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1.	From the Marine Board.	Diary 27th Febr.	Submits letter from Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. on the subject of an intended purchase of Coals at Bimlipatam in November last, for the use of Govt. at 35 Rs. per ton; enter into an explanation of the transaction it refers to; state that the Board have lately informed the Firm that they cannot pay more than 25 Rupees a ton, the rate at which Coal could have been purchased in January; and as they decline to forego their claim for the Original rate, request the orders of Government on the subject.
2.	Order thereon	13th March.	Approve of the decision intimated by the Marine Board to Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co.

3.	From the Govt. of India.	19 Febr.	Sanction the appointment temporarily of an Assistant Secretary to the Marine Bd. on a Salary of 300 Rupees a month.
4.	Order thereon	15 March.	Communicated to the Marine Board and to the Offices of Account and Audit.
5	From the Marine Board.	8th March.	Having considered the reports from Messrs. Kennedy, and Thompkinson, regarding their having failed to detect the fracture in the Screw Shaft of the 'Prince Arthur', state that they were most careful in their examination, and that the flaw could have been easily concealed from them, without evincing on their part any want of due attention.
6.	Order thereon	16 March.	The reports, the proceedings of the Chief Engineer thereon, and the above letter from the Marine Board, ordered to be forwarded to the Hon. Court.
7.	From the Hon. D. Elliott Esqre. Member of the Legislative Council for Madras.	8th March.	Forwards the Draft Bill for the establishment of a Marine Police Force at Madras, together with the Minute recorded by him on the subject; and intimates that certain observations were made by the Member of the Council for Bombay, expressing doubts as to the efficacious working of the provisions in the Bill, for the protection of goods in transit between the shore and the shipping in the Roads.
	der thereon	16 March.	Copy of the above and of the Minute furnished to the Chamber of Commerce

			and to the Law Officers of Government.			
8.	To the Government of Bombay.	16 March	Request to be furnished with details information as to the frauds committed by the Marine Police Force at Bombay adverted to in the above letter from the Hon. Mr. D. Elliott.			
9.	From the Collector of Vizagapatam	6th March.	Reports that a Flag Staff on the "Dolphins nose", is of no utility, and that consequently the expenditure attending the construction of the Flag House of a Signalman there, is unnecessary.	Marine Board	17 March.	Transmit the Packing Account of Mint Stores per "Honiton".
				The Marine Board.	11 March.	Submit a Plan shewing the limits of the Port of Tuticorin.
				Government of India	17 March.	Transmit the plan.
				The Same	9 March.	Submit for sanction the Accounts of the Pay and Allowances of the Officers and Crew of the 'Dalhousie' who were engaged to convey that Vessel to Calcutta.
				Thereon	17 March.	Sanctioned
10	Order thereon	17 March.	Referred for the remarks of the Marine Board; and that Authority called upon to state ~~on what grounds~~ why the Flag Staff was ~~recommended~~ placed on the site referred to, and whether it may be abandoned as represented by the Collector.	Officer ding the rander-in.	17 March	Submits a receipt on the Sub-Treasurer for Rs. 10,000 on account of the wages of the Crew, Victualling, &c.
				Thereon	17 March.	The Sub-Treasurer authorized to advance the amount.

18.	From the Marine Board.	10th March	Submit for sanction a Bill of the charges on account of Pilotage, &c. of the hired Transport Steamer 'Carthage'.
19.	Order thereon	18 March	Sanction the Bill.
20.	From the Same.	9 March.	Submit for sanction a Bill for the price of two Charts, supplied to the Commodore of the Austrian Frigate Novara
21.	Order thereon	18 March.	The Bill sanctioned
22.	From the Same.	8th March	Submit an application, from the Collector of Tinnevelly, supported by the Master Attendant of Tuticorin for the erection of an Iron Beacon on the Key Stone Rock at the entrance of that Harbour
23.	Order thereon	18 March	Communicated to the Public Works Department in view to the necessary orders being issued for the early erection of the Iron Beacon.
24.	From the Marine Board	18th March	Suggest that application be made to the Hon Court for the supply of 18 Iron Beacon Buoys of specified dimensions, for the use of the Out-ports of this Presidency.
25	Order thereon	18 March	Application made accordingly.
26.	From the Same.	8th March	Submit with their recommendation, a letter from the Master Attendant of Cocanada, applying for permission to his undertaking the work of hauling the French Ship 'Madras' into the river at Cocanada; but observe that the Civil Engineer of the District should be

			consulted as to the probability of the attempt being attended with success.
27.	Order thereon.	18 March.	Communicated to the Public Works Department, in view to its being ascertained from the civil Engineer, whether the attempt can be made with a fair prospect of success.
28.	Minute of Consultation	18 March	Sanction the Bill submitted by the Marine Board for 400 Rs. for the passage provided to the Right Revd. the Lord Bishop and three native servants, to & from Calcutta, under the Orders of the 1st. February 1858

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