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MARINE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council in the Home Department, (Marine), under date the 15th May 1861.

Read letter from the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, No. 151, dated the 16th ultimo, and letter from the Civil Finance Commission, dated the 20th idem, regarding the re-organization and re-constitution of the Bengal Marine Establishments.

1. The Finance Commission have submitted the following proposals :—

1st.—That the Pilotage Fees be increased by 50 per cent.

2nd.—That half the Pilotage Fees be allowed to Pilots on the Free List, in order to induce the members of the present Pilot Service to enter it, and thereby cause the gradual absorption of the service.

3rd.—That gratuities to Pilots be prohibited, their reception being made penal, subjecting the recipient to dismissal.

4th.—That further appointments from England to the Pilot Service be discontinued.

5th.—That the number of Pilot Vessels be reduced from 7 to 4 in Commission, with one spare vessel.

6th.—That 800 Rupees per mensem be saved by substituting for the four standing Mate Pilots in charge of the Pilot Vessels, supernumerary Officers of the Sea-going Marine.

7th.—That the extra Crew kept up for relieving the Crews at the Pilot Stations be dispensed with, thereby saving 567 Rupees a month, plus the cost of provisions.

8th.—That Native Crews for Government Vessels be engaged through the Shipping Office, from which an eventual reduction in the rate of wages is anticipated.

9th.—That the river Flotilla be reduced to six* Steamers and Flats, all the others being put out of Commission, and each vessel out of Commission having an establishment as under :—

Commander.

Engineer.

Two Lascars.

Two Stokers.

10th.—That the allowance on account of Provisions for Native Crews be reduced from four Annas a day to Rupees 4-6-1 per mensem, producing an estimated saving of Rupees 73,068.

11th.—That the Naval Store-keeper be relieved of the duty of supplying provisions for Ships' Crews and for out-stations and Port Blair, and that the duty be transferred to the Commissariat.

12th.—That the application made by the Government of Bengal to England for Engineers for the Dock Yard be countermanded.

13th.—That the Dock Yard be employed in preparing half wroughts for the Ordnance Department, and that a Saw Mill be set up in the Dock Yard for the joint demands of the Marine and Military Departments, and partially perhaps for the Public Works Department.

The Civil Finance Commission further suggest the abolition of the Presidency Timber Agency; and in order to avoid competition for Timber in the same market by two or three Departments, and to ensure greater economy in the application of Timber, they recommend that the Timber of all three* Departments should be bought by one purchasing Officer, and distributed through the Agency of the Dock Yard Surveyor and Builder.

* Ordnance.
Marine.
Public Works.

14th.—That the Office establishments of the Dock Yards be increased from Rupees 2,399 per mensem to Rupees 3,826, and that a Controller of the Dock Yard be appointed on a salary of 1,000 Rupees per mensem.

15th.—That the Dock Yard be removed from the Government of Bengal and placed under the Supreme Government.

16th.—That the Cash and Store accounts of the Dock Yard be audited by the Examiner of Ordnance Accounts, with an Establishment for the purpose of 750 Rupees a month.

17th.—That the Office of Superintendent of Marine be abolished.

18th.—That the business of the Pilot service, and of the Port Establishments of Bengal be conducted by the Master Attendant of Calcutta in direct communication with the Government of Bengal.

19th.—That the business of the Inland Steam service be made over to the Controller of the Dock Yard, who is to be under the Government of India.

20th.—That a Naval Secretary to the Government of India be appointed.

21st.—That the distribution of the other duties now performed by the Superintendent of Marine be provided for as follows:—

I. Contracts, purchases, new work and repairs to be sanctioned by the Naval Secretary.

II. Tenders for Dock Yard Contracts to be invited by the Controller of the Dock Yard. Those for the conveyance of Troops to be obtained by the Master Attendant and the Naval Secretary to convey to these Officers the requisite sanction of the Government of India.

III. Indents to be passed by Examiners of Ordnance and Marine Accounts, save in doubtful cases when he can refer to the Naval Secretary.

IV. Bills for Commissariat supplies to be paid under the check of the Commissariat Examiner, and for other supplies on that of the Naval Examiner; in the latter case the pay Department to disburse the amount.

V. The valuation statements of work done in the Dock Yard to be compiled by the Naval Examiner, who will also pass contingent charges, referring doubtful items, in the first instance to the Naval Secretary.

VI. The demand for Port and Pilotage dues, which is initiated by the Master Attendant, to be placed under the check of the Audit Department, which at present takes account of the collections without having verified the demand.

VII. The present compilation of accounts in the Superintendent's Office to cease.

VIII. The Certificates of the Naval Secretary to the Bills for freight and passage to be no longer necessary. The points established by the Certificates to be verified by the Departments which have to adjust the freight and passage money.

IX. The correspondence with District Authorities regarding the Inland Steam Service to be partly transferred to the Steam Boat Office, and partly obviated by the Agency of Local Military Authorities.

22nd. That the Steam Boat Office Establishment be united with that of Controller of the Dock Yard, and that the Crews of Inland Steam Vessels be paid by the Officer in charge of the Steam Boat Office.

