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MADRAS DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 14. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, in the Military Department, dated 6th June 1859, No. 1971.
(*Vide* Military Proceedings from 1st to 10th June 1859, No. 63 @ 67.)

Communicating copies of letters from the Superintendent of Marine, and the Quarter Master General of the Army, on the subject of conveying Invalids from the Straits to Madras in P. and O., Steamers.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 14th June 1859, No. 262.
To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Extract Mins. Cons. Marine Department.

Referring a letter from the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, enquiring whether Invalids might not be brought from the Straits to Madras in the monthly China Steamer via Calcutta or via Point de Galle. } Here enter 6th April 1859, No. 127.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief (Quarter Master General's Department) for His Excellency's views on the subject, and to the Superintendent of Marine for report, with reference to previous arrangements, sanctioned in Proceedings of Government, Military Department, No. 1129, 2nd April 1857, and No. 3057, 12th November 1855.

12th May 1859.

From the Superintendent of Marine, Madras, 16th May 1859, No. 1939; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the order of Government of the 12th instant, on Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Marine Department of the 6th ultimo, No. 127, on the subject of the passage of sick Troops from the Straits settlements to Madras, and to state that it has never been found practicable to carry out the arrangements sanctioned in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 1129, of 2nd April 1857, and No. 3057, of 12th November 1855. It was found that the P. and O. Steamers could neither afford sheltered accommodation for even one or two such passengers, nor could they provide the Hindoos with any separate cooking place. On the 12th September 1857, the late Marine Board addressed the Superintendent of the P. and O. Company at Calcutta, representing how very desirable it would be if these difficulties could be overcome, so as to allow of a very limited number of men returning at one time. He replied, that it would have afforded him great pleasure to meet our wishes, but that the China Steamers were always full of cargo for Galle, and that there was no room for any thing living between decks.

2. The arrangements referred to were, however, intended only to meet the wants of the few whose cases were so desperate as imperatively to require immediate removal: they were not intended to apply to the ordinary transport of the sick from those settlements, as the cost by P.

	Singapore.	Penang.	
<i>By P. and O. Steamer.</i>	153	130	usually paid by sailing vessel. The "Granville" brought over upwards of a hundred sick
<i>Sailing Vessel.</i>	30	to 40	in April last. By the P. and O. Steamer the
<i>from each settlement.</i>			cost of passage would have been nearly 17,000

Rupees: by the "Granville" it was under 5,000 Rupees, and by a Government Steamer, the cost of fuel and attendant expenses would have been from 8 to 12 or 13,000 Rupees, according to the class of vessel dispatched. No saving would therefore be effected by sending them by the P. and O. Company's Ships, and as a Government vessel carries over details and stores in addition to bringing back sick and others awaiting passage, it is manifestly more advisable to employ them when they can be spared for this service.

From the Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 20th May 1859, No. 217; to the Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Minutes of Consultation as per margin, calling for His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief's views, on the subject of conveying Invalids from the Straits to Madras in P. and O. Steamers, and referring to previous arrangements sanctioned in Proceedings of Government, Military Department, No. 1129, 2nd April 1857, and No. 3057, of 12th November 1855.

Extract Minutes of Consultation, Marine Department, dated 6th April 1859, No. 127, referred to Military Department, 12th May 1859.

2. In reply, I am directed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to observe, that this subject has been for some time mooted, but without any definite arrangements having been come to. The great point is the provision of sheltered accommodation on the P. and O. Steamers for the Invalids, which to men in their state, is so essential, and until the P. and O. Company guarantee this description of accommodation, nothing can be decided upon.

3. The subject of relative cost will be more satisfactorily reported upon by the Superintendent of Marine, to whom it appears, the matter has been referred.

ORDER, No. 1971, 6th June 1859.

Ordered that the foregoing letters from the Superintendent of Marine, and the Quarter Master General of the Army, be communicated to the Marine Department, and to the Government of India.

To the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Home Dept. | Here enter 6th June 1859, No. 1972.

(True Extract.)

Mumtaz Ali
Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Marine Department. *With 3 Spare Copies*
" Superintendent of Marine.
" Quarter Master General.

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11 June /59 J.P.

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