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EMENDATION OF THE NAME *PERONELLA RULLANDI* (KOEHLER)
(ECHINODERMATA : ECHINOIDEA)

While reporting on the echinoid collections made by the *R. I. M. S. "INVESTIGATOR"*, Koehler (1922, p. 103) described a new species, *Laganum rullandi*, apparently naming the species after the type-locality mentioned by him as "Rulland, 35 fms." Later, Mortensen (1948, p. 300) transferred the species to the genus *Peronella* using the same spelling, *P. rullandi* and stated (p. 301) that he did not find any locality of this name (*i. e.*, Rulland) in any of the maps available to him or in the list of stations of the "*INVESTIGATOR*". An examination by the present author of the labels in the bottle containing the type-specimens (damaged) showed the type-locality printed as "Rutland, 35 fms." The accession register (*Z. S. I. Reg. No. F 89/1*) also reads "Rutland" of the S. Andaman Is. Obviously, Koehler named the species as *L. rullandi* misreading the spelling of the locality "as Rulland" and is a *lapsus calami* within the purview of the *INTERNATIONAL RULES ON ZOOLO-*

GICAL NOMENCLATURE [Art. 32 a (ii)]. In the light of Art. 32 c and Art. 19, the original incorrect name needs to be emended suitably (Mayr, 1969, p. 355). Therefore, *Peronella rullandi* (Koehler, 1922) is emended as *Peronella rutlandi* (Koehler, 1922) *emend. nov.* [Art. 33a (i)]. Dr. R. V. Melville, Secretary of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, has supported this change when applied to (personal communication, letter dated May 4th, 1979 from Miss Ailsa M. Clark).

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