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10th February 1862.*

No. 13. Read the following letter from Captain J. G. REDDIE, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Fort William, 15th January 1862, No. 27.

Marine Department.

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit the accompanying copy of a proposal submitted by Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Company of Calcutta, for running lines of Steamers to the various ports of India, under fixed subsidies from Government, and to solicit an expression of the opinion of the Government of Madras in regard to the scheme.

2. I am desired to request that the same may be reported upon in the Postal and other Departments concerned, and to enquire whether the adoption of the Line No. I would enable the Government of Madras to dispense with the existing contract provisionally made by them for a service between Madras and Rangoon. It is considered that the traffic between the two ports might be carried on without serious inconvenience *viâ* Calcutta, by the proposed Lines III and IV, which the Government of India are disposed at once to adopt. The large subsidy of Rupees 4,500, and guarantee for freight and passage (whether shipped or not,) of Rupees 7,500 per voyage, at present paid, would thus be saved.

3. Great commercial advantages may be expected to result from connecting the Cotton Ports of Cocanada, Sedashegur and other important coast stations with Calcutta, Madras and Bombay by the proposed line of steam communication, and I am desired to draw attention to the increased facilities that will be thus afforded for the ready transport of Troops, and to enquire whether in the event of the adoption of this line a considerable reduction in the number of Troops, say a half Battalion of Native Infantry may not be made in the reserve force at Madras, the maintenance of which costs considerably more.

4. I am desired to request an early reply to this letter.

From Messrs. MACKINNON, MACKENZIE and Co., Agents Calcutta and Burmah S. N. Company, "Limited;" to JOHN G. REDDIE, Esq., Officiating Controller of Marine Affairs, dated Calcutta, 6th January 1862.

We have the honor to submit to you for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, the following scheme of increased Postal communication, whereby the various Ports of British India will be directly connected, and which we would be prepared to carry out on the conditions hereunto annexed, viz.:

1. A line of Steamers once a month between Calcutta and Bombay, *viâ* the Paumben Channel (or round by the south of Ceylon, should the Paumben Channel be found impracticable) and calling both going and returning, at Bimlipatam, Vizagapatam, Cocanada, Madras, Negapatam, Tuticorin, Cochin, Beypore, Cannanore, Mangalore, Sedashegur, but during the South-west monsoon only at such of these Ports as may be practicable, calling also at Pondicherry and Colombo at the option of the Company. The distance each way is about 2,050 miles by Paumben, or 2,400 miles by Ceylon. This service to be performed by Steamers of not less than 600 tons, *o.m.*, for a monthly subsidy of seven thousand five hundred Rupees if by Paumben, or a proportionate rate if by Ceylon.

2. Kurrachee to Bushire once a month, calling at Bander Abbas, and another intermediate Port in connection with the arrival and departure of the Steamers on the mail line between Bombay and Kurrachee just conceded to us by the Bombay Government; vessels of between 600 and 700 tons would be placed on this line, and the service performed for ten thousand Rupees per month. Or at the option of Government we would undertake a monthly Mail service between Kurrachee and the Persian Gulf, calling at the Ports of Muscat, Bander Abbas, Bushire and Bussora, as also at another safe Port on the Meekoum Coast, if required, for a monthly subsidy of fifteen thousand Rupees.

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3. Calcutta to Rangoon direct once a month (leaving about the 21st of each month, and carrying the Home Mails arriving *via* Bombay) and thence to Kaligonk, Tavoy, Mergui, Penang, Malacca and Singapore. Moulmein to be brought into connection with Rangoon by a small Steamer leaving about 12 hours after arrival of the Steamer from Calcutta.

This service to be performed by Steamers of not less than 600 tons *o.m.*, for a subsidy of seven thousand five hundred Rupees per month.

4. By a branch Steamer from Rangoon to Port Blair in connection with the Steamer from Calcutta to Rangoon direct, and leaving Rangoon within 48 hours of its arrival, once a month, and returning from Port Blair direct to Rangoon for a monthly subsidy of two thousand five hundred Rupees, the Government giving to this Steamer the whole of its traffic at fixed rates of freight and passage.

5. Calcutta to Chittagong (weather permitting) and Akyab, on the 2nd and 17th of each month, and thence to Rangoon and Moulmein, calling en route as required at Kyook Phoo, and Sandoway; it being optional with the Company hereafter to connect Chittagong with all the other Ports by running a small Steamer thither from Akyab, instead of by the larger Steamer calling there on going and returning as now proposed.

