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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 12th October 1858.

No. 4. From Lieutenant Colonel G. BALFOUR, Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, dated 10th September 1858, No. 300.

SIR,

During my recent connection with the late Marine Board, I observed that a separate Store Department was about to be formed, and that an expenditure of Rupees (302) Three hundred and two per mensem had already been incurred on that account.

2. By obtaining accommodation in the Grand Arsenal it occurred to me that the outlay might be saved to Government.

3. I have been in communication with the Superintendent of Marine and the Principal Commissary of Ordnance on the subject, and I am happy to inform Government that I have arranged for the transfer of the greater portion of the Marine Stores to the Grand Arsenal, a few articles, such as Blocks, &c., being sent to outstation Arsenals, and the Commissary General taking our oils, paints, &c.

4. The Arsenal will, for the future, undertake to supply the Marine Department, and with a view to this arrangement, the Principal Commissary of Ordnance has been furnished with a List prepared by the Superintendent of Marine, shewing the Maximum and Minimum quantities of articles intended for Marine purposes, that the necessary steps may be taken to lay in a supply and to indent for deficiencies.

5. I trust Government will accord their approval to these arrangements.

6. As the Grand Arsenal will now stand in the same relation to the Marine Department as to the Department Public Works, by its being a Department of supply to both, I beg Government will be pleased to enjoin on the Superintendent of Marine the observance of the rules regulating the issue and delivery of Stores from the Arsenal authorized by Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 772, dated 28th April 1858.

Referred for the observations of the Superintendent of Marine who will be furnished with a copy of the rules alluded to.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, }
13th September 1858. }

(Signed) W. H. WAPSHARE, Major,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Govt.

No. 5. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, dated 21st September 1858, No. 3838.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the order of Government of the 13th Instant, referring for any observations I might have to offer, a letter from the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines submitting, for approval, arrangements for the transfer of Marine Stores to the Grand Arsenal, and requesting that as the Ordnance would now become a Department of supply for Marine Stores, I should be required to adopt the rules laid down for the guidance of the Public Works Department in similar transactions.

2. With regard to the system which regulates the supply of Stores from the Grand Arsenal I beg to state that I see no occasion for making any difference between mine and any other Department. The regulations laid down shall be strictly attended to, and if it is found there is inconvenience attached to them, it will be time to represent it when any cases in point actually occur.

3. There is, however, one part of the Inspector General's letter which requires some explanation. Colonel Balfour opens his communication by saying, that during his recent connexion with the late Marine Board he had observed that a separate Marine Store Department was about to be formed, and that an expenditure of Rupees 302 a month had already been incurred on that account. With reference to this it is necessary I should state that a new Marine Store Department under the Commissary General was recommended to Government in the Marine Department in November last, with the full cognizance of the Inspector General as a Member of the Board ; and that the measure was rendered the more pressing because the Principal Commissary of

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Ordnance repeatedly urged on the Board the necessity of removing from the Arsenal the very large quantity of Marine Stores which had been received on indents from England. The proposal was sanctioned by the Madras Government, and subsequently confirmed by the Government of India. The expense of the Establishment entertained was, in the aggregate, 102 Rupees a month, the remaining 200 Rupees having been incurred from the difficulty of procuring a suitable building for the safe custody of the Stores.

4. It does not appear that any further observations are called for, but without the above explanation it might seem that the late Board had recommended an expenditure which by a little care might have been avoided.

Transferred to the Marine Department, with Inspector General's letter, 10th September 1858, No. 300.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, }
24th September 1858. }

(Signed) W. H. WAPSHARE, Major,
Ag. Depy. Secy. to Govt. Mily. Dept.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 405; dated 6th October 1858.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing communications, the Governor in Council authorizes the adoption of the plan suggested by the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines for the custody and supply of Marine Stores; and directs that arrangements be made for carrying it out at once. The rules sanctioned in the Public Works Department under date 23rd April 1858, No. 772, regarding the issue and delivery of Stores will, so far as applicable, be also observed in the Marine Department.

2. It is understood that the Establishment sanctioned in Extract Minutes Consultation, 16th November 1857, No. 490, and 7th January 1858, No. 14, will, under the above arrangements, be no longer required by the Commissary General. That Officer will be accordingly instructed to discontinue it.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Marine Department

Mr 405

*Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
dated 6th October 1858.*

Read the following letter

*From the Inspector General of Ordnance
and Magazines.*

(Here enter 10 Sept 58 No 300.)

From the Superintendent of Marine

(Here enter 21st Sept 58 No 3838)

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JF

to Supr. Genl. of C & M
Supt. of Marine
Mil. Dept.
Acct. Genl.

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