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| 1   | Superintendent of Marine...                         | 14th May..... 1859. | Represents the refusal of Commander Forrester of the "Coromandel" to receipt the Indents for 300 Tons of Coals on the plea that the full quantity had not been shipped, whereby the adjustment in the Marine Store keeper's Books is kept 2 months in arrears.                                                                                  |
| 2   | Order thereon.....                                  | 1st June.....       | Referred to the Commander for explanation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 3   | Superintendent of Marine...                         | 31st May.....       | Before making a charge for the Services rendered by the "Sydney" in towing the "Manapani" into the Roads, solicits opinion as to whether it should be confined to the actual expences (about 400 Rupees) or whether some addition should not be made for the aid afforded.                                                                      |
| 4   | Order thereon.....                                  | 1st June.....       | Consider it sufficient to charge for the actual expense.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 5   | Superintendent of Marine...                         | 27th May.....       | States, in reply to order, 17th May, No. 203, that Lieutenant Taylor proceeded to Cocanada on the 12th August 1857, for the purpose of surveying Coringa Bay and Shoals, and that a passage was provided for him in the Steamer "Manila" and Table money, not Passage money, passed at the rate of 4 Rupees a day for 7 days.                   |
| 6   | Order thereon.....                                  | 1st June.....       | Communicated to Lieutenant Taylor, with an intimation that, as he proceeded to Cocanada on the Public Service, this Government consider him entitled to a passage at the public expense.                                                                                                                                                        |
| 7   | Superintendent of Marine...                         | 30th May.....       | Having entertained doubts as to the "Dalhousie" being here soon enough, reports that the "Sydney" has been detained for the purpose of proceeding with the next Mail to the Northern Ports and Rangoon.                                                                                                                                         |
| 8   | Order thereon.....                                  | 1st June.....       | Recorded.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 9   | Under Secretary to the Government of India.         | 17th May.....       | Forwards copy of letter to Captain C. D. Campbell, Senior Officer, Indian Navy, Calcutta, requesting him to issue instructions to Commander Hopkins to take the "Dalhousie" to Madras when her repairs have been completed, &c.                                                                                                                 |
| 10  | Order thereon.....                                  | 1st June.....       | Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 11  | Superintendent of Marine...                         | 31st May.....       | Solicits that authority be granted for an advance of Rupees 4,597 to the Commander of the "Sydney" for the purpose of paying his Officers and Crew for April, the charge being debited to the Bengal Government.                                                                                                                                |
| 12  | Order thereon.....                                  | 3rd June.....       | Authorize the advance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 13  | Proceedings of Government, Military Department.     | 25th May.....       | Communicating certain papers and orders relative to the supply of Medicines and Medical aid to Troops on board Indian Navy Steamers.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 14  | Order thereon...                                    | 3rd June.....       | Recorded.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 15  | Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department. | 28th May.....       | Resolving that the explanation furnished by the Chief Engineer in respect to the supposed injury to the Tuddry Harbour from the Sea wall near Messrs: Brice and Co's. Pier and Screw Godowns, be communicated to the Bombay Government and remarking that he satisfactorily explains the causes of delay in fixing the 2 Buoys at its entrance. |
| 16  | Order thereon.....                                  | 3rd June.....       | Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| 17  | Superintendent of Marine...              | 3rd June..... | Intimates that a Seamen, J. C. Noble, is about to be embarked for England as a distressed Seamen under Section 212, Act 17 and 18 Victoria Cap, 104, on the "Edmundsbury," and forwards, for signature, an order on the Master to receive him.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 18  | Order thereon.....                       | 3rd do .....  | The order signed and returned.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 19  | Acting Secretary to Government, Bombay.  | 16th May..... | Requests to be supplied with 4 copies of the Chart of the Port of Tuddry by Lieutenant Taylor, and 4 of his Survey of Tuddry Harbour.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 20  | Order thereon.....                       | 3rd June..... | A Telegram despatched to the Government of Bombay, intimating that 100 copies of 5 Charts of the Western Coast prepared by Lieutenant Taylor, were lately sent to them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 21  | Major W. J. Wilson, Magistrate of Police | 3rd do .....  | Submits for consideration, the case of Boatswain J. Bowman of the Ship "Alice" charged with wilful disobedience to lawful commands whose discharge the Captain has consented to grant, but the Shipping Master would not sanction it, and as the defendant refused to go to sea in the ship, he was sentenced to 10 days imprisonment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 22  | Order thereon.....                       | 4th do .....  | Referred to the Shipping Master at Madras.