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1	Accountant General.....	1859. 27th October..	Forwards a General Roll, <i>in duplicate</i> , for October, with 14 Vouchers, for sums realized on account of a deceased Seaman, for transmission to England.
2	Order thereon.....	2nd Novr.....	Copy of the letter, together with the Statement and Vouchers, forwarded to the Secretary of State for India, &c.
3	Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Despatch, No. 24 of 1859.)	23rd Septr...	Requests an enquiry to be made into the circumstances attending the weighing and landing of a cargo (1155 tons) of Coal <i>ex</i> "Cleadon," and a report on the claim to £ 204-1-6, the value of about 81 tons unaccounted for, preferred by Mr. Burness.
4	Order thereon.....	2nd Novr.....	Copy of the despatch and enclosure furnished to the Superintendent of Marine for the required report.
5	Superintendent of Marine...	26th October..	Submits statement of the expenses in subsisting the part of the crew of the late French Ship "le Monarque" landed at Vizianagrum, amounting to Rupees 19-12-0.
6	Order thereon.....	4th Novr.....	Sanctioned.
7	Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.	24th October..	Forwards estimate amounting to Rupees 160, for re-building the Column at Barwah, &c.
8	Order thereon.....	4th Novr.....	Sanctioned.
9	Superintendent of Marine...	25th October..	Reports that passage to England has been provided on the "Southern Cross" for 6 Seamen, invalids of the "Retribution," &c., and forwards a memorandum of the expenses, amounting to Rupees 1,323-10-6, incurred on their account.
10	Order thereon.....	4th Novr.....	Sanctioned. The memorandum, with 2 Vouchers transmitted to the Secretary of State for India.
11	Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Prince Arthur."	2nd do.....	Represents that the state of the machinery of his vessel is such, that she cannot make another voyage under steam or use her engine, except on emergency, until she has been docked.
12	Do. Do.	3rd do.....	Forwards copy of report by the Chief Engineer of the "Retribution" on the "Screw Shaft Bearing" of the "Prince Arthur."
13	Order thereon.....	5th do.....	The Commander directed to proceed with the "Prince Arthur" to Bombay for the necessary repairs.
14	To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	5th do.....	In transmitting copies of the letters and of the report, and intimating the orders issued, request that the repairs may be made, and the Steamer sent back as expeditiously as possible.
15	Proceedings of Government.	5th do.....	The Commander of the "Prince Arthur" directed to take a remittance of small Coin for Calicut.
16	Superintendent of Marine...	2nd do.....	Reports that Mr. Templemore is not able to shew what advances he has had, but states that he received pay up to 2nd June.
17	Order thereon.....	7th do.....	Communicated to the Offices of Account and Audit.
18	Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Despatch, No. 47 of 1859, Public Department.)	30th Septr....	Transmits copy Tender and Bill of Lading of the "Barham," engaged for the conveyance of Stores.
19	Order thereon.....	7th Novr.....	Copy of the Despatch and packet forwarded to the Superintendent of Marine.

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20	Government Solicitor.....	1859. 29th October.	Forwards copy of Advocate General's opinion that the Shipping Master is called upon to withhold his permission for the engagement of a Native crew to a Commander of a foreign vessel, who fails to furnish the Bond required by Section 115, Act I of 1859, &c.
21	Order thereon.....	8th Novr.....	Copy of the opinion furnished to the Superintendent of Marine.
22	Superintendent of Marine...	8th do...	Solicits that the Commander of the "Prince Arthur" be requested in communication with Mr. Templemore, the Engineer in charge of the Diving Bell, to report, whether the Bell could be used with advantage from his vessel, in recovering two 68 pounder guns lately lost in the Roads.
23	Order thereon.....	8th do.....	Requested accordingly.
24	Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Despatch, No. 26 of 1859.)	30th Septr....	Forwards copies of Supplemental Instructions issued by the Board of Trade to Officers abroad, directing that no deduction is to be made from the wages of ship-wrecked Seamen, on account of expenses incurred in relieving and sending them Home.
25	Order thereon.....	8th Novr.....	The Despatch communicated to the Superintendent of Marine, and 4 copies of the Circular furnished him, with a request to draw up succinct and plain rules applicable to such cases, and submit them with blank Forms.
26	Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	21st Octr.....	Communicates the Report of the Commander-in-Chief, I. N., on the subject of Lieutenant Fraser's resignation of the command of the "Coromandel," and the resolution thereon.
27	Order thereon.....	9th Novr.....	Recorded.
28	Superintendent of Marine...	20th Octr....	Submits his opinion of the suggestion to alter the system of levying dues, by substituting a charge by tonnage for that according to draught on vessels passing through the Paumben Channel, and recommends that no change should take place.
29	Minute by the President....	2nd Novr....	Thinks that the plan of levying the dues <i>by draught</i> is the fairest, and that it would not be advisable to alter the charge.
30	Order thereon.....	9th do...	Direct that the present mode of levying pilotage dues at Paumben, and the rates charged shall continue in force.
31	Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Prince Arthur."	9th do.	Reports that, after an interview with Mr. Templemore, he has come to the conclusion that the Diving Bell cannot be used with advantage, or even safety, from any vessel not properly fitted for it.
32	Order thereon.....	10th do.	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine and the Military Department.

