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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 5th to 21st October 1859.*

No. 1. Read the following letter from J. D. GORDON, Esq., Officiating under Secretary to the Government of India; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 16th September 1859, No. 1852.

HOME DEPT.

From Senior Officer Indian Navy, No. 1039,
dated 7th instant, two enclosures.
To Senior Officer Indian Navy, dated this day,
No. 1844.

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to forward, for the information and guidance of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the accompanying copy of the correspondence marginally noted.

From Captain C. D. CAMPBELL, I. N., Commanding Her Majesty's P. Vessel "Calcutta," I. N., and Senior Officer; to W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Calcutta, the 7th September 1859, No. 1039.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1750, of yesterday, informing me that the "Coromandel" should proceed in execution of her duties at Madras, and in reply I beg to report that the "Coromandel" having previously proceeded, on the 5th instant, with the "Maggie Miller" in tow, and returned to her anchorage at 7 P. M., to report that vessel being stranded (a copy of which report is herewith annexed, No. 70, of 5th instant,) that vessel has now put to sea, with orders to touch at Chicacole and Vizagapatam for troops on her way to Madras; but as there is reason to believe that they have been assembled for embarkation at Calingapatam instead of Chicacole, I have directed the Commander to touch at the former port, to ascertain the fact, and in case they embark there, to use his own discretion as to the necessity of calling at Chicacole, according to the Extract of Proceedings of the Government of Madras, received with your letter No. 1525, of the 3rd August.

2. I have the honor to submit, with reference to the above subject, the annexed copy of Extract of Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department No. 358, of 4th August, and which was received and forwarded by Lieutenant Fraser to me on the 4th instant, after the issue of sailing orders to him, by which it appears that some confusion has arisen between the ports named in the previous official communication which accompanied your letter No. 1525, and the later intentions of the Madras Government, which have not been communicated, and I would take this opportunity, most respectfully to submit the inexpediency of any additional orders being sent from Madras direct to the Commanders of vessels of the Indian Navy, while in this port, and under the immediate orders of the Government of India, from whom I have the honor to receive instructions for the disposal of the vessels, and for the issue of the requisite orders for the guidance of the Commanders.

From W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to Captain C. D. CAMPBELL, Senior Officer, Indian Navy, Calcutta, dated Council Chamber the 16th September 1859, No. 1844.

Home Department.

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1039, dated the 7th instant, with enclosures, and in reply to state that, so far as the Government of India is concerned, there is no objection to the Madras Government sending direct orders to the Commander of the "Coromandel" when at Calcutta; for that vessel being under the orders of the Madras Government, she does not cease to be so by coming to Calcutta for repairs.

2. But the Governor General in Council concurs with you that it is proper, so long as there is a Senior Officer of the Indian Navy in Calcutta, that all communications to subordinate Officers of that service, while in Calcutta, should be made through him, because all Officers, immediately they arrive in Calcutta, fall under his command according to the rules and discipline of

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the service. This is the course followed by the Government of India, and it will no doubt be readily adopted by the Governor in Council at Madras, on its being made known to His Excellency, that there is a stationary Senior Officer of the Indian Navy at Calcutta.

3. A communication on the subject will accordingly be made to the Government of Madras.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 5th October 1859, No. 497.

The above letter and its accompaniments will be communicated to the Superintendent of Marine, and it will be intimated to him that this Government will follow the course indicated by the Government of India.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Towards for the information
and guidance of this Govt.
copy of certain correspondence
wherein it is observed that all
communications to the Hon.
Lieut. Officers of the Indian
Navy, while in Calcutta,
should be made through the
Senior Officer of the Indian
Navy stationed in Calcutta.

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With an Order.

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The above letter & its accompaniments will be communicated to the Superintendent of Marine, & it will be intimated to him that this Govt. will follow the course indicated by the Govt. of India -

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The Superintendent of Marine.