These communications we would be prepared to undertake for a monthly subsidy of seven thousand five hundred Rupees.

Lines Nos. 3, 4 and 5, to be opened as soon before 1st August as practicable.

6. We should expect in the event of our tender for these various lines, or a portion of them, being accepted, that Government would, as in existing contracts, give the Steamers of the Company all their freight and passengers, when none of the Government Steamers are available, at the current rates of the Company, or at fixed rates as per lists submitted herewith; and also provide ground suitable for Coal Depôts, where it is in the power of Government to grant such.

7. It is understood that sufficient time be allowed to the Company for the construction and equipment of the remaining number of Steamers necessary to enable them to carry out the lines to Bombay and the Persian Gulf, say about 9 months.

Rates of Freight and Passage by Steamer from Calcutta to Rangoon and Straits, and in connection therewith from Rangoon to Port Blair.

Calcutta to	Cabin passage.	Deck passage.	Freight.	Bullocks.	Sheep.	Convicts.	
	RS.	RS.	RS.				
Rangoon.	120	22-8	40				Rangoon to Kattigonk 125 miles.
Kattigonk.	150	30	50				Kattigonk to Tavoy 160 "
Tavoy... ..	180	34	60				Tavoy to Mergui 120 "
Mergui.	200	38	60				Mergui to Penang 530 "
Junk Ceylon.							Penang to Malacca 265 "
Penang... ..	290	50	70				Malacca to Singapore 135 "
							1,335
Malacca... ..	340	56	80				Calcutta to Rangoon direct 800 miles.
Singapore.	360	60	80				2,135 "
		2nd class Machinery with Officers.					
Port Blair to Rangoon (through rate)... ..	200	100	65	60	10	50*	* With a guard, and 75 without guard.
Rangoon and Moulmein to Port Blair.. ...	80	40	30	25	5	30	Do. 45 do.

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Rates of Freight and Passage from Calcutta to Chittagong, Akyab and Kyook Phoo.

Calcutta to	Cabin passage.	Deck passage.	Freight.	Specie.	
	RS.	RS.	RS.	percent.	
Chittagong... ..	90	15	30	3	Calcutta to Pilot Station. ... 135
Akyab.	90	15	30	"	Pilot to Chittagong... .. 240
Kyook Phoo.	100	20	35	"	Chittagong to Akyab... .. 160
Sandoway	120	22-8	40	"	Akyab to Kyook Phoo..... 55
Chittagong to Akyab...	45	7-8	15	"	Kyook Phoo to Sandoway... 85
					Sandoway to Rangoon... .. 360
					1,035
Calcutta to Rangoon...	120	22-8	40	"	Rangoon to Moulmein... .. 130
Moulmein... ..	140	25	45	"	1,165

Rates of Freight and Passage for Steamers on the Bombay and Persian Gulf Line.

Bombay to	Cabin passage.	Deck with out diet.	Freight.	Specie.	Miles.	
	RS.	RS.	RS.	percent.	RS.	
Kurrachee.	120	15	20	1	500	Horses 50.
Kurrachee to						
	RS.	RS.	RS.	percent.		Intermediate rates of Freight:
Muscat.	120	25	20	1	480	Under 100 miles 10 per ton.
Bander Abbas.	180	37-8	35	1	260	100 to 200 miles 15 "
Busheer... ..	280	55	50	1	400	200 to 300 miles 20 "
Bussora.	340	70	65	1	200	300 to 400 miles 25 "

Rates for Freight and Passage proposed to be charged on Steamers of C. and B. S. N. Company, sailing between Calcutta and intermediate Ports having the terminus at Bombay.

From Calcutta.	First class.	Deck.	Freight to Ton.	Specie.	
	RS.	RS.	RS.	percent.	
480 To Bimlipatam... ..	100	16	30	1	Intermediate distances.
16 Vizagapatam.	100	16-8	30	"	First class 4 Annas per mile.
80 Cocanada... ..	110	20	35	"	Second " 2 " " "
260 Madras... ..	130	25	40	"	Deck 9 pie " " without diet.
78 Pondicherry... ..	145	30	45	"	
74 Negapatam... ..	150	30	45	"	
203 Tuticorin... ..	175	35	55	"	
Colombo... ..	210	40	60	"	
222 Cochin	220	40	60	"	
85 Beypore.	235	42	62	"	
50 Cannanore.	245	45	64	"	
72 Mangalore... ..	260	48	66	"	
140 Sedasheghur.	280	53	70	"	
258 Bombay... ..	340	60	70	"	

NOTE.—The rates for Cabin or first class passage as above are exclusive of wine or liquors.

