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PROCEEDINGS, MARINE DEPARTMENT, FROM 25TH JUNE TO 1ST JULY 1859.

No.	The authority from, and order thereon.	Date.	Subject.
1	Superintendent of Marine...	24th June...	Submits the Assistant Master Attendant's application to be supplied with a Tent for the use of his department, a protection from the sun when superintending the landing or shipment of Stores and Troops.
2	Order thereon.....	27th do	Direct the Quarter Master General accordingly.
3	Superintendent of Marine...	24th do	Submits Bill for the cost (Rupees 14-4-0) of a Bell he has considered it advisable to have fitted to the Buoy to be placed on the Shoal off Hope Island, Coringa Bay.
4	Order thereon.....	27th do	Sanctioned.
5	Superintendent of Marine...	24th do	Solicits that Commander Hopkins be instructed to convey the next Mail to the Northern Ports and Rangoon, and suggests whether it would not be advisable to inform that Officer that he (the Superintendent) was acting under the general authority of Government in making necessary arrangements for the Packet Service.
6	Order thereon.....	28th do	Direct the Superintendent to instruct Commander Hopkins accordingly, he having already been furnished with copy of Mr. Secretary Beadon's letter of 22nd January 1859.
7	Advocate General.....	17th do	Forwards letter from the Shipping Master asking advice how to deal with the case of a destitute Apprentice of the "Chieftain," sold under a decree of the Vice Admiralty Court, and his opinion (separate) thereon. Thinks that though it is not provided for by the Merchant Shipping Act, the Apprentice ought to have a passage given him, in accordance with the spirit of the Act, &c., and submits that it is desirable to refer to the Supreme Government in order that some uniform rule may be laid down.
8	Order thereon.....	28th do	Copy of Advocate General's opinion forwarded to the Supreme Government, with a request accordingly. Resolved that the boy J. W. Eaton be sent Home at the public expence, if the Shipping Master and Captain Gunton are unable to provide an engagement for him.
9	To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.	28th do	Forward papers relative to the case of the Apprentice, and solicit the Supreme Government may be moved to prescribe a rule for the guidance of Shipping Masters, &c.
10	Messrs. R. B. Bell and P. Miller, Glasgow.	22nd April...	Call attention to the improvements on Ship Docks by the adoption of the Patent Hydraulic Purchase, and intimate they will be glad to enter into communication and to consult with the proper authorities, should it be contemplated to construct such works here.
11	Minute by the President....	23rd June....	Proposes that copy of the letter, &c., be transmitted to the Chamber of Commerce and to the Chief Engineer, &c.
12	Order thereon.....	29th do	Resolved accordingly.
13	Superintendent of Marine...	28th do	Recommends to the Commander of the "Corona" to be directed to proceed to Cocanada for copper and Miners consisting of 200 men, &c.
14	Order thereon.....	30th do	Authorised.
15	Government Solicitor.....	27th do	Forwards copy of Advocate General's opinion on the case of James Bowman, Boatswain, Ship "Alice," and generally as to the right of the Shipping Master to refuse his sanction to a Seaman's discharge.

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16	Order thereon.....	30th June....	Communicated to Major Wilson, and the Shipping Master.
17	Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie."	20th do.....	Represents that his Vessel is not adapted for the conveyance of Merchandise and Passengers from want of room and adequate accommodation, nor for the transport of Troops, &c., across the Bay, in consequence of the exposure they are liable to in boisterous weather.
18	Superintendent of Marine.....	21st do..... 24th do.....	Referred to the Superintendent of Marine. States that Commander Hopkins is quite correct in his representation of the unfitness of the "Dalhousie" for the service required of her, but, as she is useful when small parties of Troops, &c., have to be moved, suggests that she should be kept under the control of this Government. Notices that the "Prince Arthur," a fine Troop Ship, has never been here except on her first arrival, though she was sent out expressly for the communication between this and Rangoon.
19	Order thereon.....	1st July.....	Approve of the "Dalhousie" taking the next Mail to the Northern Ports and Rangoon. Rely on the Superintendent seeing that more Troops are not put on board than she can properly accommodate and consulting the Commander as to the arrangements for conveying Stores and private Cargo. Regarding the "Prince Arthur," resolve to refer to the Government of Bombay.
20	Superintendent of Marine.....	30th June....	Reports that 16 cases, Meteorological Instruments, of those referred to in Minute, 26th March, No. 108, have been despatched, per "Balacava," to Rangoon, and solicits that the Commissioner there be instructed to take charge of them, &c. States that the others will be sent by the "Nonpareil."
21	Order thereon.....	1st July.....	The Commissioner advised accordingly, and the Superintendent directed to communicate Extract from the "Packing Account of the Tartar," &c., to him.
22	To the Commissioner at Rangoon.	1st do.....	Inform him accordingly.
23	Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie."	30th June....	States that there is no Cargo hold in his Vessel, and that unless Cargo be under lock and key it is liable to be broached and damaged. Describes the accommodation that can be afforded to Passengers.
24	Order thereon.....	1st July.....	Copy of the letter, &c., forwarded to the Superintendent of Marine, and the Commander referred to Order of same date, No. 290.

