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		1859.	
1	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	15th Septr....	Submits Contingent Bill, amounting to Rupees 150, for Boat hire and other necessary expenses during the employment of the "Mutlah" on surveying duties.
2	Order thereon.....	24th do.....	Authorize payment of the sum.
3	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	22nd do.....	In soliciting sanction for the Steamer "Prince Arthur" being employed in the conveyance of the October Mail to Rangoon, requests that her Commander may be instructed to put himself in communication with his Office.
4	Order thereon.....	24th do.....	Authorized. Copy of Proceedings, 9th February, No. 46, furnished to the Commander, &c.
5	Lieutenant H. A. Fraser, I. N., Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer "Coromandel."	14th do.....	Tenders a vindication of his conduct towards two Native Deputy Collectors.
5A	Minute by the President...	20th do.....	Proposes that Lieutenant Fraser be informed that any positive requisition by the Superintendent of Marine ought to be obeyed, and that the objectionable tone of his communications cannot be justified.
6	Order thereon.....	24th do.....	Recorded.
7	Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay	10th do.....	Intimates that the leave granted to Acting Master Forester cannot be confirmed.
8	Order thereon.....	24th do.....	Recorded.
9	Lieutenant H. A. Fraser, I. N., Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer "Coromandel."	15th do.....	Reports that he has, in accordance with Medical Certificate, resigned his command to Acting Lieutenant Dowell, Indian Navy.
10	To the Secretary to Government of Bombay.	24th do.....	Forward copy of the letter and Certificate, and enquire whether Lieutenant Fraser's proceedings are regular and in accordance with Indian Navy Regulations, &c.
11	Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie"	24th do.....	Reports arrival from Singapore with Troops, Passengers and Government Stores; also that the Machinery of the Vessel requires repair.
12	Order thereon.....	24th do.....	Desired that the "Dalhousie" should be got ready for the embarkation of the Governor and suite.
13	Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Despatch, No. 22 of 1859.)	19th August..	In transmitting copy of letter and enclosures from Mr. J. A. Burness, requests to be furnished with opinion as to the equity of his claim to £ 92-19-2, the alleged value of deductions, in lieu of screening, from the cargoes of coal per "Sarah Kay," "Jane Ewing" and "Eunomia," as well as with information relative to the disposal of 45 Tons of Coal, ex "Birchgrove."
13A	Order thereon.....	27th Septr....	Copy of Despatch, &c., furnished to the Superintendent of Marine with directions to report on Mr. Burness' claim, and to supply the information called for.
14	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	21st do.....	Submits 3 Statements of expenses for the relief of certain distressed British Seamen belonging to the ship "Ballengeich" and the Barque "Monarch," wrecked off Negapatam, 2 men of the late "Futha Salam," and 1 Seaman of the "Lord Raglan" left in Hospital at Pondicherry, amounting to Rupees 380-2-5. States that as all the men have left Negapatam, it is impossible to alter the Statements agreeably to Form C. C.

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15	Order thereon.....	1859. 27th Septr....	Sanctioned, and the 3 Statements forwarded to the Secretary of State for India. The Superintendent of Marine directed to supply proper Forms to all Masters Attendant and the Collectors of Coast Districts.
16	Proceedings of Government.	28th do.....	The Superintendent of Marine desired to submit an explanation respecting a <i>bed plate</i> required for fitting up the Steamer "Progress" being taken by mistake to Cocanada, and afterwards carried off in the "Sydney" to Rangoon, although it was consigned to Madras.
17	Secretary to the Government of India, Home Dept.	20th do.....	Forwards letter to the Senior Officer, I. N., Calcutta, requesting him to instruct the Commander of the "Coromandel" to return to Madras.
18	Order thereon.....	28th do.....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.
19	Acting Secretary of the Government of Bombay.	22nd do.....	Intimates that instructions have been issued to send the "Prince Arthur" to Madras to relieve the "Dalhousie."
