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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 17th to 23rd September 1859.*

No. 1. Read the following letter from Messrs. VIEGAS and FERNANDES, Managers, Bombay Mercantile Steam Navigation Company; to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, in the Marine Department, Fort Saint George, dated Bombay, 6th September 1859.

We have the honor to bring to the notice of the Government of Madras, that this Company was established about a twelve month since, with a view to facilitate the China trade amongst its own shareholders, but owing to circumstances, both unforeseen, and over which it had no control, it has unfortunately proved a failure, and the shareholders have come to the determination of closing the business and disposing of their two Screw Steamers, *viz.*, "Bombay Castle" and "United Service," as advertised in the Bombay Newspapers of the 26th August last, and of subsequent dates.

Under these circumstances, we are instructed by the Directors to tender these Vessels for sale or charter to the Government of Madras. The "Bombay Castle" of ⁸³⁶565 Tons 150 horse power, and the "United Service" ⁶¹³1,000 Tons 130 horse power, both the Vessels are now lying in the Bombay Harbour, in a state of efficiency, and ready for service at a short notice.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1859, No. 465.

The Government decline the purchase of the Steam Vessels tendered in the above letter.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

List

Order thereon 17 Sept^r 1859 - N^o 465. 2

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Manager B.M.S.V Comp^y (Sept 20th) J.P.