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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department, from 28th to 31st May 1859.

No. 11. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROET, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 13th May 1859, No. 1913.

In my letter to Government of the 3rd March 1859, No. 937, forwarding regulations to be observed with regard to the Steamers engaged in the communication between Madras, the Northern Ports and Rangoon, I regret to find that one or two omissions have been made which render it necessary for me again to address Government.

2. When an Officer proceeds on duty, a requisition for passage is made to me by the Quarter Master General of the Army. If in an ordinary transport, his wife and family are likewise provided with passage without further expense than the payment of Table Money. I would solicit permission to adopt a similar rule in the Government line of packets.

3. I would likewise submit for the favorable consideration of Government that the Commanders of these Steamers be permitted to retain the freight on private treasure as their own perquisite. This is allowed to them by the rules of the Indian Navy, and should, I think be adhered to.

4. The only other point to be noticed is regarding some extra allowance to the pursers of such vessels for the additional trouble imposed on them in keeping accounts, making out freight and passage lists and Bills of Lading. The purser of the "*Coromandel*" has brought to my notice that his duties will be much increased while the vessel is so employed and has asked for some allowance on account, I think if 5 per cent on the freight earned were granted it would be a fair equivalent.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 30th May 1859, No. 230.

The Superintendent of Marine reverts to the subject of the Regulations adopted for the Madras and Rangoon line of Steamers, and submits for sanction certain additional rules which were omitted in his previous communication, recorded in Extract Minutes of Consultation, 23rd March last, No. 103.

2. He states that when an Officer is provided, through the Quarter Master General's Department, with a free passage on board an ordinary transport, his wife and family also are provided with a passage without further expense than the payment of Table Money. He solicits permission to adopt the rule in the Government line of packets. Government assent to this extension of the rule.

3. The Superintendent of Marine proposes also that the Commanders of the packet Steamers should be permitted to retain the freight on private treasure as their own perquisite and that the pursers of those vessels should receive some extra allowance, for the additional labor that will be imposed on them, while the Steamers are so employed such as the keeping of accounts, making out freight and passage lists, and Bills of lading. He suggests an allowance of 5 per cent on the amount of freight earned as a fair remuneration.

4. Mr. Franklin, states that the rules of the Indian Navy assign freight on private treasure as the the perquisite of the Commander of a packet Steamer. The pratice may, therefore, be followed, and sanction is also granted for an allowance of five (5) per cent on freight earned on private Merchandize to the pursers of the vessels in consideration of the extra duties performed by them.

5. Mr. Franklin, will publish a notification of the rule sanctioned in para: 2 above, for the information of all departments, and communicate paras: 3 and 4 to the Commanders of the Steamers for their guidance.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

May 26. 1859

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My dear Mr Tyerman

I only intended that the purser should receive a percentage on the freight of private merchandize which would I think give him from 20 to 30 Rupees a trip. It is not much but then the additional labour is trifling. By the rules of this service he receives nothing for making out treasure freight accounts; and on the exception of passengers purposes no additional duty on him. I do not see that he is entitled to expect any allowances for it.

If the 5 per Cent is allowed I will deduct it in my account of each bill. I have kept back the last pending the decision of first in this question.

Yours very truly

W. Strachan

Marine.

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Read letter from the Superintendent of Marine - Dated 18th May 1859 No. 1913.

Order thereon

The Superintendent of Marine reverts to the subject of the Regulations adopted for the Madras & Rangoon lines of Steamers, & submits for sanction certain additional rules for sanction, which he alleges were omitted in his previous communication recorded in Govt: Mine: Cons: 23rd March last No. 103.

2. He states that when an officer is provided (with a free passage) thro' the Quarter Master General's department on board an ordinary transport his wife & family also are provided with a passage without further expense than the payment

payment of table money. He solicits permission to adopt the rule in the Govt. line of packets. Govt: assent to this extension of the rule.

3. The Superintendent of Marine proposes also that the Commanders of the packet steamers should be permitted to retain the freight on private treasure as their own perquisite, ~~with the exception of five per cent on the freight which shall be allowed to the pursers~~ for the additional labor that will be imposed on them, while the steamers are so employed — such as the keeping of accounts, making out freight & passage lists, & bills of lading, &c suggests an allowance of 5 p Cent on the amount of freight earned as a fair remuneration.

4. Mr. Franklin states that the Rules of the Indian Navy assign freight on private treasure as the perquisite of the Commanders of packet steamers. The practice may therefore be followed, & sanction is also granted for an allowance of five p Cent on the freight earned + to the pursers of the vessels in consideration of the extra duties fulfilled & performed by them.

5. Mr. Franklin will publish the same a notification of the rules for the guidance of Steamers in para 2. above, for the information of all departments, & communicate paras 3 & 4 to the Commanders of the Steamers & Dalhousie for their guidance.

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The Superintendent of Marine.
" Civil Auditor
" Asst: Genl.
" Commanders of the Steamers & Dalhousie

It cannot be intended that the Govt should pay to the Pursers 5 per cent on the freight of Private Persons.

If the correction I have suggested is open to objection I shall be ready to reconsider the subject

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Marine Department.

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To the Superintendent of Marine
" Civil Auditor
" Accountant General— } disp: 2/6.

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