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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 22nd to 31st October 1859.*

No. 2. From Captain W. F. MARRIOTT, Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay; to the Chief Secretary to the Government; Fort Saint George, dated Bombay Castle, 14th October 1859, No. 1264.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 378, dated 9th August last with its enclosures, relative to the refusal of the Commander of the "Coromandel" to provide suitable accommodation for a Native Deputy Collector and his family, and to transmit for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council at Fort Saint George, the accompanying copy of the Resolution recorded by this Government on the subject, and of the General order which has this day been issued regarding the accommodation of passengers in the Vessels of Her Majesty's Indian Navy.

Government Resolution dated 6th October 1859.

It is satisfactory to learn from Lieutenant Fraser's letter that he denies the alleged uncourteous treatment, on a former occasion, of a native Officer received on board at Tranquebar.

2. Notwithstanding the circumstance that Lieutenant Fraser had received no official order or requisition to receive the Deputy Collector on board, and that his expression of his own personal feeling in the matter was perhaps in some degree inaccurately treated as the official position assumed by him. His Lordship in Council would not in any case have withheld the expression of his grave dissatisfaction and regret, that an Officer of the Indian Navy should entertain such unworthy sentiments.

3. But Lieutenant Fraser has now publicly avowed those sentiments toward the Natives of India indiscriminately, in his official letter to the Government of Madras.

4. Such avowal is a public offence and, on the part of an Officer holding a Commission in the Queen's service, an offence of very serious import. Lieutenant Fraser is not under the orders of the Madras Government to whom the avowal is addressed, and it is therefore the duty of His Lordship in Council to notice it authoritatively. The Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy is therefore requested to intimate to Lieutenant Fraser the views of His Lordship in Council and to add that, in so far as Lieutenant Fraser's conduct on occasion of the request to him to receive the Deputy Collector on board was guided by such sentiments, it meets with as it merits, the severe displeasure of His Lordship in Council.

5. Copy of this Resolution and of the General Order which has been issued regarding the accommodation of passengers in the Vessels of Her Majesty's Indian Navy, to be communicated to the Government of Madras.

(Signed) W. F. MARRIOTT, Captain,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Bombay Castle, 14th October 1859.

GENERAL ORDER.

By the Right Honorable the Governor in Council No. 187 of 1859. The existing regulations do not specify the class of accommodation to be accorded to Native Officers of Government when provided with passages in Government Vessels. Instances have occurred of late in which the absence of specific regulation has caused inconvenience.

2. Similar inconvenience has occurred in the case of European Gentlemen whose relative rank in the service happened to be undefined.

3. Deputy Collectors; Superintendents and Assistants and supernumerary Assistants in the Revenue Survey; Principal Sudder Ameen and Moonsiffs; Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Police; Uncovenanted Magistrates; Deputy Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs; Inspecting Post Masters and Mail Superintendents; Deputy Commissioners of Customs and Uncovenanted Assistants to the Commissioner of Customs; Assistants in the Alienation Department; Civil Engineers and Assistant Engineers; the Director of Public Instruction; Educational Inspectors; and the Principals and Professors of Government Colleges; are all entitled to be treated with the same courtesy and to enjoy the same amount of accommodation as gentlemen holding appointments of corresponding importance who may belong to the Covenanted Civil Service or the Army.

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4. His Lordship in Council is satisfied that in cases which are not provided for, in the preceding paragraph, an Officer Commanding a Vessel of Her Majesty's Indian Navy can have no difficulty in ascertaining the general position in the service, or in society, of any person whom he may be required to accommodate on board his Vessel, and whose rank may not happen to have been precisely defined; and His Lordship in Council requires that Officers of the Indian Navy under such circumstances shall assign cabin accommodation to all persons European or Native entitled to rank as Gentlemen and appropriate accommodation to others.

By Order.

(Signed) W. F. MARRIOTT, Captain,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 3.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1859, No. 535.

Resolved that a copy of the above resolution and of the general order be furnished to the Superintendent of Marine, and to the Inam Commissioner.

Resolved also that the general order be re-published in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 4. TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, IN THE HOME DEPARTMENT,
dated Fort Saint George, 22nd October 1859, No. 536.
SIR,

Referring to my letters under dates 9th August last, and 4th instant, I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to forward for submission to the Government of India the enclosed copy of a Resolution of the Government of Bombay, relative to Lieutenant Fraser's refusal to afford cabin accommodation to a Native Deputy Collector proceeding on duty by his vessel, and of the General Order annexed to it.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. W. J. Boyton.

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Order thereon 22nd October 1859. No 533.

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Superintendent of Marine,
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