

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	583	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	18. 11	1859.

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

No. 17. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN Esq., Superintendent of Marine ;
to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated
16th November 1859, No. 4578.

I have the honor to inform you that during the short period the "Prince Arthur" was employed under the Madras Presidency, and during the only trip she made, no cargo was shipped by her, as the Commander sent a verbal message by his Purser, to the effect that none could be received until a flying deck had been constructed over the tanks in the hold. I had no opportunity of conferring with Commander Twynam on the subject, as he studiously avoided entering my office during his visit to Madras, but as the utility of a vessel of this size is much diminished, by her being unfit to carry cargo, more particularly when placed as one of a line of packets professing to carry merchandize, I would solicit that the Bombay Government may be requested, if there is any intention that the vessel shall return to Madras, to have the matter inquired into and, if necessary, to have the deck laid.

2. On leaving Madras for Bombay she carried upwards of 70 tons of Arrack and Malt Liquor for the Commissariat. Had an equal amount of private cargo being taken to Rangoon and back, the freight would have amounted to upwards of (6,000) six thousand Rupees, which would have gone far towards payment of her expenses.

No. 18. To THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY, dated Fort Saint George,
18th November 1859, No. 583.

SIR,

I am directed to transmit to you copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Marine, dated 10th instant, No. 4578, in which it is stated that during the only trip made by the "Prince Arthur," since she was detached to this Presidency, no cargo was shipped by her—the Commander having sent a verbal message by his Purser to the Superintendent of Marine, that none could be received, until a flying deck had been constructed over tanks in the hold. As the utility of a vessel of the size of the "Prince Arthur" is much diminished, by her being unfit to receive cargo, more particularly when employed as one of a line of packets, professing to carry merchandize, I am instructed to solicit that the Government of Bombay may be moved to have the matter inquired into, and, if necessary, to cause the deck to be laid.

2. The Superintendent adds that on the Steamer leaving Madras for Bombay—under the orders reported in my letter of the 5th instant, No. 563—she shipped upwards of 70 tons of Arrack and Malt Liquor for the Commissariat. Had an equal amount of private cargo been taken by her to Rangoon and back, the freight would have amounted to upwards of 6,000 Rupees—a sum which would have gone far towards payment of her expenses for the voyage.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. W. J. Boyton.

Sept 21/6

No. 583.

The Secretary to the Govt. of
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to Mr. George,
November, 1859.

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to the Capt. of Marine. Dispt. 24th

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Marine 1859 Deptt

From
The Superintendent of
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The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George
Dated 16th
November 1859

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