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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 21-10 1859

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

No. 52. Read the following letter from J. B. CROWTHER Esq., Assistant Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 3rd October 1859, No. 3964.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 485, under date September 28th, and as therein directed beg to submit the following explanation.

2. It is the practice that stores, &c., brought by the Government Steamers from out-ports shall not be landed until duly sent for by the several Departments to which they may belong, in the present instance the Department Public Works would appear to have omitted sending for the Bed Plate, and consequently it was never landed.

3. No enquiry was made at this office concerning the Bed Plate until after the "Sydney's" departure, this probably happened from the tardy notice of its shipment conveyed to the Public Works Department here, who may have only then received intima-

* *From the Shippers.* tion* of its dispatch from Cocanada by the "Sydney"; generally when stores are not landed quickly from any of the Steamers, the Commanders give this office notice of such delay, when the same is notified to the department concerned and immediate measures are adopted for expediting their discharge, but in the great hurry and confusion caused by the "Sydney's" hasty preparations to again proceed with the Mail to Northern Ports and Rangoon, the circumstance of any stores being left on board would seem to have been unfortunately overlooked, and I was myself unaware that the Bed Plate in question had not been landed until the enquiry before alluded to was preferred to me.

4. In conclusion I have to observe that I much regret what has happened and will endeavour to prevent any future repetition of similar occurrences.

No. 53. From J. J. FRANKLIN Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 13th October 1859, No. 4143.

With reference to the letter from my Assistant of the 3rd instant, No. 3964, explaining the circumstances under which a Bed Plate belonging to the river Steamer "Progress" shipped at Cocanada on the "Sydney" for Madras was supposed not to have been landed, I have the honor to inform you that on inquiry of the Commander it appears that the article was landed, and is now at the Commissariat timber depôt, to which Department the Chief Engineer will at once be referred.

2. The Commander of the "Sydney" states that as no one sent for the Bed Plate, it was put into one of the Commissariat boats.

3. To avoid similar occurrences in future, a notice will be issued calling on all persons shipping public stores to send advice thereof by the same vessel if possible to the Department for which the stores are intended.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 21st October 1859, No. 533.

A notice will be issued by the Superintendent of Marine as proposed in the last paragraph of the above letter and will be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

It is presumed however that a list of all public stores shipped on board a Government Steamer for any Port, is on the arrival of the vessel at such Port delivered to the Marine authorities there, and it will be their duty at once to give notice to the Department concerned, and not to trust to information reaching the Department by other means.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. W. J. Boyton.

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No Post 21 Oct
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From

J. F. Franklin Bogus
Shipwrecked by steam

To

J. J. Bogus
Chief Secretary
to Government

Oct 19th }
Recd } October 1859

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With an order

States that the Post State
belonging to the river steamer
"Sage" which at Bogus
and the company for the
which was supposed not to have
been landed on the river of the
Commander of the Post that
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the name of the Commandant under
Post to which the Chief
Bogus will advance by the river

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