

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 86

Press
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Dated 27th Feb.

1857

Not to be folded or roughly handled

N^o 3 From

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J. J. Franklin Esq^{re}
Secretary Marine Board.

To

J. Pycroft Esq^{re}
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

1 I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to forward copy of a letter received from the Civil Auditor intimating that bills for Electric Telegraph Messages require your countersignature to enable him to pass them. The two bills alluded to are enclosed and I am to solicit instructions thereon.

2 The subject of the messages was the engagement of a vessel for the passage of discharged soldiers to Australia which could not be effected at Madras, and early information was required to arrange for the passage of the invalids and others to England; as many men would have proceeded home had there been no opportunity of a passage to Australia.

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3 The reason of my name being
used in lieu of my official designation, was
that thereby two words were saved.
"Secretary Marine Board" counting
three words, and "W. Franklin"
counting as but one -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Madras
Marine Board Office
17th February 1857.
Ex 2 591

Your most obedient
W. Franklin
Secretary

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From J. Lushington Esq^{re}
Civil Auditor,

To J. I. Franklin Esq^{re}
Secretary to the Marine Board

Dated 14th February 1857

Sir,
With reference to the two items of 9/- each, for Telegraph Messages, entered in your Contingent Bill for the months of December 1856 and January 1857, I have the honor to request that you will inform me, whether you have made cash payments on that account as the vouchers herewith forwarded which bear your individual name and not as Secretary to the Marine Board would appear to indicate or whether the messages were sent under the authority of the Chief Secretary to Government. In the former case I beg to observe, the countersignature of the Chief Secretary will be necessary before the charge can be admitted, in the latter, under

para

Bills returned with
 London
 270 Feb
 1857

In Reply to 3rd March 1857
 From the Civil Auditor
 The day Marine Board
 2/-
 The Chief Secretary to Government
 1/-
 Should 1/-
 Recd 1857 Feb 14
 1/-
 2/-
 Forward copy letter from the Civil Auditor with 2/- bill for Electric Telegraph Messages and other instructions thereon -

para 5 of the Rules for the transmission
of messages by the Electric Telegraph
the items in question will be deducted
from the Contingent Bill, as not
requiring to be passed as a money
payment from the Treasury.

Civil Audit Office

I have read

Fortland House

Signed / J Lushington

4th February 1837

Civil Auditor

Edw. M.

True Copy

~~Matthew M.~~

Secretary

Marine Department.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.

Dated 27th February 1857. N^o 86

Read the following letter from
the Secretary Marine Board.

Dated 17th February 1857. N^o 114.

1. The Government sanction
the two Bills amounting in the
aggregate to Rupees (18) Eighteen
for the transmission of telegraph
messages to Calcutta by the
Marine Board.

2. The Board will in future
forward such messages to the
Chief Secretary to Government
for his countersignature before
they are despatched. The covers
should be superscribed. Messages
for despatch by Electric
Telegraph & will be immediately

attended

Letter from the
Secy Marine Board
to Government -
dated 17th February 1857
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attended to. They should be sent
to the Govt. Office in Office hours
or from 11 A.M. to 5.30 P.M. and
at other times to the Chief
Secretary's residence.

H. J. M.
Chief Secretary.

The Marine Board with 2 Bills - Dispt 2 March Recd. & Retd.
Civil Auditor Dispt 5.
20 March 57.

Entd. & Retd. 5-3-57.

Account. Genl. Dispt 6th and
returned 7th 5th 57.
McK. Shelly. J. H. C. A.
1st A. H. H.

1st Lm 23 to Cms 27 March 1857
J. 16
Morris 1857 Sep 14th

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Letter to Morris of 1857

2/27 February 1857