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PROCEEDINGS, MARINE DEPARTMENT, FROM 2ND TO 8TH JULY 1859.

No.	The authority from, and order thereon.	Date.	Subject.
1	Superintendent of Marine.....	22nd June.... 1859	Intimates that Lieutenant Sweny has reported the completion of his Survey of the Pulicat Shoal, which verifies Fell's Charts, excepting in 2 places, and states that his letter will be published and 100 copies struck off for distribution and the Charts corrected. Suggests that it be brought to the notice of the Council of India.
2	Order thereon.....	2nd July.....	Approved, and the Report communicated to the Secretary of State for India.
3	Collector of Malabar.....	14th June....	Transmits letter from the Cochin Chamber of Commerce representing that the large expenditure allowed during the last 5 years for improvements there has not actually benefited the Port, and particularizing the Works that have failed; with his remarks. States he has referred to the proper Authorities and anticipates satisfactory explanations.
4	Order thereon.....	2nd July.....	Await the receipt of further explanation.
5	Mr. R. H. Forrester, Acting Master, Indian Navy.	14th June....	States his reasons for declining to sign the receipts for Coal furnished to the "Coromandel" by the Superintendent of Marine, and submits that this is not the only instance of dispute, as similar ones occurred while the Vessel was commanded by Captain Campbell and Lieutenant Stradling, &c.
6	Order thereon.....	2nd July.....	Copy of the letter furnished to the Superintendent with a request that he would suggest a plan for obviating all doubts in respect to the quantity of Coal supplied to Indian Navy Steamers.
7	Secretary to the Government of India.	6th June....	Forwards copy of letter to Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co., informing them, with reference to their offer to convey Mails for a fair subsidy between Calcutta and Madras, &c., that it is inexpedient to make any assignment from the public Revenues on that account.
8	Order thereon.....	2nd July....	Copy furnished to the Superintendent of Marine.
9	Collector of Vizagapatam.....	24th June....	Reports that 5 Europeans were drowned when coming a shore from the Steamer "Sydney" by the upsetting of a Boat on the Bar, and recommends the grant of 15 or 20 Rupees to a Lascar who saved an infant at the risk of his own life. As the "Sydney" was anchored at an unusual distance in 10 fathoms water, suggests that Commanders of Government Vessels be directed to anchor within 7 fathoms.
10	Order thereon.....	4th July.....	Referred to the Superintendent of Marine, with instructions to call upon the Commander of the "Sydney" for explanation. A reward of 30 Rupees given to the Lascar with a written Testimonial of the Government's approbation.
11	Captain F. N. Smith, 30th Regiment Madras Native Infantry.	2nd do....	Requests to be provided with a passage to Rangoon by the Steamer "Dalhousie" in order to take up his appointment as Executive Engineer in Burmah.
12	Order thereon.....	4th do....	The Superintendent of Marine requested accordingly.
13	To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	4th do....	In communicating the Commander's representation of the "Dalhousie's" unfitness for the conveyance of Troops across the Bay of Bengal, &c., and report of the Superintendent of