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No.	The authority from, and Order thereon.	Date.	Subject.
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1	Superintendent of Marine...	2nd Novr.....	Intimates that, after much consideration and communication with all parties capable of affording advice, he has determined upon having a teak-wood frame work made for the Diving Bell and its appliances, to be placed on a raft of the ordinary description.
2	Order thereon.....	11th do.....	Approve the suggestion. Direct the preparation of a Plan of a suitable frame and of an Estimate of its cost, also of the cost of the proposed raft, &c.
3	Superintendent of Marine...	11th do.....	One of the two Divers of the establishment having absconded and the other been sentenced to 3 months' hard labor, solicits that the Commissioner of Police be permitted to employ the man under sentence, in diving for the Guns lost in the Roads, provided that no coercion be used.
4	Order thereon.....	11th do.....	Authorize an arrangement being made with the man, on a promise of pardon, if he undertakes the work, and of a reward if he succeeds.
5	Superintendent of Marine...	7th do.....	Solicits to be informed of any Order assigning special duties to Captain Maiden, Master Attendant at Masulipatam.
6	Order thereon.....	12th do.....	Referred to paragraph 30 of the Governor's Minute, respecting his recent official tour.
7	Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.	8th do.....	Reports that orders have been given for the execution of the Perch, recommended by Lieutenant Taylor, on the Western sand at the entrance into Tuddri Harbour, and submits Plans and Estimates, amounting to Rupees 230, for 2 Beacons to be placed on the hill on the Southern side of the Harbour, in lieu of the useless Perches.
8	Order thereon.....	15th do.....	Sanctioned.
9	Civil Auditor.....	9th do.....	Messrs. Parry and Co. having preferred a claim for batta on behalf of Lieutenant Collinson, Commanding the Gun Boat, "Bustard," requests to be informed whether he is entitled to batta at the same rate as Officers Commanding Vessels of War.
10	Order thereon.....	15th do...	The question referred to the Supreme Government.
11	To the Secretary to the Government of India.	15th do.....	Transmit copy of the Civil Auditor's letter, and solicit an early decision on the question raised by him.
12	Collector of Malabar.....	14th October.	With reference to Order, 16th August, No. 392, submits Captain Castor's explanation in the matter of the alleged refusal of the Anchor boat to go to a ship off the port of Cochin, with certain correspondence on the subject, and requests orders for his guidance.
		26th do.....	Referred to the Superintendent of Marine.
13	Superintendent of Marine...	31st do.....	Conceives that Captain Castor, acted perfectly right, and thinks that whenever it would be hazardous to send the Anchor boat to a Vessel without the limits of the Port, the Agents should be required to guarantee the Port against loss.
14	Order thereon.....	16th Novr.....	The letters and previous correspondence communicated to the Cochin Chamber of Commerce with the intimation that Government are satisfied with Captain Castor's explanation.

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15	Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Despatch, No. 27 of 1859.)	7th October...	tion. The Collector of Malabar directed to refer Captain Castor to the Superintendent's remarks.
16	Order thereon.....	17th Novr.....	With reference to the arrangements made for a regular Steam communication between Madras and Burmah, forwards copy of Extract from Despatch to the Government of India, stating his opinion that such services are more satisfactorily and economically provided for, by entering into Contracts with private individuals or Commercial Companies, than by employing Government vessels, &c.
17	Superintendent of Marine...	16th do.....	The Despatch and Extract communicated to the Superintendent of Marine, with a request to submit his views as to the arrangements which should be made with private parties, as well as a draft of a Notice for tenders.
18	To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	18th do.....	In representing that during the period the "Prince Arthur" was employed under this Government, no cargo was shipped by her, in consequence of her not having a flying deck over the tanks in the hold, solicits that the Government of Bombay may be moved to have the matter enquired into, &c.
19	Superintendent of Marine...	18th do.....	Transmit copy of the letter and request the inquiry to be made.
20	Order thereon.....	18th do.....	Solicits that a telegram be sent to the Government of Bombay, requesting that the Steamers "Oriental" and "Pottinger," engaged for the service of this Presidency, may be supplied with such quantity of Coals as the Commanders may require, &c.
21	Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.	5th do.....	A telegram despatch to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, requesting accordingly.
22	Order thereon.....	19th do.....	Submits Plan and Estimate amounting to Rupees 800 for the building proposed for the accommodation of the Superintendent of the Lighthouse at Carwar head in Canara.
			Approved and sanctioned.

