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

No. 11. Read the following letter from W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 6th June 1859, No. 1123.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 175, dated the 5th Ultimo, and in reply to state that the Governor General in Council is not inclined to accept the offer of Messrs. Begbie and Co., to run steamers between Madras and Rangoon, on the payment of a subsidy by Government of 60,000 Rupees per annum.

2. Arrangements have recently been made to carry on this service by means of Government vessels, and the Governor General in Council sees no reason to apprehend that the service may not be adequately performed by the vessels which have been assigned for the purpose. It seems very desirable that the line should include the Northern Ports of the Madras Presidency, as at present arranged, and this is not provided for in the offer made by Messrs. Begbie and Co. The conditions attached to Messrs. Begbie and Co.'s proposal are also open to objection, particularly that which requires the Government to bind itself to give them the entire freight, passage, &c., which may be wanted for the public service.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 22nd June 1859, No. 274.

Ordered that a copy of the above letter be forwarded to Messrs. Begbie and Co., in reference to the Proceedings of Government, 5th May last, No. 174.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd, A. P. W. Begbie.

Recd. of 11/10/1887

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For George
22nd June 1887

Messrs. Begbie & Co. Rangoon.

The Dr. Mr. Genl.

" Superintendent of Marine

J.P.
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