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 23  | Superintendent of Madras...              | 6th do .....  | Solicits that authority be granted for an advance of Rupees 4,706 to the Commander of the "Sydney" for the purpose of paying his Officers and Crew for May, the charge being debited to the Bengal Government.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 24  | Order thereon.....                       | 6th do .....  | Authorize the advance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 25  | Superintendent of Marine...              | 3rd do .....  | Reports that Lieutenant Sweny Commanding Surveying Brig "Mutlah" has represented that three of his Officers ashore on duty were outrageously attacked by the natives of a village near Ennore with sticks and paddles and nearly beaten to death for taking a Catamaran (after unsuccessful efforts to engage one on reasonable terms) found on the beach and endeavouring to reach their launch outside the surf. Suggests that the Collectors along the Coast to be surveyed be directed to depute a Peon to afford aid in the engagement of boats and coolies, &c. |
| 26  | Order thereon.....                       | 7th do .....  | Communicated to the Magistrate of Chingleput in view to his enquiring into the conduct of the headman of the village at which the outrage was perpetrated. Considering it advisable to adopt the Superintendent's suggestion, direct the Collectors accordingly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 27  | Commissioner of Police.....              | 10th May..... | Forwards a report of the working of the Marine Police and observes that the advantages of the new system have been balanced against the cost, the excess of which above receipts is Rupees 2,905-2-10, as per Statement. Submits that, as Marine Police Officers now accompany every boat load of stores shipped or landed by the Ordnance and Commissariat Departments, credit should be given to the Marine Police for the amount of batta to their Peons, one of whom formerly went in each boat.                                                                  |
| 28  | Order thereon.....                       | 7th June..... | Review the Report. Request that the Commissioner will at the close of the year submit a report and Statement for the whole year, and that he will endeavour to ascertain from                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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|     |                                             |                | the Arsenal and Commissariat Department how much has been saved in the cost of batta to the Peons, &c.                                                                                                   |
| 29  | Resident of Travancore and Cochin.          | 1st June.....  | Requests sanction to a Bill for water supplied by the Master Attendant at Quilon to Her Majesty's Steamer "Australian."                                                                                  |
| 30  | Order thereon.....                          | 8th do .....   | Sanctioned.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 31  | Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.    | 6th do .....   | Requests that the necessary correction may be made in the Warrant issued on behalf of Mr. Pye, Mechanical Engineer, who has reported that his name is not John but William Pye.                          |
| 32  | Order thereon.....                          | 8th do .....   | The Warrant cancelled, and another duly executed in the name of Mr. William Pye, furnished for delivery to him.                                                                                          |
| 33  | Under Secretary to the Government of India. | 21st May.....  | Forwards Endorsement in the Financial Department sanctioning an Establishment on account of the Madras and Rangoon Line of Steamers at a monthly charge of Rupees 35.                                    |
| 34  | Order thereon.....                          | 10th June..... | Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine and to the Offices of Account and Audit.                                                                                                                    |
| 35  | Under Secretary to the Government of India. | 26th May.....  | Forwards copies of letters from the Superintendent of Marine, Calcutta, and the Senior Officer, Indian Navy shewing that the Steamer "Dalhousie" will be unable to proceed to Madras as soon as desired. |
| 36  | Order thereon.....                          | 10th June..... | Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine and to the Military Department.                                                                                                                             |
| 37  | Superintendent of Marine...                 | 7th do .....   | Reports that the Steamer "Sydney" has been dispatched to bring on the Madras and Calcutta Mail from Galle in consequence of the P. and O. Steamer "Bengal" having been disabled, &c.                     |
| 38  | Order thereon.....                          | 10th do .....  | Approved.                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| No. | The authority from, and Order thereon.                        | Date.                  | Subject.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| 1   | Superintendent of Marine...                                   | 8th June. ....<br>1859 | As Lieut. Fraser has represented the bottom of the "Coromandel" to be so foul as to diminish her speed, recommends that she be docked and cleansed at Calcutta, whither she is about to proceed with the Mails, and, as her Boats, except one, are unserviceable, that the Bengal Government be moved to cause others to be supplied.                                                                       |