20	Order thereon.....	28th do.....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.
21	Secretary to the Government of Bombay, (Telegram.)	29th do.....	Reports the departure of the "Prince Arthur" for Madras, touching at Mangalore for Treasure.
22	Order thereon.....	30th do.....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine and the Accountant General.
23	Assistant Superintendent of Marine	24th do.....	Reports his proceedings in connection with the "Tenders" of Ships for conveyance of Troops to England, and states his reasons for accepting that of the "Seringapatam" in preference to the "Sea Park" or "Cressy," tendered by Messrs. Lecot, and Co.
24	Minute by the President...	26th do.....	Proposes that a copy of the explanation be sent to the Chamber of Commerce.
25	Order thereon.....	30th do.....	Regard the explanation quite satisfactory, and resolve to forward copy of it to the Chamber of Commerce.
26	Accountant General.....	26th do.....	Forwards General Roll, in duplicate, for September together with 6 Vouchers for sum's realized on account of deceased Seamen.
27	Order thereon.....	1st October	Copy of letter forwarded to the Secretary of State for India together with the original Statements and Vouchers.
28	Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Prince Arthur."	1st do....	Reports the arrival of the Vessel, with 22 boxes of Treasure from Mangalore.
29	Order thereon.....	1st do....	Communicated to the Sub-Treasurer and the Superintendent of Marine.
30	Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Despatch, No. 41 of 1859.)	31st August	Transmits Tender and Bill of Lading of the "Cleveland," engaged for the conveyance of Stores.
31	Order thereon.....	1st October	Forwarded to the Superintendent of Marine.
32	Secretary to the Government of India, (Telegram.)	29th Sept....	Desires that Lieutenant Fraser be asked whether he admits the answers to Mr. Franklin about allowing a Native, a Cabin in his Ship, and what explanation he has to offer.
33	To the Secretary to the Government of India.	4th October	Forward a copy of Lieutenant Fraser's letter of explanation.
34	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	19th Sept....	States that the Government Packet rates are much lower than those of the P. and O. Company but rather higher than the charges by the private Steamer "Governor Higginson," and submits that on the whole, the Packet scale of charges are fair and reasonable.
35	Order thereon.....	4th October	Not prepared to alter the Government Packet rates of passage money and freight.

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PROCEEDINGS, MARINE DEPARTMENT, FROM 5TH TO 21ST OCTOBER 1859.

No.	The authority from, and Order thereon.	Date.	Subject.
		1859.	
1	Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.	16th Sept....	Forwards, for the guidance of this Government copy of correspondence with Captain Campbell, I. N., wherein it is stated that the Government concur with him in the propriety of all communications to Subordinate Officers of the Indian Navy at Calcutta being made through the Senior Officer there.
2	Order thereon.....	5th October.	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine with the intimation that this Government will follow the course indicated.
3	Mr. Elton Templemore, Engineering Superintendent in charge of Diving Bell, &c.	5th do.....	Reports his arrival.
4	Order thereon.....	6th do.....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine, with directions to report the rate of salary Mr. Templemore is entitled to, &c., under his Covenant.
5	Proceedings of Government, Military Department.	29th Sept....	Ordering the grant of free passages on the Packet Steamers to Sepoys and their families going to and from the Northern Division.
6	Order thereon.....	6th October.	Recorded.
7	Lieutenant H. A. Fraser, I. N., late Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer "Coromandel."	19th Sept....	Claims compensation, estimated at Rupees 328 according to Indian Navy Pay and Audit Code, Section 13, paragraphs 60 and 61, on account of his loss from decay and deterioration of supplies for 12 passengers of the Steamer "Bengal" when ordered to convey them from Madras to Calcutta, and of that similarly incurred for 7 Officers from Cocanada to Madras, whereas only 2 embarked.
		26th do.....	Referred to the Superintendent of Marine.
8	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	1st October..	Forwards the observations of the Superintendent giving his opinion that Lieutenant Fraser's demand is not tenable and that there is no reason for a departure from the course already adopted.