23rd. That the accounts of the Seamen's Registry Office be examined by the Accountant to the Government of Bengal.

24th. That the Arracan Flotilla be reduced.

25th. That the cost of the Establishments on the Assam line be saved, the line being taken up by a private Company.

26th. That four Gun-boats be dispensed with.

27th. That two of the Beaulahs maintained for the use of the Marine Authorities be dispensed with.

28th. That the present Marine Stock of Iron and Copper be reduced by transfer to other Departments.

2. The Lieutenant Governor of Bengal concurs generally with the Finance Commission in the above proposals, the only material point of difference being that the Lieutenant Governor thinks that the Pilotage Fees should be raised by 25 per cent. only, and that the Free List Pilots should be allowed 60 per cent. of that increased amount, which is equal to 50 per cent. of the larger increased amount proposed to be given to them by the Commission. The Lieutenant Governor proposes however to reduce the allowance to 50 per cent. to *Licensed Pilots, i. e.* Pilots coming from outside, and not from the Pilot service, limiting at the same time all future accessions to the Pilot Establishment to this class.

Proposals Nos. 1 to 6.

3. With regard to the proposals affecting the Pilot Establishment the Governor General in Council approves of the plan suggested by the Lieutenant Governor, and authorizes His Honor to communicate as proposed with the Chamber of Commerce on the subject of the increase of Pilotage Fees and the abolition of gratuities.

His Excellency in Council considers that the Lieutenant Governor is right as to the reserve of three Pilot vessels, instead of one as proposed by the Finance Commission. The suggestion to substitute supernumerary Officers of the Sea-going Marine for the standing Mates of Pilot vessels may be carried out, if it should appear to the Lieutenant Governor that a real saving will be effected thereby, as soon as any such Officers become available.

Proposals 9 and 10.

4. The Governor General in Council approves of the proposals for reducing the River Flotilla, observing that the Lieutenant Governor's opinion that two steamers should be retained in a thoroughly serviceable state, is sound and should be acted upon.

Proposal No. 11.

5. The transfer to the Commissariat Department of the charge of supplying provisions for Ships' Crews and to Port Blair seems very desirable. It should be referred for consideration and report to the Military Finance Department.

Proposal 12.

6. The Government of Bengal should address the Secretary of State with a view to countermand the order for the Engineers who have been applied for for the steam workshop.

Proposal 13.

7. The Governor General in Council apprehends that there will be no difficulty in arranging that the Dock Yard shall prepare half wroughts for the Ordnance Department. The suggestion should however be referred to the Military Finance Department for consideration, with a request that, if there is no objection, the arrangement may be made as soon as the Dock Yard is ready to undertake the work. The proposition that the Presidency Timber Agency be abolished and that the Dock Yard shall purchase all Timber required by the Marine Department, the Ordnance Department, and the Public Works Department, should also be referred to the Military Finance Department, and likewise to the Public Works Department, so far as that Department is concerned.

Proposals 14 to 23.

8. These proposals have reference to the re-organization and re-constitution of the Marine Department, the main features of which are as follows:—

(A.) To transfer the whole of the general Marine Establishments including Dock Yard and River Flotilla to the Government of India, abolishing the Office of Superintendent of Marine and appointing in lieu a Naval Secretary to the Government of India.

(B.) The Pilot Establishment, and other Establishments which are entirely local, to remain under the Government of Bengal, with whom the Master Attendant of Calcutta, as the head of such Establishments, will be in direct communication.

* Increase to Dock Yard Establishment	1,427
Controller of Dock Yard	1,000
And establishment	750

Total... 3,177

(C.) The better organization of the Dock Yard Establishment at an increased cost of Rupees 3,177* a month.

It is calculated that by these changes and allowing for the increased cost of the Dock

* The present Establishment of Superintendent of Marine	Rs. 7,045 0 0	Yard Establishments, a
Deduct increase in the Dock Yard Establishment	1,427	
Establishment for Examiner of Ordnance Accounts	750	
Controller of the Dock Yard...	1,000	
† Extra charge for Office Establishment for Naval Secretary	400	
† i. e. beyond what the Military Department can afford him...	3,468 0 0	of Rupees 3,468* a month will be effected.

The Governor General in Council approves and sanctions the several proposals, and directs that measures be taken for giving effect to them by transferring as quickly as circumstances will allow the business of the Office of Superintendent of Marine to the Master Attendant and the other Officers among whom it is to be distributed. His Excellency in Council resolves that the two new Officers who are to be appointed shall be designated respectively, the one "Controller of Marine Affairs and Secretary to the Government of India, in the Marine Department," and the other "Superintendent of the Dock Yard." The latter Officer will be immediately appointed, and the former as soon as the winding up of the business of the present Superintendent of Marine's Office is in a forward state. It is intended, in order to avoid any additional expense even temporarily, that the abolition of the office of Secretary to the Superintendent of Marine, should take place simultaneously with the appointment of Superintendent of the Dock Yard, and similarly it should be arranged that the additional Establishment entertained in the Dock Yard may be preceded by corresponding reductions in the Office Establishment of the Superintendent of Marine.

