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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 6th to 12th August 1859.*

Read again letter from the Inám Commissioner, dated 25th and recorded in the Proceedings of the 27th July 1859, No. 342.

No. 16. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 1st August 1859, No. 3017.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of Government of the 27th Ultimo, No. 342, and in obedience to the orders therein conveyed to state as follows:

1st. That on asking Lieutenant Fraser to accommodate the Native Deputy Collector and his wife with a Cabin to Masulipatam, and representing that from his rank in the Public Service he was entitled to this consideration, his reply, as near as I can remember, was "no Native, whatever be his rank, not even the Nabob, should have a Cabin as long as he commanded the Vessel." I observed that as he was not about to proceed on packet service, I was issuing no order; but that the Government could do so; and I advised him for his own sake not to throw obstacles in the way. His rejoinder was, "If the Government order it, of course I must submit, but I will not otherwise admit any Native into one of my Cabins." There may have been some further conversation on the subject, but this was the material part.

2ndly. It was, I think, the duty of Lieutenant Fraser, to receive on board the Establishment of Mr. G. N. Taylor as the Government had directed him to do so; and this being admitted, it was further his duty to accommodate them in accordance with their social position.

Had the "*Coromandel*" been proceeding as a packet, the Deputy Collector would have had as much right as any one else to engage a Cabin for himself and wife, and as a Government Servant of a standing such as he holds, I conceive that he had equally a right to be accommodated with a Cabin when ordered passage by Government.

No. 17. MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE THE PRESIDENT, dated 5th August 1859.

This case has an importance far beyond the immediate circumstances.

2. The object for which Steamers were placed at the disposal of this Government to be used as Passage Vessels between the widely separated coasts of this Presidency was, to facilitate the Public Service. Much the largest portion of the Public business of this Presidency is done by Natives under the superintendence of Europeans, but our Native Officers must still go by land if conduct like that of the Commander of the "*Coromandel*" is tolerated.

3. The position assumed by this Officer is, that he will not give to any Native of India, Cabin accommodation for himself or his family, whatever may be his rank, without an express order from the Government. The person concerned on this occasion was a highly respectable Native Gentleman, holding the responsible office of Deputy Collector, who had been ordered to proceed to Masulipatam for the performance of important duties under the Inám Commissioner; and in order to expedite the Public Service, he had consented to go with his family by Sea.

4. "I should also mention," observes Mr. Taylor, the Inám Commissioner, "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 shown to a common cooly."

5. The Commanders of the Steamers which have been placed at the disposal of this Government, to be employed as Passage Steamers, should be instructed to treat Native Officers with the same consideration, and to give to them and their families the same accommodation as they would in the case of European Officers of the same rank.

6. As this subject will attract the attention of the Home Authorities, I think it right to mention that the habitual contumely with which the Lascars were treated on board the Penin-

3. From the report on this case

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sular and Oriental Company's Steamer which conveyed me from Suez to Madras, must have made it impossible, if they had the ordinary feelings of men, that they should stand by their Officers in the hour of danger; and that the example of such treatment could not fail to have an injurious influence on the large number of young men who go to India in these Steamers to join the different branches of the Public Service and to engage in other occupations of various kinds.

(Signed) C. E. TREVELYAN.

No. 18.

ORDER THEREON, 9th August 1859, No. 376.

1. Under date 19th Ultimo, the Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Coromandel," Indian Navy, was directed to receive on board his Vessel and convey to Masulipatam, the Establishment, &c., of Mr. Taylor, Inam Commissioner.

2. In his letter, 25th Ultimo, Mr. Taylor represented to Government that the Commander of the "Coromandel" had positively refused to afford suitable accommodation to one of his Native Deputy Collectors and his family, who were desirous of proceeding by the Steamer. The result was that the Deputy Collector had proceeded 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 the Government Vessel.

3. From the report on this circumstance, furnished by the Superintendent of Marine, it appears that the position assumed by the Commander of the "Coromandel" is, that he will not give to any Native of India, Cabin accommodation for himself or his family, whatever may be his rank, without an *express* order from Government. The person concerned on this occasion was a highly respectable Native Gentleman, holding the responsible Office of Deputy Collector, who had been ordered to proceed to Masulipatam for the performance of important duties under the Inam Commissioner—and in order to expedite the Public Service, had consented to go with his family by Sea.

4. "I should also mention" observes Mr. Taylor, the Inam Commissioner, "that another Native Deputy Collector, 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 shown to a common cooly."

5. The Honorable the Governor in Council observes that the object for which Steamers were placed at the disposal of this Government to be used as Passage Vessels between the widely separated coasts of this Presidency, was to facilitate the Public Service. Much the largest portion of the public business of this Presidency, is performed by Natives under the superintendence of Europeans—but Native Officers must still go by land, if conduct like that of the Commanders in question is to be tolerated.

6. Resolved that the Commanders of the Steamers, which have been placed at the disposal of this Government, be informed that they are required to treat Native Officers, proceeding on their Vessels, with the same consideration, and to give to them and their families the same accommodation as they would in the case of European Officers of the same rank.

