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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 1st to 10th June 1859.*

No. 13. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 25th May 1859,
No. 1835.

Vide Military Proceedings, 27th May 1859, Nos. 101 to 104.

*(Communicating certain papers and the orders of Government thereon relative to the supply
of Medicines and Medical aid to Troops embarking on Her Majesty's Indian Navy Steamers.)*

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, dated 3rd June 1859, No. 239.
To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters :—

From the Superintendent of Marine, 17th March 1859, No. 1160; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor to forward the accompanying original
1 Letter from Commander of the papers, relative to the despatch of a box of Asiatic Medicines
"Dalhousie," 16th March 1859, for the use of native details, first to the "Dalhousie" and then,
Indent &c. as the details were transferred to the "Coromandel," to that
vessel, the Assistant Surgeon of which declined to receive
them as he had not been officially placed in Medical charge of the parties.

2. These vessels being on the strength of the Indian Navy no orders can be issued on the subject by me. I would suggest therefore, that Government should direct that in all cases where Troops are embarked on them, the Medical Officers should be required to afford them professional attendance.

3. The box in question was first sent to the "Dalhousie," was received but acknowledgment was refused, and the papers returned unsigned. It was then pointed out to Commander Hopkins, that the Medicines it contained were supplied in accordance with the regulations of the service. Upon this he caused the documents to be signed, but as in the meanwhile the details for whom they were intended had been transferred to the "Coromandel," he sent them to that vessel, where they were refused on the plea above stated which is recorded on the Indent.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief.

25th March 1859.

From the Adjutant General of the Army, 7th April 1859, No. 357; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to acknowledge the receipt of the letter from the Superintendent of Marine to your address, which was referred to His Excellency on the 25th ultimo.

2. This communication brings to the notice of Government certain circumstances connected with the supply of Medicines for the use of Troops embarking on Her Majesty's Indian Navy Steamers, and the refusal of the Medical Officer on board the "Coromandel" to grant a receipt for the Medicine Chest for the Troops because he had not been appointed to their charge.

3. The subject was referred by this Department to the Director General of the Medical Department, and I beg to enclose for the information of Government, copy of that Officer's reply with its annexure.

4. His Excellency has approved of Dr. Magrath's proposal not to send Medicines for Troops who are merely proceeding from Port to Port, but when circumstances make necessary the shipment of Medical Stores, the provision of space for the same seems requisite, and no doubt will be arranged by the Marine Department under the orders of Government.

5. In order to prevent any misconception on the matter, His Excellency would suggest that Government pass an order, that whenever other arrangements are not made by the Military Authorities at the Port of embarkation, the Medical Officer of the vessel is to assume Medical charge of the Troops on being ordered to do so by the Senior Officer in Command.

ORDER, No. 1835, 25th May 1859.

The Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to direct, (subject to the approval of the Government of India,) that when Details of Troops, proceeding from Port to Port, on the Steamers of Her Majesty's Indian Navy, embark, unaccompanied by a Medical Officer, the Surgeon of the vessel will afford Medical aid to the Troops; for which duty he will be entitled to the regulated Head money.

2. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief is requested to cause intimation to be given by the proper authority to the Medical Officers of the vessels, when the Troops to be embarked are to be under their charge.

3. When circumstances render it necessary to ship Medical Stores for the use of such Troops proceeding inland after disembarkation, application will be made to the Marine Department, that orders may be issued for the requisite space being made available for the purpose.

4. Ordered that the foregoing arrangements be notified in G. O.

To the Secy. to the Govt. of India. | Here enter 25th May 1859, No. 1836.

G. O. by Government. | Here enter 25th do. No. 201.

(True Extract.)

Mumtaz Ali
Acting Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent of Marine.

- „ Adjutant General.
- „ Director General, Medical Department.
- „ Marine Department. *With 3 spare Copies*
- „ Quarter Master General.
- „ Military Auditor General.
- „ Accountant General.

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No of 10 to June

Proceedings of Govt in
the Military Dept
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certain papers add
the orders of Govt
therein relative to
the supply of -
civilians and the
aid to troops and
-burial on H.M.
Indian Navy steamer.

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Exd. J. E. Cashart.