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No.	From and to	Date.	Subject.
1	From the Government of India.	29th Sept.	Transmit the opinion of Her Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor General and of the East India Company's Standing Counsel, as to the construction to be placed on the term 'Natural born British Subjects' used in the Merchant Shipping Act of 1854.
2	Order thereon.....	22nd October.	The above and the opinion referred to forwarded to the Honorable Company's Solicitor.
3	From the Marine Board.....	14th October.	Submit, for sanction, Bill for Stores purchased from the late owners of the "Dalhousie," amounting to Rupees 4,660-11-0.
4	Order thereon.....	22nd October.	The Bill sanctioned.
5	From the Government of India.	6th October.	Forwards correspondence on the subject of Batta to be allowed to the Men and Officers of the Royal and Indian Navies employed on shore and on Military operations in the North Western Provinces; request to be informed whether under existing Rule or practice, the Officers of the Royal Navy, who are employed up Country are entitled to receive Mess Allowance in addition to War Batta; and desire to be furnished with a copy of all the Rules that have been received on the subject of Indian Allowances to Officers of the Royal Navy.
6	Order thereon.....	23rd October.	The Civil Auditor called upon to report on the question referred to and to furnish copy of the orders required by the Government of India.
7	From the Marine Board.....	8th October.	Suggest that the Honorable Court be solicited to obtain from well informed parties a Diving Bell or other Apparatus suitable for an open Roadstead, to be attached to the Anchor Boat to be established at Madras.
8	Order thereon.....	24th October.	Brought to the notice of the Honorable Court with the support of this Government.
9	From the Collector of Sea Customs.	2nd October.	Submits letter from H. Fox soliciting permission to pass Revolvers for Sale to certain parties, and requesting to know if Government will purchase the remainder, as also a fresh batch that is shortly expected.
10	Order thereon.....	24th October.	Mr. Fox permitted to have the Pistols, applications for which have been registered; Authority granted for the purchase of the remainder, which have been recommended by the Inspector General of Ordnance, and the offer to sell the new batch referred to Colonel Balfour, with whom Mr. Fox will correspond on the subject.
11	From the Government of Bombay.	14th October.	Communicate that it has been arranged to place Assistant Surgeon Seward in Medical charge of the 'Dalhousie.'
12	Order thereon.....	24th October.	Communicated to the Marine Board.
13	From the Collector of Sea Customs.	21st October.	Reports the importation of three consignments of Saltpetre from certain of the Northern Ports intended for Sale at Madras.
14	Order thereon.....	24th October.	Observe that these importations are to be dealt with under those parts of Act 28 of 1857, which have been brought into operation.
15	From the Marine Board.....	21st October.	Submit, for sanction, Bill for the value of the Surplus Stores and spare Provisions purchased from the late owners of the 'Prince Arthur.'
16	Order thereon.....	21st October.	The Bill sanctioned.

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17	From the Inspector General of Ordnance, &c.	17th October.	With reference to the requisition of the Collector of Sea Customs on the Principal Commissary of Ordnance to retain in the Arsenal certain Arms pronounced to be unfit for Public Service, submits that the Government should not charge themselves with responsibility for the safe custody of Arms, while arrangements have been made for regulating their importation.
18	Order thereon.....	27th October.	Under the arrangements of Act 28 of 1857, consider it unnecessary for the Collector of Sea Customs to send parcels of Arms, &c., to the Arsenal for safe custody, except such as may be landed by private individuals, and as he may be unable to secure until disposed of.
19	From the Marine Board.....	19th October.	Report that the 'Prince Arthur' left the Roads for Bombay on the 17th Instant; and promise to communicate to the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, full particulars regarding the engagement of the Commander, Engineers, &c., of that Vessel.
20	Order thereon.....	27th October.	Recorded.
21	Minute of Consultation.....	29th October.	Instruct Lieutenant Hellard, who has been appointed to assume the Command of the 'Dalhousie' to proceed on to Calcutta with his party, and take charge of the Vessel, after communication with Captain C. D. Campbell of the 'Coromandel' on the subject.
22	From the Marine Board.....	27th October.	Request at the instance of the Quarter Master General of the Army that the 'Manilla' be despatched to Rangoon to convey the sick details to the Presidency; and also suggest that Lieutenant Hellard be instructed to hasten the equipment of the 'Dalhousie' and repair to Rangoon to bring over to Madras the sick whom the 'Manilla' may leave behind.
23	Order thereon.....	28th October.	Approve of the 'Manilla' being despatched to Rangoon for the purpose referred to; and issue instructions to Lieutenant Hellard to the effect suggested by the Board.

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24	To the Marine Board.....	29th October.	Request that passage to Masulipatam be provided for Major Edward King Elliot proceeding on duty to Nagpore, on any of the Steamers now being despatched.
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