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			Marine thereon, adverts to circumstance connected with the <i>Prince Arthur</i> , which was sent out expressly for the communication between Madras and Rangoon.
14	Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Coromandel."	2nd July.....	Requests the issue of the necessary instructions to enable Mr. Farley, Acting Purser, to draw 10,000 Rupees, as per Receipt.
15	Order thereon.....	5th July.....	The Sub Treasurer authorized to advance the sum.
16	Advocate General.....	15th June.....	With reference to the proposed Act to amend Act 22 of 1855, agrees in the view taken by Mr. Forbes.
17	Superintendent of Marine.....	21st do.	For reasons stated, still thinks that the law should be amended so as to be able to reach Commanders evading Port-dues.
18	Advocate General.....	1st July.....	Considers Mr. Forbes' Bill well calculated to answer the purpose for which it is intended, but doubts, with him, whether further legislation is called for.
19	Member for Madras of the Legislative Council.	18th June.....	In reference to letter, 17th May, trusts as he has stated the whole case of the Cochin Mercantile Committee to the Council, to be able to induce the Select Committee on the Bill to amend Act 22 of 1855, to report in favor of such an alteration of Act 7 of 1858, as will exempt from Port-dues all Vessels calling at Ports at which no light is shewn, which may not break bulk or land or take in a passenger.
20	Order thereon	6th July.....	A letter despatched.
21	To the Member for Madras of the Legislative Council.	5th do.	Communicates the opinions of the Advocate General and Superintendent of Marine, and thinks that there is Force in the latter's remark. Observes that this Government would not have been disposed to press the matter if it required a Special Act, but as the amendment of Harbour Act 22 of 1855 is before the Council, there is no reason why it should not be provided for therein. Refers to the Memorial from the Cochin Chamber of Commerce for the grounds for exempting from Port-dues Vessels remaining less than 48 hours and not breaking bulk.
22	Superintendent of Marine...	4th July.....	The Civil Auditor having declined to admit the Abstracts for the pay of the Marine Establishment of the Port of Cochin for May, under Mr. J. Lafrenas' signature, solicits that Government will sanction Mr. Lafrenas being placed in charge of Master Attendant's Office during Mr. Castor's absence.
23	Order thereon.....	6th do.	The Civil Auditor authorized to pass the Abstracts.
24	Colonial Secretary, Colombo.	23rd June.....	Intimates that instructions have been given to the Colonial Treasurer to pay £ 58-16-0 to Mr. T. Clark, &c.
25	Order thereon.....	6th July.....	Communicated to the Accountant General and Superintendent of Marine.
26	Superintendent of Marine...	29th June.....	stating that the instructions conveyed in order, 24th June, No. 280, will be strictly obeyed, &c., expresses regret at Lieutenant Fraser's recording his impression that a predisposition existed to attach unmerited blame to him, and trusts that such an unworthy proceeding will not be imputed to him, (the Superintendent) as, from Lieutenant Fraser having repudiated his control, there was no alternative but to submit the matter to higher authority.

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27	Order thereon.....	7th July.....	Are satisfied with the Superintendent's conduct and consider that Lieutenant Fraser was not justified in his remarks.
28	Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	25th June.....	States that the Rule allowing an advance to Commanders of Steam Packets became obsolete from the time the Messing was provided for by Contractors and that Government is of opinion that a Commander enjoying the profits of Messing private passengers cannot expect the provision of public funds for that purpose.
29	Order thereon.....	8th July.....	Copy of letter furnished to the Superintendent of Marine in order to communicate its contents to the Commanders of Indian Navy Steamers, &c.
30	Superintendent of Marine...	2nd do.	Regrets that Mr. McKennie did not submit the case of the Apprentice of the Barque "Chieftain" to him as Head of the Department, as the question appears to be one of easy solution and some time might have been saved.
31	Order thereon	8th July.....	Recorded.

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PROCEEDINGS, MARINE DEPARTMENT, FROM 9TH TO 15TH JULY 1859.

No.	The authority from, and order thereon.	Date.	Subject.
1	Superintendent of Marine...	2nd July 1859.	Submits 3 Bills for expences (Rupees 142-2-0) incurred by Lieutenant Sweny in prosecuting the Survey of the Pulicat Shoal.
2	Order thereon.....	9th do	Sanctioned.
3	Accountant General.....	7th do	Forwards General Roll, in <i>Duplicate</i> , for Quarter ending 30th June, together with 5 Vouchers for sums realized on account of 2 deceased Seamen, the Original Roll and List of Remittance for Her Majesty's Paymaster General, and the Duplicate with the 4 other Documents for the Secretary of the Board of Trade, Naval Department.
4	Order thereon.....	9th do	Transmitted to the Secretary of State for India.
5	Superintendent of Marine...	7th do	Forwards Account Current in form C. C. 10 of the instructions of the Board of Trade of expenses incurred in subsisting the Crew of the Barque " <i>Sally</i> " wrecked near Vizagapatam, reports that the conditions of the Merchant Shipping Act under which relief is to be granted, have not been strictly attended to by the Master Attendant at Vizagapatam, but as he is not to blame, solicits sanction to the charge, Rupees 85-8-0, &c.
6	do. do. ...	8th do	Forwards Account Current of expenses incurred by the Master Attendant at Tuticorin, in subsisting a distressed Seaman landed from the Ship " <i>Wolverine</i> " and left behind sick, and recommends that the amount, Rupees 2-8-0, be sanctioned, &c.
7	Order thereon.....	11th do	Sanction the expenses and resolve to forward the Statements and Vouchers to the Secretary of State for India, in view to the recovery of the equivalents from the Board of Trade.
8	Superintendent of Marine...	8th do	Intimates that the Shipping Master has reported that the lad Eaton, late Apprentice in the " <i>Chieftain</i> ," has been provided for and has embarked on the " <i>Anna Maria</i> ."
9	Order thereon.....	12th do	Recorded.
10	Proceedings of Government, Military Department.	1st do	Sanctioning the payment of Rupees 1,676 for Table money of certain Officers messed on Board the Steamer " <i>Sydney</i> ."
11	Order thereon.....	13th do	Recorded.
12	Proceedings of Government.	15th do	Copy of Home Despatches, 9th June, Nos. 18 and 22, forwarded to the Superintendent of Marine, together with 10 Tenders and 7 Bills of Lading, as also Account of Tonnage and Freight per " <i>Southern Cross</i> ."

