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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 23rd to 29th July 1859.*

No. 8. Read the following letter from Senior Lieutenant H. A. FRASER, Indian Navy, Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer "Coromandel," Indian Navy; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 13th July 1859, No. 43 of 1859.

I have the honor most respectfully to bring to the notice of the Honorable the Governor in Council of Madras, that in accordance with Minutes of Consultation, dated 11th June 1859, No. 254, and also verbal instructions of the Superintendent of Marine at Madras, arrangements were duly made, and supplies provided in the "Coromandel," for the conveyance of the Mails, and accommodation of the Calcutta passengers of the P and O Steamer "Bengal," who were expected to arrive at Madras per Steamer "Sidney," consequent on the accident which was supposed to have disabled the former Vessel from prosecuting her voyage safely from Galle to Calcutta.

Further having received an Official letter, No. 2638 of 4th July 1859, from the Superintendent of Marine at Madras, intimating that 7 Officers were to embark at Coconada for passage to Madras, whereas passage for only 1 was demanded; in both instances, I beg to represent, that having incurred considerable losses from decay and deterioration of perishable stores, necessarily provided in accordance with the above instructions, I respectfully submit for the consideration of Government, that such losses should not fall on me, as the small rates of passage money allowed afford no margin to cover them.

Referred for the report of the Superintendent of Marine.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
13th July 1859.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 9. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 14th July 1859, No. 2776.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the order of Government of the 13th instant, referring for report a letter from Senior Lieutenant H. A. Fraser, Indian Navy, Commanding the "Coromandel," of the same date, representing that he had sustained considerable loss in two instances, in preparing supplies for passengers he was led to expect would be embarked in his Vessel, but who did not proceed.

2. Lieutenant Fraser has correctly stated that he was directed to make preparations for carrying on to Calcutta the Mails and passengers expected from Galle by the "Sydney," and that in consequence of their having proceeded on direct from that Port in the Steamer "Ganges," his preparations were of no avail. No doubt an ample stock of provisions was laid in, part of which would be a loss to Lieutenant Fraser, and if the Government feel disposed to admit a claim on this account, I think Lieutenant Fraser should be directed to state on honor what he considers his loss to have been. The case, however, ought, if thus decided, to be an exceptional one, for I think the table money allowed—8 Rupees a day—is sufficient to cover all ordinary losses of this nature.

3. With respect to the second instance I have to state that the embarkation return from the Quarter Master General's Office exhibited distinctly seven Officers as having to be provided with passage from Cocanada. Copy of this was, as usual, furnished to Lieutenant Fraser, but it appears that only two embarked, I do not see that in such cases Government can entertain any claim for compensation: alterations are likely to take place in the numbers proceeding in a Vessel up to the moment of sailing: sometimes fewer but more frequently more proceed than originally ordered, and as it is only the live stock by which a loss will eventually be incurred I hardly consider that this ought to form ground for a claim which, if admitted in one instance, must be allowed in many others.

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No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 23rd July 1859, No. 333.

In the first of the letters recorded above, the Commander of the "Coromandel" sought compensation for losses sustained on two occasions under the following circumstances.

2. In the orders of the 11th June last, No. 254, the "Coromandel" was named for the conveyance hence to Calcutta of the Mails and Passengers of the Contract Steamer, "Bengal" who were expected here by the "Sydney." After "supplies had been provided in the "Coromandel" for the Calcutta Passengers," intelligence was received that the "Ganges" had proceeded with them direct to Calcutta. The "Coromandel" was then employed to bring Treasure from Paumbem.

3. On her return thence, she was appointed to proceed to Cocanada to bring in a party of Sappers and Miners, among whom, according to a list furnished by the Quarter Master General through the Superintendent of Marine, were seven Officers. At Cocanada, the Commander stated only *one* Officer embarked, although in his subsequent letter, the number of Officers is given as two, Lieutenants Swanton and Dakeyne.

4. The losses in question arose "from the decay and deterioration of perishable stores" provided for Passengers who, the Commander was led to expect, would, but who did not, embark on his Vessel. The Superintendent of Marine considers the table money allowed, eight Rupees per diem, sufficient to cover all ordinary losses of this nature, and that claims made on such grounds are inadmissible.

5. In this opinion Government concur, but under the circumstances, and regarding the first of the two instances referred to, as an exceptional one, and not likely to occur frequently, the Honorable the Governor in Council resolves to call on Lieutenant Fraser to state what he considers his loss to have been on that occasion.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. W. Komareck.

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*From the Commander of
the Coromandel — Enter 13th July 1859 No. 43844.*

*From the Superintendent
of Marine — 14th do — 2776.*

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5. In this opinion, I concur, but under the circumstances, & regarding the first of the two instances referred to, as an exceptional one, & not likely to recur frequently, the Hon^{ble} the Governor in Council resolves to call on Lieut. Fraser to state ~~what~~ what he considers his loss to have been on that occasion.

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