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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 12. From Senior Lieutenant H. A. FRASER, I. N., Commanding Her Majesty's Steam Vessel "Coromandel"; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, September 14th 1859, No. 77.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Proceedings of the Madras Government with orders thereon, respectively numbered and dated as per margin, also of letter and enclosure from the Superintendent of Marine* a copy of which is hereto annexed, and with reference to these documents generally, deem it my duty, respectfully, to represent to the Honorable the Governor in Council of Madras, that as the terms and conditions which bind me to render obedience to Government are distinctly prescribed in my Commission of Lieutenant in the Indian Navy, signed under authority by the Honorable the Governor and Members of Council of Bombay, in the following clear and explicit terms.

"You are to observe and follow all such orders and directions as you shall receive from time to time from us, or the President in Council for the time being, or any other your superior officers according to the rules and discipline of war in pursuance of the trust reposed hereby in you."

While by the Indian Naval articles of war, I am held responsible for the due observance of these conditions by the severest penalties, affecting even my life; on the other hand I beg to submit that in common justice it is incumbent on the Government I serve, to preserve to me the exercise of my legitimate functions intact, to ensure to me undiminished the enjoyment of the privileges that my rank, the usages of the service, and the tenor of my Commission entitle me to claim, and it is manifestly a subversion of these, to place me under the orders of any other than my superior Officers according to the rules and discipline of war, who alone can justly and legally claim and enforce my obedience, to render which I have always zealously and cheerfully striven, and shall endeavour to do while I have the honor to hold a Commission in Her Majesty's Indian Navy.

From J. B. CROWTHER, Esq., Assistant Superintendent of Marine; to Senior Lieutenant H. A. FRASER, Indian Navy, "Coromandel," dated Madras, 24th August 1859, No. 3345.

Under instructions from Government, I have the honor to forward for your information and guidance the appended modified rule, relating to the assignment of passage and freight on board the Government Packet Steamers, by the Superintendent, of the Irrawaddy flotilla at Rangoon.

The Superintendent of Marine, under instructions from Government, publishes the following modified rule relating to the line of Government Packets between Madras, Northern Ports and Rangoon.

MADRAS MARINE SUPERIN-
TENDENT'S OFFICE,
12th August 1859.

(Signed) J. B. CROWTHER,

Assistant Superintendent of Marine.

In modification of Rule 6 of the Regulations to be observed in the packet Service between Madras, the Northern Ports and Rangoon, the Government resolve that freight and passage at Rangoon, shall be assigned by the Superintendent of the Irrawaddy flotilla, without reference to the Commanders.

(True copy.)

(Signed) H. A. FRASER,

Senior Lieutenant Indian Navy.

Madras.

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No. 13. From J. B. CROWTHER, Esq., Assistant Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 21st September 1859, No. 3794.

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government the enclosed copy of a letter received* from Lieutenant Fraser in acknowledgment of certain orders conveyed to him from this Office, referring to his employment in the Packet Service, of which copies are also forwarded.

* Dated 13th September 1859, No. 76 on the 17th instant.
No. 2979, dated 27th July 1859.
No. 3364, dated 25th August 1859.

2. I would merely observe that though the letters alluded to by Lieutenant Fraser were written during the "Coromandel's" absence from Madras, still they were retained in this Office and delivered to him on his arrival here.

From Senior Lieutenant H. A. FRASER, I. N., Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer "Coromandel," I. N.; to the Superintendent of Marine, dated Madras, 13th September, No. 76 of 1859.

With reference and in reply to letters respectively numbered and dated 2979 of 27th July and 3364 of 25th August 1859, from you and your Assistant to my address, containing orders and instructions for my guidance, I beg definitely and distinctly to inform you that I decline acting on any orders emanating from you or your Assistant, unless they are Government orders of which you or he, may be made the channel of communication; and even then such orders, when issued during the period when the "Coromandel" is placed under the orders of Captain C. D. Campbell, I. N., Senior Indian Naval Officer, Calcutta (as yours are in the present instance) they should be communicated through him to me.

From JOHN J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to Senior Lieut. H. A. FRASER, Indian Navy, Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer "Coromandel," dated 27th June 1859, No. 2979.

I have the honor to inform you that it as been suggested that much inconvenience would be avoided at the Out-ports to passengers and shippers as well as to consignees, if each Steamer when carrying Mails were on anchoring to fire a gun, and likewise a second one an hour before leaving.

2. The suggestion appears to be a very sensible one, and I have to request that you will carry it into effect at Masulipatam, Cocanada and Vizagapatam.

