

S.S. Chungtu  
Thursday Island  
Aug 21/1902

Mrs M. Denbigh  
Dear Madam

It is with sincere  
regret I have to inform you of the  
death at sea of your relative  
Capt J. E. Williams on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst.

Capt Williams was long a sufferer  
from chronic bronchitis and a severe  
cold which he caught in Sydney  
brought about the end. We buried  
him the following day on Brampton  
Island. This Island is situated 20  
miles north of Port Macquay on the  
Queensland coast and is about  
240 miles from Townsville. Capt  
Williams is buried on the N.E.  
corner of the island in a grove  
of palm trees the grave is marked  
by a high cam of beach stones  
painted white a wooden

cross is also erected and will be  
replaced later by a stone & brass  
name plate. His personal effects &  
papers have been packed up &  
will be delivered to his executors  
in Hong Kong. Capt Williams  
was one of the best known & most  
highly respected ship masters on  
the Japan China Australian run  
and is sincerely regretted here by  
all on board and by his friends  
in the different ports. As I cannot  
find any address to which I can  
write his son Fred I shall be  
obliged if you would do so  
I remain  
Yours Sincely  
W B Brown  
Acting Master.