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## *eedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 20th February 1868.*

No. 68. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort William, 31st January 1868, No. 516.

Read the following :—

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From the Right Honorable Sir S. NORTHCOTE, Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council ; dated 16th December, 1867, No. 461.

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Letter from Admiralty, 7th November 1867.
Reply, 22nd November 1867.

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From the Secretary to the Admiralty, to the Under Secretary of State for India ; dated 7th November 1867.

With reference to my letter of the 28th ultimo, on the subject of the adjustment of claims in connection with the Abyssinian expedition, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to request you will state to the Secretary of State for India that it is presumed that any claims which may arise in regard to the employment of ships of the Indian Marine in that expedition, will be made on the same basis as that which obtained in the case of the third China war, *viz.*, that the Imperial Government will be charged only with the value of mess, victualling, bedding, &c., for the troops conveyed, and the cost of the coals consumed.

2. I am, therefore, to request you will move Sir Stafford Northcote to issue the necessary instructions to the authorities in India in the preparation of claims on the Imperial Government to cause the victualling of the troops on board the ships above named to be charged at rates per head per diem, and the value of the coals actually expended to be claimed at such rates as the Indian Government may consider equitable. Any supplies to these ships out of Imperial stores or from stores paid for to India will, in this case, form the subject of claims on India by the Imperial Government.

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From the Under Secretary of State for India, to the Secretary to the Admiralty ; dated 22nd November 1867.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, and to acquaint you in reply that, as the Government of India has now only certain vessels retained for local transport service, Sir Stafford Northcote apprehends that the assistance which can be rendered by those vessels in the expedition to Abyssinia, must be very limited. He is willing, however, that, to whatever extent, the Governments in India may find it practicable to employ them on the expedition, no claim shall be made on the Imperial Government on account of those vessels beyond the charge that may be incurred for mess, victualling, bedding, &c., for the troops conveyed, and the cost of the coals consumed, it being, however, understood that this arrangement is not to apply to vessels purchased by the Government of Bombay expressly for the expedition, and that the same rule is to be observed as that relating to the troops, *viz.*, that whenever it may become necessary to replace any of the vessels withdrawn, the whole charge thereby incurred shall be borne by the Imperial Government.

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such rates as the Indian Government may consider equitable, I am further desired to state that Sir Stafford Northcote will forward copies of this correspondence to the Governments of India and Bombay, in order that those Governments may adopt measures with a view to meet the wishes of the Lords of the Admiralty as far as may be practicable.

ORDERED, that a copy of the above be furnished to the Military Department, the Comptroller General of Accounts, the Accountants General, Madras, Bombay, and Bengal, and the Governments of Fort Saint George, Bombay, and Bengal.

(Signed) E. H. LUSHINGTON,
*Secy. to the Govt. of India.*

(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBERY,
*Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.*

No. 69.

ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1868, No. 93.
Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine for information.
(True Extract).

R. S. ELLIS,
*Chief Secretary.*

To the Superintendent of Marine.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

No. 516.

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E. H. LUSH[illegible]ON,

*Secretary to the Government of India.*

*Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.*

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To

No. 516.

*Dated, Fort William, the 7. January* 1868.

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Communicating Copy of correspondence received from the Home Govt relative to the principle to be observed in regard to the charges to be made on the Imperial Govt in respect of reliefs of the Indian Govt employed in the Abyssinian Expedition.

O. S. G. P., —No. 661 F. C.—30-1-68.—52.

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