From J. B. CROWTHER, Esq., Assistant Superintendent of Marine; to Senior Lieut. H. A. FRASER, Indian Navy, Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer "Coromandel," dated 25th August 1859, No. 3364.

Intimation having been received from the Officer in charge of the Arsenal at Masulipatam through the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines at Madras, that great inconvenience has arisen in consequence of the Commanders of the Packet Steamers, not observing to sign and return the receipts sent on board for that purpose, whenever Military Stores are shipped on their Vessels at that Port, I have the honor to request that on all future occasions you will be particular in duly signing such receipts, and return them by the Lascar who proceeds on board in charge of the Stores.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 22nd September 1859, No. 473.

Resolved that copies of the above letters be forwarded to the Government of India, in reference to the letter to them from this Government under date the 19th Ultimo, No. 404.

2. Resolved also that Lieutenant Fraser be informed in reply to his letter of the 14th Instant, that the Madras Government cannot enter upon the considerations therein adverted to. The orders to which his letter refers are necessary for the due carrying on of the packet service between Madras and Rangoon, and the Government must request that they be attended to.

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3. Resolved also that Lieutenant Fraser be informed in reference to his letter to the Assistant Superintendent of Marine of the 13th Instant, that, by the Order of the Government of India, 22nd January 1859, communicated to him with Extract Minutes Consultation of this Government, 9th February last; and repeated in a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, 13th July 1859, which has likewise been communicated to him—Officers of the Indian Navy in Command of packets on the Madras and Rangoon line are to be guided by whatever orders are 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. This Government has vested the Superintendent of Marine with general authority to regulate all matters connected with the packet service between Madras and Rangoon *via* the Northern Ports, and all orders which may be issued by the Superintendent to Officers of the Indian Navy employed on that service must be regarded as the orders of Government—although they may not be stated so to be in express terms—and must be obeyed accordingly.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 15. TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, HOME DEPARTMENT, dated Fort Saint George, 22nd September 1859, No. 474.

SIR,

With reference to my letter under date 19th Ultimo, No. 404, I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to forward the accompanying further correspondence, as per margin, on the same subject.

From Lieutenant Fraser, dated 14th September 1859, No. 77.
From the Assistant Superintendent of Marine, dated 21st September 1859, No. 3794.

2. The orders objected to by Lieutenant Fraser, in his letter to this Government of the 14th Instant, are put up for reference. It will be seen that they were such as were requisite for the due carrying on of the Packet service between Madras and Rangoon—Lieutenant Fraser has been informed that this Government cannot enter into the considerations adverted to in his letter, and that they must require him to comply with their orders.

3. From Lieutenant Fraser's letter to the Superintendent of Marine, 13th Instant, it would however seem that he has declined acting on any orders, relative even to the Packet service, which emanate from the Superintendent or his Assistant; that he will, as the Government understand his letter, recognize none which do not actually proceed from Government and are not simply forwarded through the Superintendent of Marine, and that when the "Coromandel" is placed under the orders of Captain C. D. Campbell, I. N., Senior Indian Naval Officer Calcutta, (that is, it is supposed, when the "Coromandel" is at Calcutta for repairs or on duty) such orders must be communicated to him through that Officer also.

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5. In forwarding these papers, I am directed to solicit that explicit and peremptory instructions may be issued defining the position and duties of Officers of the Indian Navy in Command of Vessels employed by this Government whether on the Packet service or on any other. There are now, and probably will for a long time be, several Vessels of the Indian Navy so employed. It is evident that this Government cannot be expected to hold separate and direct correspondence with the Commanders of these Vessels. They, like Officers in all other branches of the service, must be attached to some Department, and be under the immediate orders of the head of it, and in this Presidency, where there is no resident controlling Office of the Indian Navy, the only Officer in whom such authority can be reposed, must be the Superintendent of Marine.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Read the following papers.

From Lieut. H. A. Fraser I. & C.
Comd. A. M. S. "Coromandel" 3rd Here enter 14th Sept. 1859 No. 77.
"The Asst. Supdt. of Marine" 20th " " " " 5794

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Superintendent of
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Dep^t 22 in M^d. to Steamer Simla
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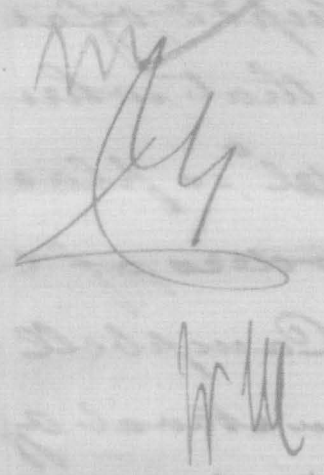
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