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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 18th to 24th June 1859.*

No. 3. Read the following letter from Mr. R. H. FORESTER, Acting Master, Indian Navy; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 14th June 1859.

With reference to Extract from Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 5th May 1859, I deem it my duty most respectfully to submit for the consideration of Government that Colonel Babington was in error in supposing that I am not an Officer of the Indian Navy, as will be seen by a reference to the authorized list of that service, and the fact of my being in command of a Vessel of Her Majesty's Indian Navy entitled me I humbly conceive to the same consideration, courtesy and respect as would be accorded to a Commissioned Officer holding the same position.

With reference to my having despatched Mr. Fonley to Colonel Babington, I did not and could not have meant any disrespect to that Officer as Mr. Fonley in virtue of his position in the Indian Navy ranks with a Captain in the Army, and moreover I was at the time too unwell to leave the Vessel.

I have always endeavored to carry into effect the orders of Government published in the Extract of Proceedings of the Madras Government abovementioned that all Officers should co-operate cordially for the benefit of the Public service, and had Colonel Babington addressed to me a requisition for the Vessel's services, instead of issuing a specific order I should have been most happy to have forwarded his views as far as my orders from the Madras Government would have allowed me, but I respectfully submit that I could not without comprising my position as an Officer of the Indian Navy receive such an order from an Officer, who I beg to submit had no authority to give me one.

While I remain in the Indian Navy it will always be my endeavor as it has hitherto been to forward the interests of Government to the best of my ability, and to work well with the Military Officers with whom it is my duty to co-operate but in the present instance I beg to state that it was not co-operation but obedience to orders that Colonel Babington required, and had he adopted the legitimate course towards me, he would have had no cause to complain of my want of courtesy or zeal for the Public service.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 20th June 1859, No. 269.
Communicated to the Military Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Order thereon No. 269 d/20 June 59.
Communicated to the Mili-
tary Department.

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it is clear that Colonel Montgomery
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zeal for the public service.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours most respectfully
O. M. Smith

Adjut. Genl. &c.