9	Order thereon.....	7th do.....	Lieutenant Fraser's claim appearing to Government to come fairly under the Sections quoted, sanction the disbursement to him of Rupees 328.
10 & 11	Proceedings of Govt.....	8th do.....	Pass orders on Home Despatch, 9th September No. 23 of 1859.
12	Director General Medical Department.	7th do.....	Submits Medical Certificate shewing that it is necessary for Lieutenant Fraser, I. N., to proceed to the Nilgiris with leave of absence until the 1st October 1860.
13	Order thereon.....	8th do.....	Grant the leave, subject to the confirmation of the Bombay Government.
14	To the Secretary to Government of Bombay.	8th do.....	Report accordingly.
15	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	7th do.....	Solicits that the Commander of the Steamer "Dalhousie" on being furnished with instructions to proceed to Bombay, may be directed to take certain Stores awaiting conveyance thence, as well as to Ports on the Western Coast.
16	Order thereon.....	10th do.....	Direct Commander Hopkins accordingly.
17	To the Superintendent of Marine.	10th do.....	Transmit 3 Packing Accounts of Mint, Marine and Civil Stores, per "Sir Robert Sale," &c.
18	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	3rd do.....	Solicits sanction for the entertainment of a Lascar on 4 Rupees a month to signalize at the new Flag-staff at Porto Novo.

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19	Order thereon.....	1859. 11th October.	Authorized. The usual Tabular statement called for.
20	Proceedings of Government Public Works Department.	5th do.....	Referring letter from the Chief Engineer reporting that the cost of the boat for the Superintendent, Light House, Pulicat, can be reduced to Rupees 130, and submitting a revised Plan and estimate for his Quarters, amounting to Rupees 2,030.
21	Order thereon.....	11th do.....	The Plan approved and the estimate sanctioned for entry in the Budget of 1860-61. The purchase of the boat authorized.
22	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	11th do.....	Solicits authority for the dispatch of the Steamer "Sydney" to Calcutta for the purpose of being docked and undergoing repair.
23	Order thereon.....	12th do.....	Authorized.
24	Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department.	4th do.....	Referring Extract from the Chief Engineer's letter forwarding a report from the Officer Superintending operations at Paumben containing proposals for the publication of a revised Chart of the Channel, for widening the reef Channel, and altering the system of levying dues, substituting tonnage for draught.
25	Order thereon.....	12th do.....	Copy of the Extract furnished to the Superintendent of Marine for report, &c.
26	Honorable the Colonial Secretary at Colombo.	29th Sept.....	Forwards, for publication, a Notice relative to the exhibition of a temporary Light on the Clock Tower during the repairs to the Lanterns of the Colombo Light House.
27	Order thereon.....	12th October..	The notice published in the Official Gazette.
28	Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, (Telegram)	12th do.....	Requests either the "Coromandel" or "Prince Arthur" to be sent up to Calcutta.
29	Order thereon.....	13th do.....	Copy furnished to the Superintendent of Marine, and the Officer Commanding the "Coromandel" directed to proceed to Calcutta.
30	Superintendent of Marine...	13th do.....	Under circumstances represented, suggests that the Bombay Government be requested to allow the "Dalhousie" to remain some time longer under this Government.
31	Order thereon.....	14th do.....	A Telegram despatched to the Government of Bombay, making the request, and copy of it furnished to the Superintendent.
32	Superintendent of Marine...	14th do.....	Solicits authority for an advance of Rupees 9,785-12-0 to the Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Sydney" for the purpose of paying his Officers and Crew for August and September, the charge being debitable to the Government of India.
33	Order thereon.....	15th do.....	Authorized.
34	Commissioner of Pegu.....	16th Sept.....	Intimates that he has issued instructions to supply English Coal to the Packet Steamers, and that the Superintendent of the Irrawady Flotilla states that it could have been given to Captain Hopkins, had he objected to take Country Coal.