6. Resolved further that copy of these Proceedings be forwarded to the Supreme Government, the Government of Bombay, and the Secretary of State for India.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

No. 19. TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, dated Fort Saint George, the 9th August 1859, No. 377.

SIR,

On the application of the Inam Commissioner, Mr. G. N. Taylor, who was proceeding on duty to Masulipatam, an order was on the 19th Ultimo addressed to Lieutenant Fraser, Com-

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mander of the "Coromandel," then bound for that Port, directing him to take on board Mr. Taylor's Office establishment and convey them thither.

2. On the 25th Ultimo, the Commissioner represented to Government, that the Commander had positively refused to afford suitable Cabin accommodation to one of his Native Deputy Collectors and his family, who were desirous of proceeding by the Steamer. The result was that the Deputy Collector had had to proceed 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 the Government Vessel.

3. From the report on this circumstance furnished by the Superintendent of Marine, it appears that the position assumed by the Commander of the "Coromandel" is, that he will not give to any Native of India Cabin accommodation for himself or his family, whatever may be his rank, without an *express* order from Government. The person concerned on this occasion was a highly respectable Native Gentleman, holding the responsible Office of Deputy Collector, who had been ordered to proceed to Masulipatam for the performance of important duties under the Inam Commissioner, and in order to expedite the public service, had consented to go with his family by Sea.

4. Mr. Taylor in making the representation above referred to, observed that another Native Deputy Collector, who had embarked on one of these Steamers at Tranquebar, with the view of joining him at Madras as speedily as possible, had been treated during the voyage with no more consideration than would have been shown to a common cooly.

5. On a review of these circumstances, the Honorable the Governor in Council observed that the object for which Steamers were placed at the disposal of this Government to be used as passage Vessels between the widely separated coasts of this Presidency, was to facilitate the Public Service. Much the largest portion of the public business in this Presidency is performed by Natives under the superintendence of Europeans, but Native Officers must still go by land, if conduct like that of the Commanders in question is to be tolerated.

6. Orders have accordingly been issued instructing the Commanders of the Steamers which have been placed at the disposal of this Government to treat Native Officers, proceeding on their Vessels, with the same consideration, and to give to them and their families the same accommodation as they would in the case of European Officers of the same rank.

7. In forwarding copies of the Proceedings of Government noted in the margin, I am directed to request the attention of the Supreme Government to the Minute of His Honor the President in Council, under date the 5th Instant, recorded therein.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 20. TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY, dated Fort Saint George, 9th August 1859, No. 378.

SIR,

I am directed to forward, for submission to the Government of Bombay, copies of the Proceedings of this Government, noted in the

Proceedings 19th July 1859, Nos. 324.

" 27th " " " 342.

" 9th August " " 376.

margin, relative to the refusal of the Commander of the "Coromandel" to provide suitable accommodation for a Native Deputy Collector and his family, and to solicit their attention to the Minute of His Honor the President in Council, under date the 5th Instant, recorded therein.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

2. From the report on this cir-

Marine.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Read again letter from the
Indian Commissioner, da-
ted 25th July 1859 N^o 77

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Read also letter from the
Superintendent of Bellaries

illuminated by H. C. the Presi-
dent in Council

Enter 1st August 1859 N^o 3017-

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Order thereon - 9th August 1859 No 318.

In Under date 19 ulto. 2
to Commander of H. M.
Sloop Coromandel
It was directed to
ascertain on board his
vessel & convey to
Mauritius at a
cost which must be
of Mr. Ingleton, Secy to
Commissioner

In his letter, 25th ulto., ~~the~~ ^{Mr} ~~Commissioner~~ ^{Taylor} represented to
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of the Coromandel had posi-
tively refused to ~~provide~~ ^{afford}
suitable accommodation
for ~~one of his~~ ^{one of his} Native Deputy Collectors
& his family, who were desirous
to proceed by the steamer to
Mauritius. The result
was that the Deputy Collector
had proceeded by land, pre-
ferring the fatigue & expense of
the long journey, to the risk
of discomfort & indignity to
which his family might have
been exposed on board the
Govt. vessel.

3. From the report on this cir-
cumstance, which was called
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furnished by
~~for from~~ the Superintendent
of Marine, it appears that
the position assumed by the
Commander of the Coro-
mandel is, that he will not
give to any Native of India,
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himself or his family, what-
ever may be his rank, without
an express order from Govern-
ment. The Person concerned
on this occasion was a highly
respectable Native Gentleman,
holding the responsible office
of Deputy Collector, who has
been ordered to proceed to
Masulipatam for the per-
formance of important duties
under the Inam Commis-
sioner. - & in order to expe-
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he had consented to go with
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observes Mr. Taylor, the Inam
Commissioner, "that another
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ders in question, ^{to be} tolera-
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5. Resolved that the Com-
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milies the same accom-
modation as they would
in the case of European
Officers of the same rank.

6. Resolved further that copy
of these Proceedings be for-
warded to the Supreme
Govt., the Govt. of Bom-
bay, & the Secretary of
State for India.

JP

The Inam Commissioner
The Superintendent of
Marine

" Commanders of the

Coromandel
Balthouse
Sydney
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Disptd 15th

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and 18th m/v
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