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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 4th to 10th May 1859.*

No. 19. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, dated 13th April 1859, No. 1559.

I have the honor to submit to Government the following circumstances and to solicit instructions thereon.

2. On the 18th January last provender, horse boxes, &c., were sent to Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie" at Moulmein for the Chargers of the Staff Officers of the 48th Regiment Native Infantry, a portion of which Corps she was bringing to Madras. The usual receipts were sent at the same time for signature, but were subsequently returned by the Commander who declined to sign them. His letter is hereto appended.

3. It has hitherto been the invariable custom for the Commanders of Transports to receive charge of all Stores of whatever kind shipped for the use of Troops embarked on their Vessels, and they were held responsible for the due delivery of that portion unexpended on the completion of the voyage. This responsibility, it appears, is now resisted, and I can only lay the subject before Government for their consideration, with the observation, that I see no reason why the Commander of any Ship should not take charge of all Government Stores sent on board by due authority, and that if he does not do so, loss must inevitably fall on the State.

From Lieutenant F. W. HOPKINS, I. N., Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie"; to Captain J. BENSON, Assistant Commissary General, Moulmein, dated 19th January 1859.

In reply to your letter of this day's date, I have the honor to inform you that Receipts for the horse Stalls and provender should be given by the Officers to whom the horses belong, as they are in their own charge, or that of their servants, and I therefore decline signing receipts for them. I return those sent.

No. 20. MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE THE PRESIDENT, dated 19th April 1859.

I entirely concur with the Superintendent of Marine.

(Signed) C. E. TREVELYAN.

No. 20. A. ORDER THEREON, 6th May 1859, No. 178.

The Government entirely concur with the Superintendent of Marine, that Commanders of Transports are bound to receive charge of all Stores of whatever kind that may be shipped for the use of Troops embarked on their Vessels and that they must be held responsible for the due delivery of that portion that may be unexpended on the completion of the voyage. They therefore consider that Lieutenant Hopkins was not warranted in declining to sign the receipts for the horse stalls, and provender sent for the Staff Officers of Her Majesty's 48th Regiment N. I., and they resolve to intimate this to him for his guidance. Copy of this resolution will also be furnished to the Commander of the "Coromandel" for information.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

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From the Superintendent of Marine.

Dated 13th April 1859.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.

Dated 18th May 1859.

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Superintendent of Marine

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