35	Order thereon.....	17th October..	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine for the information of the Commanders of Government Steamers.
36	Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.	12th do.....	Submits, for sanction, a revised Plan and Estimates for erecting Boundary Pillars at 14 Ports, amounting altogether to Rupees 944.
37	Order thereon.....	17th do.....	Approved and sanctioned.
38	Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie."	17th do.....	Requests that a "Service Message," regarding Seamen belonging to the "Coromandel," left behind, &c., may be sent to Captain Campbell, and, if they are to go to Calcutta by the "Sydney," that instructions may be issued to the Superintendent of Marine to that effect.

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39	Order thereon.....	1859 17th October..	The Message forwarded to the Telegraph Office for transmission, and copy of the letter to the Superintendent of Marine in order to arrange for the conveyance of the men to Calcutta.
40	Superintendent of Marine...	18th do.....	For reasons stated, solicits permission to send the "Sydney" to Rangoon and thence to Calcutta.
41	Order thereon.....	19th do.....	Authorized.
42	Secretary to the Government of Bombay, (Telegram.)	18th do.....	States that the "Dalhousie" cannot be spared.
43	Order thereon.....	19th do.....	Copy of the Telegram furnished to the Superintendent of Marine and Commander Hopkins directed to proceed with his vessel to Bombay.
44	Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department.	12th do.....	Communicating letter from the Chamber of Commerce, calling the attention of Government to the regulations that will be required for the Madras Pier.
45	Order thereon.....	20th do.....	Recorded.
46	Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie."	20th do.....	Reports that he intends to discharge 55 men belonging to his vessel, engaged at Calcutta, and requests that they may be provided with a free passage thence.
47	Order thereon.....	20th do.....	The Superintendent of Marine requested to provide a passage by the "Sydney" for the men, &c.
48	Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie."	20th do.....	Requests that public notice may be given of the vessel's intended departure for Bombay on the 25th, and that the Authorities on the Malabar Coast where it is intended to ship Treasure, &c., may be telegraphed to.
49	Order thereon.....	20th do.....	Direct the Superintendent of Marine accordingly.
50	Superintendent of Marine...	17th do.....	Solicits that the Law Officers may be directed to prepare a Form of Bond to be executed by Commanders of Foreign Vessels as prescribed by Section 115, Act I of 1859, and desires to have their opinion as to whether Foreign Ships are subject to the penalty laid down in Section 28 of that Act for engaging men without agreement.
51	Order thereon.....	21st do.....	Referred to the Advocate General. The Government Solicitor requested to draw up a Form of Bond.
52	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	3rd do.....	In reply to order, 28th September, No. 485, submits explanation of the circumstances under which the Bed Plate of the Steamer "Progress" was not landed at Madras.
53	Superintendent of Marine...	13th do.....	With reference to his Assistant's letter, intimates that on enquiry of the Commander of the "Sydney" it appears that the Bed Plate, was landed and is at the Commissariat Timber Depôt. States that a notice will be issued calling on all persons shipping public stores to send advice thereof by the same vessel to the Department for which the stores are intended.
54	Order thereon.....	21st do.....	Direct the notice to be issued and published in the Gazette.

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No.	The authority from, and Order thereon.	Date.	Subject.
		1859.	
1	To the Under Secretary of State for India.	22nd October.	Request to be furnished with either the original sketch of Paumben, prepared by Major Horsley in 1850, or a copy of it.
2	Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	14th do. ...	Transmits copy of Resolution on the subject of Lieutenant Fraser's uncourteous treatment of a Native Deputy Collector, for whom a passage was ordered on his vessel, and of a General Order regarding the accommodation of Passengers in the Vessels of Her Majesty's Indian Navy.
3	Order thereon.....	22nd do. ...	Copy of the papers furnished to the Superintendent of Marine and to the Inam Commissioner. The General Order published in the Gazette.
4	To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.	22nd do. ...	Forward copy of the Bombay Government's Resolution and of the General Order.