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No.	The authority from, and Order thereon.	Date.	Subject.
		1859.	
1	Proceedings of Government, Judicial Department.	15th Novr.....	Referring 2 Estimates for Clothing the Marine Police Force for 1860, amounting to Rupees 1,127-8-0, submitted by the Commissioner of Police.
2	Order thereon	21st do.....	Sanctioned.
3	To the Secretary to the Government of India.	21st do.....	Report Proceedings on Home Despatch on the subject of arrangements for Steam communication between Madras and Burmah.
4	Proceedings of Government.	21st do.....	A Telegram from Bombay relative to the supply of Coal to "Oriental" and "Pottinger," communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.
5	Superintendent of Marine, (Memorandum.)	11th do.....	States that no deductions were made from the wages of the late "Sir Charles Napier's" men on account of their subsistence. Recommends that 50 copies of the Board of Trade's Circular, No. 42, be struck off for the use of his Department.
6	Order thereon.....	22nd do.....	Ordered accordingly. The explanation communicated to the Secretary of State.
7	Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department.	14th do.....	Authorizing the expenditure of a sum not exceeding Rupees 11,190 in the construction and out-fit of two Boats, to be employed in guarding the Tinnevely Pearl Banks, Order, 18th February, No. 227, being cancelled.
8	Order thereon.....	22nd do.....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.
9	Superintendent of Marine...	14th do.....	With reference to Proceedings, 8th November, No. 569, observes that there is so much information in the instructions of the Board of Trade regarding distressed Seamen, which ought to be known to Masters Attendant, Shipping Masters, &c., that it should always be an appendage to their Offices, and advises that the pamphlet be retained in its full integrity. Solicits that the 50 copies of the Board's Circular, No. 42, already applied for, be printed of the same size as the original instructions.
10	Order thereon.....	23rd do.....	Acquiesce in the Superintendent's remark, and direct the Circular to be printed as requested.
11	Superintendent of Marine...	3rd do.....	Submits Account of expenses, amounting to Rupees 154-6-0, incurred in the relief of 13 distressed Seamen of the late Ship "Sir Charles Napier," with Vouchers.
12	Order thereon.....	23rd do.....	Sanctioned. The Statement and Vouchers forwarded to the Secretary of State.
13	Under Secretary of the Government of India, Home Department.	5th do.....	Forwards copy of letter to the Superintendent of Marine, Calcutta, requesting that the repairs to the Steamer "Sydney" may be made with all practicable expedition.
14	Order thereon.....	24th do.....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.
15	Proceedings of Government.	25th do.....	A Telegram from the Government of India, intimating that the "Ellen" laden with a Section of the Madras Pier, had been abandoned in a sinking state, communicated to the Superintendent of Marine and the Public Works Department.
16	Secy. to the Sailor's Home...	16th do.....	Solicits the loan of 25 Iron Cots for the use of the inmates of the Home, in addition to the 20 granted many years ago.
17	Order thereon.....	25th do.....	Authorized, if the Cots can be spared.
18	Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.	9th do.....	Requests to be informed of the result of any communication to the Government of Bombay for the purpose of ascertaining the prac-

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19	To the Secretary to the Government of India.	26th Novr.....	tice there as to the carrying of private Passengers and Cargo, or Merchandize by Steamers of the Indian Navy.
20	To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	26th do.....	State that the Government of Bombay has been addressed on the subject, but no reply received.
21	Superintendent of Marine...	25th do.....	In transmitting copy of Extract of letter from the Government of India, request attention to letter 21st June, No. 272.
22	Order thereon.....	25th do.....	Solicits that the Bengal and Bombay Governments may be asked by Telegram when the "Sydney" and "Prince Arthur" will be again ready for service.
23	Superintendent of Marine...	25th do.....	Telegrams despatched accordingly.
			Solicits that application be made to the Bombay Government to ascertain from Commander Twynam what has become of 9 bundles of regimental necessaries, &c., left on board the "Prince Arthur" by a detail of the 2nd Company, 5th Battalion, Artillery, when the men disembarked at Vizagapatam.
24	To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	30th do.....	In forwarding copy of the letter, request accordingly.
25	Accountant General.....	18th do.....	Intimates that, in accordance with the views of the Accountant General to the Government of India, the receipts on account of Freight and Passage money earned by Ships of the Indian Navy and Bengal Marine on the Madras and Rangoon line, will be credited to this Presidency, and all extraordinary charges on account of them debited to it.
26	Order thereon.....	30th do.....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.
27	Superintendent of Marine...	16th do.....	Thinks it would be advisable to send to the Council of India the latest soundings taken through the Paumben Channels, to be inserted in a new Edition of Commander Powell's Chart of 1845. Is of opinion that it would be of great advantage to widen the Reef Channel at the bend.
28	Order thereon.....	30th do.....	Direct the Chief Engineer to submit an Estimate of the cost of cutting away the inner angle at the bend of the Reef Channel. In furnishing copies of certain correspondence relative to Commander Powell's Chart of Paumben to the Superintendent, intimate that Government will await the return of Major Horsley's Sketch, before deciding as to the preparation of the proposed new Chart.