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PROCEEDINGS, MARINE DEPARTMENT, FROM 16TH TO 22ND JULY 1859.

No.	The authority from, and order thereon.	Date.	Subject.
1	Superintendent of Marine...	5th July..... 1859.	Forwards letter from the Assistant Master Attendant, reporting the foundering of the "Sir Charles Napier," the treatment experienced by the Commander, his wife and Crew at Pulo Brasso, and their subsequent rescue by the Commanders of the English Ship "Melanie" and French Vessel "Jean Victor." Suggests that the thanks of Government, be tendered to Captain Petibon for his kindness in rendering aid to Englishmen in distress, and some acknowledgement be made to Captain Barton, and his 2nd Officer for the promptitude with which they proceeded to the rescue of the Ship-wrecked party.
2	Order thereon.....	16th do.....	Observe that the conduct of the Commanders of the "Melanie" and "Jean Victor" is highly honorable to them. Direct the Superintendent to convey the acknowledgements of Government, to Captain Barton, and Mr. Thompson, and to report what more substantial marks of approbation may be conferred upon them. Request Mr. Lecot, French Consul, to convey the thanks of this Government to Captain Petibon.
3	Superintendent of Marine...	8th do.....	In submitting a question raised by the Accountant General on the subject, suggests, for reasons stated, that the whole of the receipts on account of Freight and Passage money by the line of Steamers between Madras, the Northern Ports and Rangoon, be credited to this Presidency.
4	Order thereon.....	16th do.....	Agree with the Superintendent and direct accordingly.
5	Superintendent of Marine...	11th July	Forwards 10 copies, No. 3 Sheet, Fell's Chart of the Coromandel Coast, altered in accordance with Lieutenant Sweeny's late examination.
6	Order thereon.....	16th do.....	The 10 corrected Charts forwarded to England.
7	Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.	7th do.....	States that there are no Ports in this Presidency used for docking Government Vessels, &c.
8	Order thereon.....	16th do.....	Recorded.
9	Superintendent of Marine...	18th do.....	Reports that the "Coromandel" can be spared to proceed to Calcutta, to be docked, and cleaned, &c., and recommends that she be dispatched on the 22nd, touching at Masulipatam to land Troops and Treasure. Solicits that the Supreme Government may be requested to cause the Vessel to be repaired as speedily as possible, and to direct the Commander to call at Chicacole on his way back for 400 Native troops.
10	Order thereon.....	19th do.....	Approved and the necessary communication made.
11	To the Secretary to the Government, of India.	19th do.....	Referring to previous letters on the subject, forwards copy of the Superintendent's letter, and requests accordingly.
12	Lieutenant A. D. Taylor, Indian Navy.	20th June....	Reports on the requirements of Tuddry Harbour and the loss of the "Rose Ellis." Recommends a beacon or perch on the Western sand off the entrance into the harbour, where the Ship first struck, as an excellent guide for rounding the sands, &c. Observes

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13	Order thereon.....	19th July.....	that the erection of a Light-house will not obviate the necessity of beacons, but the surrounding ground should be cleared of bushes and large stones.
14	Superintendent of Marine....	18th do.....	Communicated to the Revenue Department, in view to orders being passed for the early construction of the Beacon or Perch recommended. The attention of the Collector of Canara called to the remarks about the bushes and stones, with instructions to have them thoroughly cleared away, &c.
15	Order thereon.....	19th do.....	Recommends the grant of Rupees 100 to the Commander of the "Tartar" on account of the trouble, expense and delay incurred in preparing a large Boiler for being floated ashore.
16	Inám Commissioner.....	18th do.....	Sanctioned.
17	Order thereon.....	19th do.....	Requests an order for the receipt on Board the "Coromandel," free of charge, of his Establishment, