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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 11th to 17th June 1859.*

No. 8. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine ;
to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated,
9th June 1859, No. 2260.

I have the honor to inform you that the Superintendent of the Irrawaddy Flotilla who is the Principal Marine Officer at Rangoon, has forwarded to me copies of correspondence from which I learn the following particulars, and as I find that Lieutenant Fraser has appealed against my noticing any irregularity in his conduct, I think it better, pending the final orders of Government on that appeal, to lay the circumstances before them.

2. It appears then that the Superintendent of the Irrawaddy Flotilla granted on payment a Shipping order for a box to the "Coromandel," but when it was sent on board with the Bills of Lading, signature was refused to the latter and the box was consequently returned to the shore, as without the Bill of Lading there was no security for its being duly delivered.

3. In my instructions for the guidance of the Commanders, I have laid down that at the Out-ports Bills of Lading are to be signed by them. Merchants and others will not trust their Goods on board Ship unless the usual form of a Bill of Lading is adopted, and as this line of Steamers is established for the

convenience of the public as well as for Government purposes, it is absolutely necessary that these documents should be granted.

4. The correspondence is forwarded for perusal.

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, 11th June 1859, No. 259.
Referred to Lieutenant Fraser for explanation.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

Regulation

No 719.

To

Lieut. St. A. Fraser, I. N.

Comd. St. Michael's I. N.

Ranfoord 27 May 1859.

Sir,

The native merchants requiring
freight for Madras have applied to have
the freight money returned, stating that
they cannot obtain any signature to
their Bills of Lading, and in consequence
they have landed their goods. I shall feel
obliged by your informing me if there are
orders of assist. printing or signing receipts
so that I may inform the Shippers when
application is made.

2.

Rule 17 of the Regulations has
reference to the Bills of Lading.

I have &c

W. A. Brooking

Asst. J. Floutra

To

The Subst. J. Floutra

Ranfoord

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 719
of this date relating to receipts for cargo
I beg you will have the goodness to direct
the attention of shippers to Rule 6 of the
Regulations

Regulations, which requires applications
for freight to be registered and handed
to the Commander of the vessel or ar-
rival at this Port.

I have to

59 H.A. Base.

Super Lt. J. H.

Comdr. S. Formandel.

Rampon
The 27 May 1859

No 132.

To

The Subj. Eny. Floride

Rampon

Swi

Agreeably to your advertisement
the 25th I applied for and obtained
from you a shipping order for freight
measuring 4 ft 3 in paid. The Box
was sent with your order aboard
the "Formandel" with Biles & Lading
there I am informed the authorities
on board refused to sign and the box
was consequently brought back. Will
you kindly inform me if the public are
entitled to demand signature to Biles
& Lading for freight shipped, if not
what security the public possess for
the delivery of goods received on board.
The various documents are sent and
I request the favor of an early reply

Rampon

The 27 May 1859
Comdr. S. Formandel

I have to

59 H.A. Base.

Super Lt. J. H.

No 723.

Captain H. Harris

Dykes to Comd. Formandel

Rampon of 27 May 1859.

Swi

With reference to your letter of
this date, relating to freight, I beg to
refer you to the accompanying corres-
pondence with the Commander of the
"Formandel" on the same subject.

As the object of Government
in placing the Line of Steamers subjected
to be thwarted by similar objections I
take the opportunity of these instances to bring
it to the notice of Government.

I have to

59 A.B. Looking

Subj. J. Floride

True &c

A. B. Looking

Subj. J. Floride

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No. 24

To

J. J. Franklin Esq.

Super of marine

Fort George

Ranpon of 27th May 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to
forward the accompanying copy of
a correspondence relating to freight
on the "Cromwell".

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours most obedt Servt

A. J. Hooker Esq.

Super of Marine

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From the Coast
of the Pacific

to the Pacific

No. 259

Referred to Lieut. Fraser

for explanation.

Fort St. George,
11 June, 1859.

J. P.

To the Commander of the
Coramangle. with } Sept 11th
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