wordock
5. Schedule for Registrar death of James Donley
6. Schedule for Registrar death of James Keho
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Loss of the "Nancy"

County of Wickow

Wicklow 16 March '85

The annexed letter from the Procurator Fiscal's office is sent so that you may obtain from R. Kearon the required statement which you will return me with this file –

[signed] J Loch I.D.I.

[to... C..... ..y] Arklow 17 March 85

I beg to state that Capt Richard Kearon left this town on 16th inst & is now on board the Brigantne "Belle Star" lying at Newry where she is to

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remain for three weeks.

I give the names &c of the crew of the "Nancy" as copied from the papers obtained from Capt. Kearon and which are now in possession of his cousin Richard Kearon Shipowner of Arklow

Name	Age	names of parents
Mathew Byrne	27	Felix Byrne
Robt Mackey	23	Eliza Mackey
Jas. Donnelly	24	Laurence Donnelly
Thos Wedick	21	Miekl Wedick
James Kehoe	21	William Kehoe

Herman Hallander native of Gottenberg, Sweden age & parents unknown

Jno. Gormby H. C. 17567

J Loch Esq I.D.I

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Wicklow 20 March 1885

Dear Sir,

Your letter was forwarded to me from Mr. [Ha.....d] the Commissioner of the D. M. P. and I sent it to my Head Constable at Arklow for the information you required –

His report I beg to enclose and if it does not contain all that is necessary if you were to forward it to Newry where Capt. Kearon is at present you may be able to obtain all necessary particulars -

Yours faithfully

J Loch I.D.A.R.J.C.

William Sproat Procurator Fiscal's Office Tobermory N. B.