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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	71	Press Mis.
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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 8th March 1859.

No. 7. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 28th February 1859, No. 867.

SIR,

Act I of 1859 for the amendment of the Law relating to Merchant Seamen having been promulgated, I have the honor to bring to your notice that its first Section repeals Acts XXVII and XXVIII of 1850. The Master Attendant is appointed Registrar of Seamen under the first of those Acts and as this Office is now abolished, I beg to recommend that he be appointed Shipping Master under Section 2 of the Act just introduced, and that the Establishment hitherto entertained for the Registrar's Office shall be continued as that of the Shipping Master's.

2. Sections 10, 21, 29, 67, refer to Rules and Forms which require to be submitted to the Governor General in Council for sanction before they can be put in force. It would be advisable, I submit, to adopt a similar system at all the Presidencies, the more particularly as to agreements with Seamen. To save time I would therefore respectfully suggest that application be made to the Bengal Government for the various Forms and Regulations they propose to introduce at that Presidency with the view to our guidance at this: and that until these preliminaries have been settled the old Forms shall be used.

3. It appears to be an omission that some future day should not have been fixed for the Act coming into operation, in order to give time for the necessary preparations to meet its requirements.

P. S.—A further communication will be submitted on various parts of the Act calling for attention.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 71; dated 3rd March 1859.

Government have appointed the Master Attendant of the Port of Madras as Shipping Master of that Port under Section 2, Act I of 1859. The Establishment hitherto entertained for the Office of the Registrar of Seamen, will be continued for the Shipping Master.

2. Reference will, as suggested by the Superintendent of Marine, be made to the Government of Bengal to ascertain the Forms and Regulations, connected with the Act, which will be introduced in that Presidency.

3. Until such time as these matters have been duly arranged, the Forms heretofore in use will be continued.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Marine Department.

N^o. 74.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.

Dated. 3^d March 1859.

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The Superintendent of
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