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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, from 13th to 27th May 1859.

No. 11. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 28th April 1859, No. 1712.

In the letter from the late Marine Board of the 24th November 1847, No. 1416, it was reported that the Agent to the P. and O. Company at Calcutta had arranged with the Bengal Government that Specie should be conveyed between Madras and Calcutta, and Madras and Galle at a freight of ¼ per Cent, and this rate has been adhered to until lately. On the occasion of dispatching 10 lacs of Rupees to Calcutta by the "Nubia" on the 22nd Ultimo, the Agent at Madras has, however, charged ½ per Cent freight, explaining that in November 1856, he received a revised tariff from the Managing Directors of his Company, in which this rate was inserted without any exception in favor of Government.

2. It appears to me but reasonable that Government, who pay a heavy subsidy to the P. and O. Company for keeping up the line, should expect some reduction in freight and passage required on the public service. The principle has been admitted both here and at Home, for the Imperial Government have always bound the Company in their Mail Contracts to carry a certain number of Cabin and Deck passengers at two thirds the rate charged to private Individuals; and in this Country the passage money for Soldiers has been less than for others. I would therefore respectfully solicit that the question be brought to the notice of the Honorable Council for India, with a view to the Indian Government participating in the advantages enjoyed by the Imperial Government as regards passengers; and as regards freight on specie to a reduction being made in the freight of like proportion.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 21st May 1859, No. 292.

Resolved that the foregoing letter be brought under the consideration of the Government of India, in view to arrangements being made with the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company for such reduction as may seem proper in the charge for freight on the Public Treasure.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 13. TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, 21st May 1859, No. 293.

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to request you will submit to the Government of India, the accompanying copy of a communication from the Superintendent of Marine, bringing to notice that on the occasion of despatching Government Treasure to Calcutta by the Steamer "Nubia" on the 22nd March last, the Agent of the P. and O. S. N. Company at Madras charged ½ per Cent freight, being double the rate at which Specie has heretofore been conveyed under an arrangement entered into by the Agent at Calcutta with the Bengal Government. In explanation of this increased charge, the Agent states that in 1856, he received a revised tariff from the Managing Directors of his Company, in which the rate was inserted without any exception in favor of Government.

Dated 28th April 1859, *No.* 1712.

2. As the former rate depended on an arrangement between the P. and O. Company and the Supreme Government, I am desired to refer the matter to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council in order that, if thought proper, measures may be taken for effecting a reduction in the charge for freight of Government Treasure.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

Financial Depart.t

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To

The R.t H.d Lord Stanley
Sec.y of State for India

My Lord,

We have the honor
to ~~bring~~ lay before your
Lordship Copy of a Com-
munication from the
Superintendent of Marine
bringing to notice that
on the occasion of des-
-patching Gov.t Treasure
to Calcutta by the Steamer
"Kabeia" on the 22.d March
last the Agent of the P.
& O. S. N. Company at
Kurrae charged 1/2 per
Cent freight, being double
the rate at which spe-
-cie ~~was~~ has heretofore been
-ceived under an ar-
-rangement entered into
by the Agent at Calcutta
with the Bengal Govern-
-ment. In explanation
of this increased charge
the

Dated 28 April 1859 - No 1712

I doubt the expediency of the 2nd & 3rd Paragraphs of the draft. The advantage of the arrangement as part of the contract is open to much question - & I am not prepared to advocate its extension -

As regards the main question of the rimand charge for freight & Treasure, as the former rate depended on an arrangement between H.M.'s Govt & the Company & the Supreme Govt, one of which will not support a reference to be made to that Govt.

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the Agent stated that, in 1850, he had received a revised Tariff from the Managing Director of this Company, in which the rate was inserted without any exception in favor of Government.

2. The Superintendent of Marine points out that the Imperial Government have always bound the Company in their Mail Con- -tract to carry a certain number of passengers at two thirds the rate charged to private individuals, and in this Country the passage money for Soldiers has been less than for others. and consider- -ing the heavy subsidy paid to the P. & O. Company for keeping up the Line, he thinks that the same ad- -vantages should be ex- -tended to the Indian Government.

3. In bringing the question under the con- -sideration of your Lord- -ship, we should hope that measures may be taken for arranging with the P. & O. S. S. Company for such reduction as may seem proper in the charge for freight and passage re- -quired on the public ser- -vice in India.

JP

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Read the following
letter from the Superin-
tendent of Marine.

(Dated 28 April 1859. No 772)

Order thereon. 21 May 1859 No 992

Resolved that the
foregoing letter be brought
under the consideration
of India
of the Home Government,
in order to arrangements
being made with the
P. & O. Steam Navigation
Company for such reduc-
tion as may seem pro-
per in the charge for
~~passage acquired~~ freight and
the public ~~Service to~~ Treasure
India.

JP.

See my remarks
on the draft letter
W.

To the Supt of Marine. Despd. 28th

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To

The Secy. to the Govt. of India

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Dated 28th April 1839 No. 1712.

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Entering the letter from the Superintendent of Marine respecting the increased Charge made by the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co. for freight on Specie conveyed to Bombay on Govt. account

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Fort St. George,
21 May 1859.

I have &c.

Endorsed Lieut to June 59.

Rec'd from Govt of Bengal Financial 1859 Dept.

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To
The Secy: to the Govt. of
India

Dated 21st May 59.

Rec'd 4 July 59
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