| 2   | Order thereon.....                                            | 11th do. ....          | Resolved accordingly. The Commander enjoined to use his best endeavours to expedite the Vessel's return.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 3   | To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department. | 11th do. ....          | Requests that orders may be issued as recommended by the Superintendent of Marine.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 4   | To the Under Secretary to the Government of India.            | 23rd May.....          | Forwards copy of letter, &c., from the Colonial Secretary, Cape of Good Hope, and requests that publicity be given to the Notice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 5   | Order thereon.....                                            | 11th June.....         | The Circular, &c., published in the Official Gazette.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 6   | Superintendent of Marine....                                  | 2nd do. ....           | Thinks it very desirable that Paumben should be at once brought under the operation of Act 22 of 1855, and recommends that the Head Pilot should be the conservator.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 7   | Order thereon.....                                            | 11th do. ....          | Resolved accordingly. A Notification, together with the specification of the limits of the Port and Port Rules, published in the Gazette.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 8   | Superintendent of Marine....                                  | 9th do. ....           | Reports that the Superintendent of the Irrawady Flotilla has forwarded copies of correspondence from which it appears that he granted a Shipping order for a box to the "Coromandel," but when sent on board with a Bill of Lading, signature was refused to the latter, notwithstanding he has laid down in his instructions to the Commanders that at Out-ports Bills of Lading are to be signed by them. |
| 9   | Order thereon.....                                            | 11th do. ....          | Referred to Lieut. Fraser for explanation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 10  | Superintendent of Marine....                                  | 9th do. ....           | Solicits permission to supply the Superintendent of the Irrawady Flotilla with 6,000 Gunny bags to be used for coaling the Madras Steamers, as requested by him, in consequence of the excess in the quantity of Coal supplied on several occasions to the "Coromandel" being over that for which the Commander will sign a receipt.                                                                        |
| 11  | Order thereon.....                                            | 13th do. ....          | Authorized.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 12  | Member for Madras of the Legislative Council.                 | 3rd do. ....           | In accordance to the wish expressed in letter, 26th April, No. 152, intimates that he has prepared and brought in a Bill (Copy forwarded) to amend Act 22 of 1855, by making it lawful for the Collector at one Port to collect Port-dues evaded at another, though he entertains doubts as to the necessity for the measure, as there have been comparatively few instances of evasion.                    |
| 13  | Order thereon.....                                            | 13th do. ....          | Furnished to the Superintendent of Marine with instructions to consider the Bill in communication with the Advocate General, &c.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 14  | Proceedings of Government Military Department.....            | 6th do. ....           | Communicating correspondence on the subject of conveying Invalids from the Straits in P. and O. Company's Steamers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 15  | Order thereon.....                                            | 14th do. ....          | Recorded.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| 16  | Superintendent of Marine...               | 13th June...  | There being no necessity for the Despatch of the "Coromandel" to Calcutta, as the Steamer "Ganges" has left Galle with the Mails, solicits that the Commander may be directed to proceed to Paumben for Treasure, touching at Tranquebar and Cuddalore for other remittances. States that early arrangements will be proposed for sending her to Calcutta to be cleansed, &c. |
| 17  | Order thereon.....                        | 15th do. .... | Resolved accordingly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 18  | To the Secretary to the Government India. | 16th do. .... | Report the proceeding, in reference to letter, 11th June, No. 255.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 19  | Proceedings of Government, Military Dept. | 10th do. .... | Resolving to communicate Commander Foulerton's explanation in the matter of the complaint against him by Captain Nicolls, to the Quarter Master General and to the Government of Bombay.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 20  | Order thereon.....                        | 16th do. .... | Recorded.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 21  | Acting Shipping Master at Madras.         | 15th do. .... | Offers remarks on the Proceedings of the Magistrate, Town Police Office in the matter of Seaman James Bowman of the "Alice," and explains his reasons for not consenting to that individual's discharge.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 22  | Order thereon.....                        | 16th do. .... | This letter and that from the Police Magistrate referred to the Advocate General for his opinion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 23  | Superintendent of Marine...               | 7th do. ....  | As no claim has been or is likely to be made for the proceeds of flotsams and jetsams as the 14 Ports under the operation of Act 22 of 1855, suggests that all sums that have been held 2 years in deposit be placed to the credit of the several Port's Funds. States that the amount to be now so credited is Rupees 2,442-0-8.                                             |