5	Superintendent of Marine...	14th do. ...	Reports that Mr. Templemore's salary is 150 Rupees a month and that he should be allowed Rupees 25 monthly for house rent.
6	Order thereon.....	24th do. ...	Communicated to the Offices of Account and Audit, together with Proceedings 6th October, No. 498. The Civil Auditor instructed accordingly.
7	Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department.	18th do. ...	Communicating report from the District, Engineer of Ganjam, of the destruction of one of the two Columns at Barwah under construction to mark the port.
8	Order thereon.....	24th do. ...	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.
9	To the Secretary to the Government of India.	24th do. ...	In reporting that the Steamer "Sydney" is about to proceed to Calcutta, request that she may be put into repair and sent back as soon as possible.
10	Superintendent of Marine...	24th do. ...	Submits Tabular Statement for the employment of a Flagman on the Flag-staff at Porto Novo.
11	To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.	25th do. ...	Forward the Statement for sanction.
12	Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department.	22nd do. ...	Appointing a Committee to investigate and report the arrangements requisite in connection with the Madras Pier.
13	Order thereon.....	27th do. ...	Recorded.
14	Superintendent of Marine...	17th do. ...	Reports that the Captain and Crew of a French Ship "le Monargue," which foundered near Coringa Bay, have been brought from Vizagapatam by the "Sydney" and that he has informed the French Consul that nothing beyond the Commander's table money would be expected to be paid on their account.
15	Order thereon.....	27th do. ...	Approved.
16	Officiating Postmaster General.	26th do. ...	Requests that a passage may be provided for C. Ramamoorthy, Head Clerk, Vizagapatam Post Office, in the first Steamer.
17	Order thereon.....	28th do. ...	Direct the Superintendent of Marine accordingly.
18	Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	10th do. ...	Transmits copy of letter from the Commander-in-Chief, I. N., reporting that he has directed the Buoys and Cables for Tuddry Harbour, selected by Lieutenant Taylor, to be forwarded to the Executive Engineer there.
19	Order thereon.....	28th do. ...	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine with the intimation that the requisite Orders will be issued in the Public Works Department.

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20	Superintendent of Marine...	1859 18th October..	Submits a further Invoice of 5 Coils of Coir Hawser forwarded from Galle to Paumben, and solicits that Government will arrange for Mr. T. Clarke's, drawing £ 45-3-1 from the Colonial Treasury.
21	Order thereon.....	28th do.....	The Ceylon Government, requested to pay Mr. Clarke the amount, the Accountant General giving them credit for the equivalent. Request accordingly.
22	To the Honorable the Colonial Secretary at Colombo.	28th do.....	
23	Superintendent of Marine...	15th do.....	States that, as the Pamphlet published by the Board of Trade, together with all the necessary forms for submitting the expenses incurred in subsisting distressed Seamen have been supplied to the Masters Attendant and Collectors of Maritime Districts, they will be furnished with a copy of Government Proceedings, 27th September, No. 484, with a request that more care may be taken in future.
24	Order thereon.....	28th do.....	Recorded.
25	Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.	1st do.....	Forwards copy of Extract from a letter to the Senior Officer, Indian Navy, Calcutta, complying with his recommendation that the Acting Master of Gun Boat, No. 5, should be dismissed from the service, &c.
26	Order thereon.....	28th do.....	Recorded.
27	Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	7th do.....	Transmits copy of a Report by the Commander-in-Chief, Indian Navy, intimating that he cannot recommend that Lieutenant Taylor, should be permitted to go to Madras.
28	Order thereon.....	28th do.....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine and to the Chief Engineer.
29	Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	21st do.....	Communicates Commodore Wellesley's further report on the state of the "Pownah" when she left the Dock Yard, and letters to Colonel Balfour and Mr. Ritchie requesting them to make a rigorous enquiry into the circumstances of the repair of that Vessel, &c.
30	To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	31st do.....	State that the proceedings are satisfactory.