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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 2nd to 8th July 1859.*

No. 26. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 29th June 1859, No. 2574.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of Government of the 24th Instant, No. 280, relieving Lieutenant Fraser from blame in the matter of his refusal to sign Bills of Lading for private Cargo at Rangoon, and to state that their instructions will be scrupulously obeyed, and that the attention of the shipping Officers at the Ports of call will be at once directed to a careful observance of article 6 of the rules, although I was not aware of its having been neglected.

2. I cannot avoid expressing my regret at Lieutenant Fraser's recording his impression that an evident predisposition existed on my part to attach unmerited blame to him, and I trust that Government will not impute to me such an unworthy proceeding. Lieutenant Fraser having repudiated my control, I had no alternative but to submit to higher authority the letter from the Superintendent of the Irrawaddy Flotilla, and in my communication I carefully abstained from recording an opinion on the transaction. The only other case in point is that concerning the private Passengers left behind at Cocanada on the outward voyage. Lieutenant Fraser has therefore no cause for saying that I am disposed to attach blame to him rather than to the culpable parties.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 7th July 1859, No. 306.

The Government are quite satisfied with the conduct of the Superintendent of Marine in the matter referred to in the above letter, and consider that Lieutenant Fraser was not justified in his remarks.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

N^o 306 - 7 July 1889.

The Government are quite satisfied
with the conduct of the Surp^t of
Justice in the matter referred to
in the above letter, and consider
that Sir John Lubbock was well
justified in his remarks.

JPS

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Sir John Lubbock

Comd^g M^o Menden Command

Dep^y Sec^y