

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 25th February 1859.

No. 1. From R. A. STRADLING, 1. N., Commanding H. M. S. "Coromandel" 1. N.;
to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 14th February,
No. 14 of 1859.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you I have this day received instructions from the Superintendent of Marine to proceed to Sea in H. M. S. V. "Coromandel," 1. N., under my command for the purpose of carrying out certain duties, and beg respectfully to submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that this channel of communicating the orders of Government to a Commissioned Officer of H. M. I. N. Service is unprecedented, and so at variance with the usages of the Service, that I trust His Lordship in Council will be pleased to cause the instructions to be issued in the usual way, until I obtain a reply to a reference already made on the subject to the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy.

I anxiously await His Lordship's decision.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 51; dated 16th February 1859.

The Government resolve to refer Lieut. Stradling, Commanding H. M. Steamer "Coromandel," 1. N., to para: 2 of the letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, 22nd January 1859, communicated to him with Extract Minutes of Consultation, Marine Department, 9th Instant.

The Government are not at liberty to depart from the course therein laid down, but they consider that it is meant to apply only to the mode of communication to be followed in regard to Vessels of the Indian Navy whilst employed in the regular communication between Madras and Burmah; and that when those Vessels are engaged on any other service, the course hitherto pursued should continue to be acted on.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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mit to the Right Honorable the
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the instructions to be issued in the
usual way until I obtain a
reply to a reference already made
on the subject to the Commander
in Chief of the Indian Army.

20th of 1859.

From
Lieutenant R. R. Stradling I. C.
Comd'g H. M. S. Commodore I. C.
to
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Fort Saint George
Madras

dated Madras 14th February 1859.

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