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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 34. Read the following letter from Captain W. F. MARRIOTT, Acting Secretary to Government; to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Bombay Castle, 23rd July 1859, No. 976.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 221, dated 25th May last with its accompaniment, and am instructed by His Lordship in Council to forward in reply the accompanying copy of a report from the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, No. 661, dated 1st Instant, stating that there is no Steamer available, in which Lieutenant Taylor could visit the Ports of the Western India, during this present South West monsoon.

Report by the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, No. 661, dated 1st July 1859.

There is no Steam Vessel at present available for this duty, for owing to the uncertainty of the "Scindian" being able to fulfil the contract of carrying the Mails to Kurrachee, I am obliged to keep the "Victoria" (which is the only Steamer that is disposable) within reach, and in readiness to take the Mails at the shortest notice.

2nd. I exclude the "Assaye," for she is too large to go into many of the Ports mentioned herein, and moreover the expense on account of Coal would be too great to make it advisable to employ her on such a duty.

3rd. I doubt, moreover, if such a rapid and cursory examination as is proposed by Lieutenant Taylor would be of any practical value. The work proposed by him in the 1st para: would require at least one whole monsoon, probably more, and it is I think far preferable to wait for the next monsoon, and then to select and appropriate a Steamer that has good sailing qualities, in order to examine the Coast and report fully upon the points on which information is desired.

(Signed) G. G. WELLESLEY,
Commander-in-Chief I. N.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. F. MARRIOTT, Captain,
Acting Secy. to Govt.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, 5th August 1859, No. 366.

To be communicated to Lieutenat A. D. Taylor, I. N., in reference to his letter, 6th May 1859, and to the orders recently communicated to him under date the 29th Ultimo, No. 344.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 366 - 5 August 1859.

To be communicated to
Lt. A. D. Taylor I. N. in re-
ference to his letter, 6 May
1859 - and to the order
failing the course suggested
by him, Lt. Taylor will act
on the orders of the 30 March
last, No. 114 para 6.

W. L.

Will

recently communicated
to him under
date N-29" also No. 344

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Lt. A. D. Taylor I. N. (Signed)

Taylor could visit the Ports of Western
India during this present South West
Monsoon.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

W. S. Mearns

Captain

Belg. Decr. to Govt.

To
The Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

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