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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 1st March 1859.

No. 12. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 16th February 1859, No. 718.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Extract Minutes Consultation of the 9th Instant, No. 46, communicating the sanction of the Government of India to the scheme for Establishing a bi-monthly line of Steamers between Madras, the Northern Ports and Rangoon; and directing me to report when it can be commenced.

2. I beg to assure Government that the earliest measures shall be taken to carry out their instructions, but it will be impossible with the few Steamers now at our disposal, and with the reliefs on hand, that the line can be commenced for some months. The "Coromandel" must be attached to the Elephant ship, "Louisina," to tow her between Rangoon and Cocanada, which service will not be completed before the middle of April. The "Dalhousie" has to proceed to the Southern Districts for Treasure on her return with the Commander-in-Chief; and after bringing up these remittances is required for a trip to the Straits to relieve a Company of Artillery, a duty that will employ her for about a similar period. The "Australian" on her return from the Malabar Coast must proceed to Calcutta for repairs to her boilers which as far as I can learn are likely to occupy several months; and the "Sydney" has to relieve the 2nd N. I., at Quilon by the 45th N. I., from Madras, which can scarcely be completed before the 8th or 10th of April; and as her boilers are likewise in a defective state, there is a doubt whether they will not likewise require repair by that time.

3. I would therefore fix the 12th of May as the date on which the communication should be commenced. This is a period at which I propose that only one Steamer in each month should be despatched, and as time progresses it will be seen whether means are at command to admit of a second Vessel being added after the 12th of September.

4. I will enter more into detail in a further communication; my object now being merely to place the Government in possession of information as to the date at which the line will be commenced.

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ORDER THEREON, No. 67; dated 1st March 1859.

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(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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From
The Superintendent of Marine
To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. John

dated 16th
Feb 17 / 59 February 1859

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Reports on the
Minutes Cons. of the 9th instant
N^o 56 concerning the sanction
of Government of India to the
scheme for establishing a
line of telegraphs between
the Southern ports and Rangoon
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