

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>349</i>	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	<i>1-8-1859</i>	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 30th July to 5th August 1859.*

No. 6. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 22nd July 1859, No. 2604.

(*Vide* Military Proceedings from 16th to 22nd July 1859, Nos. 158 and 159.)

(*Communicates for information copy of report of the Commander-in-Chief I. N., on the correspondence relating to a complaint by the Officer Commanding details proceeded from Madras to Rangoon on the Steamer "Punjaub" of the insufficiency of accommodation on Board for Officers &c.*)

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 1st August 1859, No. 349.

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(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department, Bombay Castle, 15th July 1859 ; No. 3796 ; to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2065 dated 10th ultimo, with the correspondence which accompanied it relative to a complaint by the Officer Commanding details proceeded from Madras to Rangoon in the Steamer "Punjaub" of the insufficiency of accommodation on board for Officers and the refusal of the Commander to make over space for Baggage.

In reply I am directed to transmit the accompanying copy of a report from the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy No. 662 dated 1st Instant, on the subject and to express to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief at Fort Saint George the full concurrence of His Lordship in Council therein.

Report from the Commander-in-Chief I. N., Bombay 1st July 1859, No. 662.

It is not apparent, I think, what is the complaint which the Government of Fort Saint George desire to be noticed.

2. Commander Foulerton has answered the complaint regarding the want of accommodation for Captain Nicolls and the other Officers by shewing that the only vacant Cabin was given to the Officer Commanding the Troops, and that the Officers of the Gun-room shared their Cabins with the other Officers. It is not I presume expected that when vessels of War carry Troops the Officers of the ship who have their daily duties to attend to (putting aside the constant discomfort they would be subjected to by such a rule) should vacate their Cabins in order that the Military Officers should take possession of them. The Officers of the ship, on this occasion seem to have done all in their power, and more than was incumbent on them, to make the Military Officers comfortable.

3. Commander Foulerton further explained to the Quarter Master General that the Coal holds being full it would tend to the comfort of the Troops if the heavy Baggage was put on board the vessel in tow, there being no available space for it except on the upper deck, which was the only place for Troops in the "Punjaub," a space of 28 feet by 8 feet was portioned off it appears for the Officers Baggage on the orlop deck.

4. The fact is, as is well known, that the "Punjaub" has no accommodation whatever for Troops and that none should be sent by her except in case of emergency, but for this, Commander Foulerton is not to blame and I think it can hardly be called just towards him to characterize his conduct as unjustifiable because it was an impossibility, as shewn by him, to carry more Baggage in addition to the Troops.

5. I must acknowledge that I cannot discover from this correspondence in what way Commander Foulerton's conduct is deserving of unfavorable notice.

ORDER, No. 2604, 22nd July 1859.
Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief.
(True Extract.)

A. Marshall
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Marine Department.
" Superintendent of Marine.

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Exd. W. D'Arachy.

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