| 24  | Order thereon.....                        | 17th do. .... | Consent to the suggestion being carried out.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| 1   | Superintendent of Marine...                      | 17th June.....<br>1859.      | Solicits an advance of Rupees 1,427 to the Commander of the Surveying Vessel "Mutlah" for the purpose of paying his Officers and Crew for May, the amount being debited to the Bengal Government.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2   | Order thereon.....                               | 18th do. ....                | Authorized.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 3   | Mr. R. H. Forrester, Acting Master, I. N.        | 14th do. ....                | With reference to Colonel Babington's complaint, submits that in sending Mr. Fonley, who ranks with a Captain in the Army, he did not mean any disrespect to that Officer, and that had he made a requisition for the Vessel's services instead of issuing a specific order, he would have yielded to his views as far as practicable. States that he will always endeavour to forward the interests of Government, and to work well with the Military Officers with whom it is his duty to co-operate. |
| 4   | Order thereon.....                               | 20th do. ....                | Communicated to the Military Department.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 5   | Proceedings of Government.                       | 20th do. ....                | Requests the Commander of the "Coromandel" to give Mr. Phipps and his family a free passage to Paumben.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 6   | Proceedings of Government.                       | 21st do. ....                | Pass orders on Home Despatch, 12th May, No. 14 of 1859.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 7   | To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay.    | 21st do. ....                | Requests to be informed of the practice as to the carrying of passengers and Cargo by the Indian Navy Steamers, &c.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 8   | Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Coromandel." | 3rd do. ....                 | Represents that the Superintendent of Marine has censured him for not waiting the specified time at Cocanada, &c., as it is, he conceives, an assumption of authority which the Superintendent cannot exercise over him, and solicits that that Officer may be restrained from a continuance in that course.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 9   | Superintendent of Marine...                      | 7th do. ....<br>9th do. .... | Referred to the Superintendent of Marine. Reports the circumstances under which he noticed Lieutenant Fraser's mode of conducting his duties and that he conveyed his opinion in the mildest terms possible. Submits that the orders of the Supreme Government subject Indian Naval Officers, engaged in the Mail and Passenger Service of this Presidency, to his control, and that it is within his province to point out where they have done right or wrong, &c.                                    |
| 10  | Order thereon.....                               | 22nd do. ....                | Lieutenant Fraser informed that Government perceive nothing in the Superintendent's proceedings to which exception can be taken, &c.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 11  | To the Secretary to the Government of India.     | 6th do. ....                 | States that the Supreme Government are not inclined to accept Messrs. Begbie and Co.'s offer to run Steamers between Madras and Rangoon.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 12  | Order thereon.....                               | 22nd do. ....                | Copy of the letter forwarded to Messrs. Begbie and Co.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 13  | Resident of Travancore and Cochin.               | 10th do. ....                | Submits Bills, amounting to Rupees 129-10-0, for landing Troops, &c., from the wreck of the "Lady Hodgkinson," and embarking them on the "Victoria."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 14  | Order thereon.....                               | 23rd do. ....                | Sanctioned.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 15  | Superintendent of Marine...                      | 14th do. ....                | Intimates that the Assistant Master Attendant has reported that the Steamer "Bengal" having been sufficiently repaired, came on direct                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| 16  | Order thereon.....                         | 23rd June..... | instead of putting into Trincomalee and that she can proceed to Calcutta with safety.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 17  | Proceedings of Government.                 | 23rd do .....  | Recorded.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 18  | Superintendent of Marine...                | 23rd do .....  | The Charts.—Straits of Malacca from Pulo-Penang to Parcelar Hill except two, mentioned in Home Department, 19th May, No. 15 of 1859, forwarded to the Superintendent of Marine.                                                                                                                        |
| 19  | Commander of the "Coromandel" (Telegram.)  | 24th do .....  | States that the remittance from Madura, for which the "Coromandel" was sent to Paumben, cannot be there before the 29th, &c.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 20  | Order thereon.....                         | 24th do .....  | Reports that the Treasure will not be ready till the 29th.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 21  | Commander of H. M.'s Steamer "Dalhousie."  | 23rd do .....  | A Telegram despatched, requesting him to wait until the Treasure arrives.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 22  | Order thereon .....                        | 24th do .....  | Reports that his Vessel is ready for Sea.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 23  | Commander of H. M.'s Steamer "Coromandel." | 13th do .....  | Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 24  | Order thereon.....                         | 24th do .....  | Explains the circumstances under which he declined to sign a Bill of Lading for a Box, as represented by the Superintendent of the Irrawaddy Flotilla, and remarks that neglect of Regulations and Irregularities prevail at Rangoon and the Northern Ports, seriously obstructing the Public Service. |
|     |                                            |                | Copy of the letter furnished to the Superintendent of Marine with a remark that it does not appear that blame attaches to Lieutenant Fraser, and a request that the attention of the Marine Officers at Rangoon, Vizagapatam, Masulipatam and Cocanada be called to No. 6 of the prescribed Rules.     |