

# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Marine* DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 582

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Dated 17. 11

1859

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,  
for the month of November 1859.*

No. 15. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 7th October 1859, No. 27.

Having considered in Council a Despatch\* from the Government of India, respecting the arrangements which they have recently sanctioned for establishing a regular Steam communication between Madras and Burmah (including the Northern Ports of the Madras Presidency) by means of Government Vessels; I now forward for your information copy of the Despatch which I have this day addressed to the Government of India on that subject.

(Signed) C. WOOD.

Extract Marine Despatch to the Government of India, No. 61, dated 7th October 1859.  
*Letter, dated 23rd June (23) 1859.*

10. I am of opinion that such services as are to be performed by the ships which carry on the communication between Madras and Burmah, are generally more satisfactorily and economically provided for by entering with contracts with private Individuals or Commercial Companies, than by employing Government vessels. If therefore the Government of Madras are able to make an arrangement with private parties, to conduct the service at a less cost than is involved in the employment of the vessels now put at their disposal, they should be authorised to do so. If you consider it desirable that one or more ships of the Indian Navy should be stationed at Madras for general purposes, they may be stationed there to be relieved from time to time.

11. A careful account should be kept of the expense of the employment of the Government vessels in the service under review, for the purpose of comparing the cost with any offers which they may receive from private parties.

12. A copy of these instructions has been communicated to the Governments of Madras and Bombay.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 17th November 1859, No. 582.

Resolved that the above Despatch and the Extract accompanying it, be communicated to the Superintendent of Marine—and that he be requested to submit his views as to the nature of the arrangements, which should be made with private parties for carrying out communication between Madras and Burmah, with such information as he may be able to supply in respect to the expense of the present system, to admit of a comparison being made between its cost, and that at which the same service could be had from private Individuals or Companies.

2. It appears to Government that the correct principle would be to engage with such parties for the conveyance bi-monthly to Madras, the Northern Ports, and Rangoon, and *vice versa*, of all Government stores, treasure, troops, and passengers, at fixed rates. The contracting party would be bound to carry *all* such stores, &c., at such rates, and might dispose of his surplus tonnage and accommodation as he saw fit. The rates would be determined by competition under tenders invited by public advertisement.

3. Should Mr. Franklin concur in this view, he will submit the draft of a notice for tenders, which he would propose to issue, with such information as he may be able to furnish, as to the probable quantity of stores, number of troops, &c., which would have to be conveyed, and specification of the leading conditions, into which the contracting party would be required to enter.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,  
*Chief Secretary.*

Exd. W. J. Boyton.

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