9. Steps are understood to have been already taken in respect to most of the proposals numbered 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27. The attention of the Government of Bengal and of the other authorities concerned will be given to such of them as remain to be carried out.

10. The Officiating Superintendent of Marine should issue a Circular to all Public Departments, Civil as well as Military, which make use of Copper and Iron, requesting them to ascertain, before proceeding to purchase such stores in the market, whether what they require can be supplied from the stock of the Marine Department.

Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Government of Bengal, and to the Officiating Superintendent of Marine, for information and guidance.

That a copy be forwarded to the Civil Finance Commission with the acknowledgments of the Governor General in Council for the able manner in which they have dealt with the subject.

That a copy be forwarded to Captain Rennie with the thanks of the Governor General in Council for this further instance of his zeal and usefulness in promoting economy and reform in the Department over which he presides.

That a copy be forwarded to the Public Works Department, in order that the suggestion referred to in the latter portion of paragraph 7, may be considered in that Department.

That a copy be forwarded to the Military Department, with a request that the points comprised in the 11th, 13th, and 16th proposals of the Civil Finance Commission may be referred to the Military Finance Department for consideration.

Ordered that a copy be forwarded to the Financial Department with an intimation that the Superintendent of the Government Dock Yard when appointed, will be directed to prepare and submit in the usual form a detailed Statement of the increased establishment proposed for the Dock Yard, and that it is intended that the Controller of Marine affairs and Secretary to Government in the Marine Department shall receive the same allowances as are now received by the Superintendent of Marine.

(Signed) W. GREY,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General of India in Council in the Home Department, under date the 12th July 1861, No. 1,351.

Read again the Proceedings in this Department, dated the 15th of May, regarding alterations in the arrangements and the constitution of the Marine Department.

Read letter from the Officiating Superintendent of Marine, dated 28th June, reporting that he has arranged for transferring the work of the Superintendent of Marine's Office to the different Departments to which it has been assigned, and stating that he has selected such portions of the Office Establishment as are required by the Superintendent of the Dock Yard and the Controller of Marine Affairs respectively, and requesting instructions respecting those who are to be discharged.

Read letter to Officiating Superintendent of Marine, dated 3rd instant, directing him to submit Statements of the Establishments proposed for the Offices of Superintendent of the Dock Yard and the Controller of Marine Affairs.

Read further letter to the Officiating Superintendent, dated the 8th instant, conveying instructions respecting the portion of the Superintendent's Establishment which is to be discharged.

Read letter from the Officiating Superintendent, dated 9th instant, No. 6,085, submitting Statements of the Establishments required for the Office of Controller of Marine Affairs and Secretary to Government in the Marine Department, and for the Office of the Superintendent of the Dock Yard.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council is pleased to direct, in conformity with the Resolution of the 15th of May, that the present Office of Superintendent of Marine, which is an Office subordinate both to the Government of India and to the local Government of Bengal, be abolished from this date, and that the general Marine Establishments which have hitherto been under the local Government of Bengal, such as the Calcutta Dock Yard and the fleet of Inland Steamers be transferred to the Government of India,—the Master Attendant's Office, the Pilot Establishment and other Establishments which are entirely local, remaining under the Government of Bengal, with whom the Master Attendant, as the Head of such Establishments, will henceforward be in direct communication.

Captain Rennie has this day been appointed to be Controller of Marine Affairs and ex-Officio Secretary to the Government of India in the Marine Department, and Captain Reddie has been appointed to officiate for Captain Rennie during that Officer's absence on leave. In future, all references from the Government of Bombay to the Government of India in connection with the affairs of the Indian Navy,—all questions regarding the Bengal Marine and regarding the employment of Government Vessels, or the engagement of hired transports for the conveyance of Troops, or for other purposes,—all references made to the Supreme Government by the several local Governments respecting the affairs of the Ports under those Governments,—and generally all questions relating to Marine affairs including river Navigation which require reference to the Government of India, should be addressed to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Marine Department, instead of as heretofore to the Home Department, or to the Military Department.

Government of Bombay.
Government of Madras.
Government of Bengal.
Government N.W. Province.
Government of Punjab.

Financial Department.
Foreign Department.
Military Department.
Public Works Department.
Military Finance Dept.

Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution
be forwarded to the Governments and Depart-
ments noted on the margin.

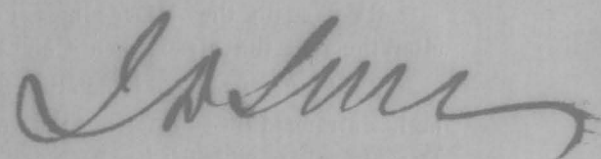
Ordered also, that Captain Reddie's letter dated the 9th instant, and enclosures, be
forwarded to the Financial Department for consideration.

(Signed) W. GREY,
Secretary to the Government of India.

ORDER THEREON, 8th August 1861, No. 253.

Communicated to the Military, Financial, and Public Works Departments.

(True Extract.)



Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.

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