

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	342	Presc Mie.
Dated	8 th 7 th	1859

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

No. 27. Read the following letter from G. N. TAYLOR, Esq., Inam Commissioner; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 25th July 1859, No. 77.

I have the honor to solicit an Order of Government for the conveyance of myself and family to Masulipatam in the Steamer "Sydney," which is to leave Madras after the arrival of the next Mail Steamer from Suez. The Manager of my Office, with his family and one or two Clerks will accompany me, together with a few Packets of Records, and other Baggage.

2. I take this opportunity to report a circumstance, connected with the conveyance by these Steamers of the Native Officers on the Public Service, which appears to me to call for the special notice of the Government. In pursuance of the order No. 324, dated 19th July 1859. specified in the margin, I arranged with the Superintendent of Marine for the transport of my Office Establishment, Furniture, Baggage, &c., by the Steamer "Coromandel" which left Madras on Saturday last. One of the Deputy Collectors employed in the Commission, T. Dharmaroya Moodelliar, having expressed a wish to proceed by this opportunity with the Ladies of his family to Masulipatam, I desired Mr. Franklin to be good enough to request the Commander of the Vessel to provide suitable accommodation for his party. I regret to say that the Commander, whose name I am not acquainted with, positively refused, and, as I am informed by Mr. Franklin, in injurious terms, to give the Deputy Collector a Cabin, without a specific order of the Government directing him to do so.

3. Being unable to proceed myself by this opportunity, I deemed it inadvisable, under the circumstances above stated, to apply for a Government order; and the result is that T. Dharmaroya Moodelliar has proceeded to Masulipatam by land, preferring the fatigue and expense of the long journey, to the risk of discomfort and indignity to which his family might have been exposed on Board a Government Vessel, intended, I believe, for the use and convenience of all branches of the Public Service.

4. I should also mention that another Deputy Collector, P. Mootoosawmy Iyer, who embarked on one of these Steamers at Tranquebar, with the view of joining me at Madras as speedily as possible, was treated during the voyage with no more consideration than would have been shewn to a common Cooly.

5. The effect of inconsiderate conduct on the part of Commanders of Government Vessels towards Native passengers, similar to the instances now reported, is not confined to the sufferers themselves, it extends throughout the Native Community. Could they have been certain of kind and considerate treatment, I have little doubt, others would have followed the example of the two Deputy Collectors, I have named. Long established social customs are not easily set aside; and when Native Gentlemen are willing to waive their Caste prejudices, it is hard that they should meet with difficulty and opposition from their European fellow subjects.

No. 28. MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE THE PRESIDENT, dated 27th July 1859.

It will not be advisable to take any step in this matter without full information.

The Superintendent of Marine should therefore be furnished with a copy of the 2nd Paragraph of Mr. Taylor's letter, and he should be desired to report.

1st. Precisely what passed on the subject between himself and the Commander of the "Coromandel," stating as nearly as he can recollect them, the precise words used by that Officer; and 2ndly. How far it was the duty of the Commander of the "Coromandel," on a view of the orders he had received, to provide a Cabin for the family of the Deputy Collector.

(Signed) C. E. TREVELYAN.

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, 27th July 1859, No. 342.

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2. Passage will be provided on the Sydney to Masulipatam for Mr. G. N. Taylor, and his family, his Manager and family, his Clerks, Records and Baggage.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT.
Chief Secretary.

No 77.

To

G. N. Taylor Esq
Sham Commissioner

To

Madras
T. Pycroft Esq
Chief Secretary to
the Government of
Port St George.

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I take this opportunity
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which

No. 324 of 19 July 59

Received of the
 Treasurer of the
 Board of Directors
 the sum of
 \$100.00
 for the purchase of
 the land on which
 the building is
 to be erected.
 Witness my hand
 and seal this
 1st day of
 January 1859.
 J. M. Smith
 Secretary

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2 Passage will be provided on the ship for the family of Mr. Taylor & his family - his wife & family - his clerks, records and baggage

The Superintendent
of Marine.
Indian Commissioner

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