

# Basic Detail Report

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**Title**

Certificate of Competency as a Master issued to James Kerr

**Date**

1870

**Medium**

Paper, ink - wooden frame with gilt margin, glass Iron gall ink, red stamp parchment

**Dimensions**

Overall: 236 × 300 mm

**Name**

Certificate

**History**

The Mission to Seamen began in 1855 after Rev Dr John Ashley led the way by offering support and spiritual care to mariners in Bristol, England. The Anglican Church took up his work throughout the world by establishing Missions to Seaman in ports across the globe, numbering today around 200. Their role was to support mariners spiritually and grew to offer recreation facilities and practical support such as accommodation, legal advice, and transport and communication facilities.