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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 14th September 1858.

No. 19. From C. BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated 17th August 1858, No. 1245.

Home Department. SIR,

With reference to the correspondence marginally noted, for which a copy accompanies, I am directed by the President in Council to request that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will consider and mature a plan for establishing a regular communication twice a month between Madras, Rangoon and Moulmein, by means of the Government Steamers available for the purpose, on the same principle as that on which a similar communication was formerly maintained between Calcutta and the Eastern ports by means of Government Steamers before the present Contract with the Calcutta and Burmah Steam Navigation Company was entered into.

2. It appears to His Honor in Council that the "Coromandel," "Dalhousie" and "Australian," might ordinarily be employed on this service. When all these Vessels are running, not only would they be fully able to keep up the proposed communication, but one of them would always be ready during the long interval of its stay at Madras for any duty on the Coast of Coromandel for which the Madras Government might require it. And when any of these vessels require repair, its place could be taken by the "Sydney" whose ordinary station is at Calcutta.

3. The first object to be had in view in the establishment of a regular line of Steamers between Madras and the other side of the Bay is to provide for the punctual relief of Troops and the early removal of invalids and dispatch of re-inforcements as well as for the transmission of public stores, and (on payment of freight) of private stores intended for the Officers and men of the Regiments serving in Burmah, and for the Civil Officers employed there.

4. After this, the next object is to provide for the accommodation of the public, by affording passage and freight at remunerative but reasonable rates of charge, and especially to encourage the emigration of Natives seeking employment in Burmah by giving them deck passage at a cost which they can afford to pay. The charge for a deck passage between Calcutta and Moulmein used to be 30 Rupees, but His Honor in Council believes that this might be very greatly reduced without loss to the Government, and without any inconvenience whatever.

5. A copy of the rules relative to passage and freight in the Government Steamers formerly plying between Calcutta and Moulmein is enclosed for the information of the Governor in Council.

6. The departure of the Steamers from Madras should be regulated with reference to the latest day on which the Mail Steamer usually arrives there, and the dates once fixed should be firmly adhered to and never altered except under the pressure of a public emergency.

7. The "Sydney," and the "Tenasserim" when her repairs are completed, will always be available, on requisition, when not required for Military service in Bengal, for the conveyance of the Troops of the Madras Presidency either from one port to another in the continent of India, or to and from the Straits of Malacca.

8. On the receipt of a despatch expressing the views of the Governor in Council and containing the outline and general details of a plan for carrying out the proposed scheme of Steam communication between Madras and Burmah, the President in Council will be in a position to give final orders on the subject.

From R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India ; to Commander J. RENNIE, c. b., Superintendent of Marine, dated 24th July 1858, No. 1705.

Home Department. SIR,

As both the Honorable Company's Steamers *Australian* and *Sydney* are now here doing no

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thing, I am directed to inquire whether with them and the Honorable Company's Steam Vessels *Coromandel* and *Dalhousie*, arrangements could not be made for a regular communication twice a month between Rangoon and Madras.

From Commander J. RENNIE, c. b., Superintendent of Marine; to C. BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated 29th July 1858, No. 7599.

SIR,

In reply to your letter, No. 1705, -dated the 24th Instant, I have the honor to report, for the information of the Honorable the President in Council, that the steamers *Australian* and *Sydney*, with the *Coromandel* and *Dalhousie*, can maintain a regular communication twice a month between Rangoon and Madras.

From Commander J. RENNIE, c. b., Superintendent of Marine; to C. BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated 30th July 1858, No. 7673.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter, No. 7599, of yesterday's date, I have the honor to submit herewith, for the consideration of the Honorable the President in Council, a scheme for the bi-monthly communication between Madras and Burmah, shewing that three vessels are amply sufficient for the maintenance of this communication, and that even then each vessel would be enabled to make a stay of nearly a month at Madras on the conclusion of each trip.

SCHEME FOR A BI-MONTHLY COMMUNICATION

between

MADRAS AND BURMAH,

Distance to RANGOON 1000 miles.

Vessel to leave Madras two days after arrival of the mail from England due at Madras on the 10th and 26th of each month.

Vessel.	Departs from Madras.	Arrives at Rangoon.	Departs from Rangoon.	Arrives at Madras.
"Dalhousie"	... 12th of August.	17th of August.	25th of August.	30th of August.
"Coromandel"	... 28th of August.	2nd of Sept.	10th of Sept.	15th of Sept.
"Australian"	... 12th of Sept.	17th of Sept.	25th of Sept.	30th of Sept.
"Dalhousie"	... 28th ditto.			

FORT WILLIAM,
MARINE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
The 30th July 1858.

(Signed) H. HOWE,
Secretary,

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, No. 361; dated 13th September 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Superintendent of Marine for report.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Superintendent of Marine for report.
Fort St George, 2
13 September 1858.
This is the very first of
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upon the post-which
Copy to Sect. of Marine
with copy of the Order upon it } Dispt 13th
in para 5 of 18th August letter - to be returned -
Done done
M. H.

Cons. H. S. P. M.
Marine. 1858. receipt

Marine Letter to Engr. 28th
Germany No. 2 of 1859

Print 2
Replied to by the Secy of
State for India dated
12th May 28th 14 of 1859

From the Secy to the Govt.
of India. — 1245.

21st Aug
21st Sep. 1858.

No 333.

5 Encls. & 4 spare
copies.

Forwards copies of correspond-
ence, with reference thereto
requests this Govt. will
consider and mature a
plan for establishing a
regular communication
twice a month between
Madras Rangoon and
Moulmein by means of
the Govt. Steamers avail-
- able for the purpose.
With an order

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Bengal 1858

No. 1245

FROM

C. BEADON, Esquire,

Secy. to the Govt. of India.

TO

T. PYCROFT, Esquire,

Secy. to the Govt. of Fort St. George.

SIR,

Dated the 17th August 1858.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
The 17th August 1858. }

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,



Secy. to the Govt. of India.