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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 13th to 19th August 1859.*

Read the following letters :

No. 32. From Senior Lieutenant H. A. FRASER, Indian Navy, Commanding H. M's. Steamer "Coromandel," Indian Navy; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Masulipatam, 26th July 1859, No. 49.

I have the honor to report for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council, that in accordance with Official Memoranda as per margin, from
No. 2838 of 19th July 1859. the Superintendent of Marine at Madras, ordering certain details
No. 2851 of 20th July 1859. to embark on the "Coromandel" for Calcutta, also requesting to
No. 2883 of 21st July 1859. know if sundry Casks of Salt meat, preserved provisions and
Bales of clothing, could be received for conveyance to Calcutta
and Masulipatam, I received the details, provisions, &c., in anticipation of the Orders of Government necessary to sanction my doing so; no such orders having reached me, I beg respectfully to state that while the "Coromandel" is placed at the disposal of the Government of Madras, I deem it my duty to decline receiving or acting upon any such Orders or requisitions from the Superintendent of Marine, that are not expressly sanctioned by Government.

In the present instance more tonnage has been ordered to be shipped on the "Coromandel" than the Vessel can stow, consequent on Orders being issued by Government to receive the establishment, horses, office furniture, baggage, &c., of Mr. Taylor, Inám Commissioner, subsequent to my compliance with the requisition from the Superintendent of Marine, for 60 tons of freight, in addition to baggage of troops.

Further, in consequence of my having received the details embarked for Calcutta, in accordance with the Orders of the Superintendent of Marine (which I beg to submit he has no authority to issue) in the absence of the usual embarkation return from the Quarter Master General or special orders from Government, the cost of provisioning them devolves on me, I therefore have the honor to request, that the necessary authority be furnished for the embarkation of the details in question, and that the Superintendent of Marine may be restricted to the legitimate exercise of his functions in such cases for the future.

Referred for the remarks of the Superintendent of Marine.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
1st August 1859. }

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 33. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 2nd August 1859, No. 3028.

In returning the accompanying letter from Senior Lieutenant Fraser, I. N., to Government, dated 26th ultimo, forwarded to me for remark, I have the honor to submit the accompanying copies of the three communications quoted by that Officer, from which the Government will perceive that he has allowed himself to state as facts what the correspondence will not bear him out in. No Orders were issued at all to Lieutenant Fraser from my Department, and knowing how tenacious he is of anything that might be construed into an order, I have always carefully abstained from addressing him in a way that might be mistaken as assuming a power I do not possess, except so long as the Vessel under his command is employed as a packet.

2. The communication of the 19th July was a request to know if he could convey to Masulipatam and Calcutta certain Stores. He

NOTE.—i. e. blank orders signed by the Chief Secretary and left with the Superintendent of Marine to fill up. He replied verbally that he could, and they were shipped under Orders duly signed on behalf of Government by yourself.

3. The second communication was merely an intimation that certain parties were about to be embarked for Calcutta. The Town Major informed me that such was about to be done, and I informed Lieutenant Fraser.

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4. On the next day the Town Major intimated that the wife of one of the parties would proceed in the Vessel, which similarly accounts for my third Official Memorandum.

5. In none of these communications will the Government discover any Orders issued by me to Lieutenant Fraser. He was merely informed of what was about to take place, and if he wished to object to details embarking in his Vessel without a distinct Order from Government for each individual, he was at liberty to do so.

No. 34.

ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1859, No. 403.
Resolved that the following letter be despatched.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 35. To THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, HOME DEPARTMENT, dated Fort Saint George, 19th August 1859, No. 404.
SIR,

In Mr. Secretary Beadon's letter of 22nd January last, Home Department, No. 157, on the subject of Steam communication between Madras and Burmah by means of the Government Steamers, it was stated, paragraph 2, that while any of the transports were commanded by Officers of the Indian Navy, they were to be guided by whatever orders were issued to them by the Government of Madras, through the Superintendent of Marine at Madras, or by the Superintendent of Marine, acting under the general authority of that Government.

2. This order has been considered applicable only to Vessels of the Indian Navy, when employed as packets on the line between Madras and Rangoon, *via* the Northern Ports. In other Vessels of the Indian Navy, or in the same Vessels when otherwise employed, the Commanders object to acting upon any orders not directly emanating from Government.

3. The enclosed correspondence—which is not the first of the kind—will show the inconvenience attendant on such a state of things. I have therefore the honor to request that the order above alluded to may be made general, and that all Officers Commanding Vessels of the Indian Navy in the service of this Government—on whatsoever duty they may be employed—be required to comply with any orders that they may receive from the Superintendent of Marine acting under the general authority of the Government of Madras.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ed. F. Cartledge.

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Official Memorandum

The Stores noted in the

margin being required for the troops in

80 Tiers of Beef 20 Tons
80 Do. of Pork 20 do.
5000 lbs of preserved Provisions 8 Tons
10000 lbs of Vegetables
Total 48 Tons

2 Bales Red Sheep Skins
containing ygo measuring C. 23.
1 Parcel Clothing — 2 Feet
3/4 Musulipatam
69 Bales Clothing
2 Cases — do — } 11 Tons.
5 Parcels — do — }

*and if so when he would wish them to
be shipped.*

*Madras
Marine Supdt's Office
19th July 1859.*

(Signed) John J. Franklin
Superintendent of Marine

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*The Commander of H. M.
Steamer "Coromandel".*

(True Copy)

*Blessed
Sp. Supt.*

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No. 2883.

Official Memorandum.

The Superintendent of Marine
has the honor to state that Mrs.
Dovey the wife of one of the Privates
of the Bengal East Indian Rifle Corps
will embark for Calcutta on the
Steamer "Coromandel".

Madras
Marine Supdt's Office.
2nd July 1859.

By Order
(Signed) J. B. Crowther
Suptt Supdt of Marine

To, The Commander of N. M. Steamer
"Coromandel".

(True copy)

Crowther
Suptt Supdt of Marine.

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Marine Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Read the following letters:

From Senior Lieut. F. A. Fraser,
J. N. Commanding F. M. S. (Here enter 26th July 1857, No. 129)
Steamer "Coromandel" Lt.
From the Superintendent of Marine. ("—" 2nd Augth—"—" 3028)

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From Lieutenant Fraser,
Commanding "Comandante"
326th Regt. Infy. 1859-1860.
From Superintendent of Marine,
dated 2^d Aug^r 1859, at 3020.

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acting under the general
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Fort Saint George,
9th August, 1859.

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Proc. of East Ry. Corp.
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Proceedings of Court:
Dated 19th Aug 1859.

To
The Secretary
to the Court of Admiralty
Dated 19th Aug 1859.

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