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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 16th to 22nd July 1859.*

No. 3. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 8th July 1859, No. 2688.

I have the honor to inform you that on the 24th Ultimo the Accountant General inquired whether the receipt on account of Freight and Passage money realized by the line of Steamers plying between Madras the Northern Ports and Rangoon should be credited to the Madras or to the Bombay Presidency, as the ordinary charges of the Indian Navy Vessels are debited to the latter Government. The Accountant General further asked whether, in the event of the receipts being sent to Bombay, the expense of the Establishment sanctioned for performing the duties incidental to the line, should not be charged to that Presidency.

2. My reply was to the effect that, as some of the Steamers employed on the line belonged to the Indian Navy and some to the Bengal Marine, it would unnecessarily complicate accounts if their earnings were to be debited to different Presidencies, but as this was only my own view of the question, I expressed my readiness to submit the matter to Government if he wished. He has now requested me to do so, and I beg to suggest that the whole of the receipts should be credited to the Madras Government, for the above mentioned reason that, with Vessels of different Presidencies employed, confusion would arise in the accounts by following a different course.

3. It would moreover be difficult to apportion the expense of the Establishment sanctioned for the packet service, as the same Vessels cannot always be employed: of the three Vessels required, sometimes two will belong to the Indian Navy and one to the Bengal Marine, while at other times the proportions may be reversed. It would not therefore be reasonable to debit the Bombay Government with a fixed portion of the charge for Establishment and periodical charges would only lead to confusion and constant references. On all accounts it appears advisable therefore that the proceeds should be credited to Madras.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 16th July 1859, No. 317.

Government are disposed to agree with the Superintendent of Marine, and desire that the receipts on account of Freight and Passage money earned by Ships of the Indian Navy and Bengal Marine on the Madras and Rangoon line, should be credited to the Madras Presidency. If the Accountant General sees any objection to this course, he will represent it to Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

N^o 317- 16 July 1859

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The Superintendent
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