Rates for freight and passage proposed to be charged on Steamers of C. & B. S. N. Co. sailing between Calcutta and intermediate ports having the terminus at Bombay. —

	From Calcutta	First Class	Deck	Height to Top	Specie	
480 to 16	Bimilibatum	Rs. 100	Rs. 16	Rs. 30	1/2%	
80	Bizagapatam	100	18/8	30	"	
260	Cocanada	110	20	35	"	
2/8	Madras	130	25	40	"	
1/4	Pondicherry	145	30	45	5/8%	
203	Megapattam	150	30	45	"	
	Subicorren	175	35	50	3/4%	
	Colonado	210	40	60	1%	
222	Cochin	220	40	60	"	
85	Baypore	235	42	62	"	
50	Cannanore	245	45	64	"	
2/2	Mangalore	260	48	66	"	
140	Sedacheque	280	53	70	"	
258	Bombay	340	60	70	"	
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Intermediate Distances.
First Class 4 Annas p. mile
Second " 2 " " "
Deck 19 pie " — without Deck

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Notes of Freight & Passage from Calcutta to Chittagong Ahypat & Ryook Phoo

Calcutta to	Cabin	Deck	Passage	Freight	Specie
Chittagong	90/-	15/-	30/-	3/8/-	
Ahypat	90/-	15/-	30/-	3/8/-	
Ryook Phoo	100/-	20/-	30/-	5/8/-	
Chandaway	120/-	22/-	40/-	5/8/-	
Chittagong to					
Ahypat	40/-	7/8	15/-	1/4/-	
Calcutta to					
Rangoon	120/-	22/8	40/-	5/8/-	
Maoulmein	140/-	25/-	40/-	5/8/-	

Calcutta to Pilot Station	135
Pilot to Chittagong	240
Chittagong to Ahypat	160
Ahypat to Ryook Phoo	55
Ryook Phoo to Chandaway	85
Chandaway to Rangoon	360
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Rangoon to Maoulmein	130
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Notes of Freight and Passage for Steamers on the Bombay & Persian Gulf Line

Bombay to	Cabin	Deck	Passage	Freight	Specie	Miles
Surat	110/-	15/-	20/-	1/2/-		300
Surat to						
Chittagong	120/-	20/-	30/-	3/4/-		450
Rangoon	150/-	25/8	30/-	1/-		260
Surat	120/-	20/-	30/-	1/2/-		400
Surat	140/-	25/-	30/-	1/4/-		200

Intermediate Rates of Freight	
Miles 100 Miles	107 1/2/-
100 to 200 Miles	15/-
200 to 300 Miles	20/-
300 to 400 Miles	25/-

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Notes of Freight & Passage from Calcutta to Chittagong, Ahypat & Rangoon Shoo

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Ahypat	90/-	13/-	30/-	3/8/-	
Rangoon Shoo	100/-	20/-	30/-	5/8/-	
Chittagong to	120/-	22/8	40/-	5/8/-	
Ahypat	40/-	7/8	15/-	1/4/-	
Calcutta to	120/-	22/8	40/-	5/8/-	
Rangoon	140/-	25/-	40/-	5/8/-	
Madras					

Calcutta to Pilot Station	135
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Madras	280/-	50/-	50/-	1/2/-		400
Madras	340	70/-	65/-	1/4/-		200

Steamer's Notes of Freight	
Under 100 Miles	10/- & 10/-
100 to 200 Miles	15/-
200 to 300 Miles	20/-
300 to 400 Miles	25/-

John & Reddie Esqrs.

Sir,

herewith annexed vizt.
A line of steamers once a month between
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Channel being impracticable) and calling both
going and returning at Peninsular, Vizagapatam,
Poonada, Madras, Negapatam, Tuticorin, Cochin,
Beyrout, Panaman, Mangalore, Sedatuz, &c. &c.
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Eastern Beach of
Parang Parang (Highland) 21/10/1950

Banjoon	1207.	22/8	1467.
Matting	1371.	307.	357.
Clay	1807.	344.	607.
Magnic	2007.	387.	607.
Black Cotton			
Denning	2907.	377.	747.
Mulacca	3407.	387.	807.
Singapore	3807.	607.	807.

Changon to Hattipouk	193 Miles
Hattipouk to Chavay	160 "
Chavay to Mergui	120 "
Mergui to Penang	530 "
Penang to Malacca	265 "
Malacca to Singapore	135 "
Calcutta to Changon Chieet	800 Miles
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