

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	624	Press Mis.
Dated	12-12	1859.

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

No. 1. Read the following letter from H. FORBES, Esq., Member of the Legislative Council; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 26th November 1859.

On the 3rd of June last, I had the honor to forward a copy of a
* 26th of April 1859. Bill brought in by me at the request* of the Madras Government to amend Act XXII of 1855, and to make it lawful for the customs authorities at one port to collect the dues which had been evaded at another port, and I then stated to the Government the doubts which had occurred to me as to the necessity for Legislation on the matter.

2. In a subsequent letter, dated the 18th of June, I informed the Government that the Council had, on my motion, referred to the Select Committee on the Bill which I have mentioned above, certain papers connected with the port of Cochin, received with your letter of the 17th of May.

† 3rd June 1859. 3. In reply to the first† of my letters now in question you informed me on the 6th of July† that the Government would not be disposed to press the measure of the necessity for which I had stated my own doubts, "if it required to be provided for by a separate and special Act," but that as it was observed by my letter of the 18th of June, that the amendment of the Harbour Act XXII of 1855, was before the Council, there would seem no reason why the matter under discussion should not find a place in any Act for the amendment of that law.

4. From what has been stated above, the Government will probably see that the Bill to amend Act XXII of 1855, referred to in the 5th paragraph of your letter of the 6th of July, was the very Bill of which I had forwarded a copy on the 3rd of June, and of the necessity for which I had then expressed a doubt, and that therefore to proceed with the Bill will be to obtain that separate and special Legislation, for which, in the 5th paragraph of your letter of the 6th of July, the Government said that they were then unwilling to press.

5. Under these circumstances, I do not propose to go on with the Bill at present. If the information which I receive in reply to my letter to
From Chief Secretary, 17th May 1859. your address of the 17th instant, should justify me in
To do. do. 18th June do. asking the Select Committee to recommend to the Council so far to amend Act VII of 1858, which is to be read with and taken as a part of Act XXII of 1855, as to exempt from port dues all vessels which do not break bulk or land or take in a passenger, the double amendment of the law may warrant a new Act, but if I should be disappointed in the result of the reference, I shall conclude that it will be the wish of Government that the Bill now before the Council to amend Act XXII of 1855 shall be withdrawn.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1859, No. 624.

The proceedings of the Member for Madras of the Legislative Council, as reported in the above letter, are approved.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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The proceedings of the
Meeting for Monday of
the Leg Council as
reported in the above
letter are approved.
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 The Member for Madras
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