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Shipwreck and Loss of Life. We understand by a return from Skerryvore Lighthouse Works, that the barque *Formosa*, 336 tons register, P. R. Rieck master, from Liverpool to Konigsberg, was wrecked on the morning of the 1st September, at one a.m. on a rock called the Mare's Rock, about three miles from Ben-hough, Island of Tyree. She went on her beam ends, and the carpenter Heinrich Diarch, and a sailor Edward Bonke, were lost. The captain and remaining nine of a crew kept by the rigging till nine in the morning, when, by the praiseworthy exertions of Archibald Maclean, they were taken off. The value of the vessel is about £3750; the cargo consisted of cotton and salt. Both vessel and cargo are lost. Her timbers and spars are now being picked up in various places between the Island of Tyree and Skerryvore, The crew have lost everything, including the ship's papers and their own clothes. The Captain, we believe, attributes the loss of the vessel to his having been deceived by the strength of the current.

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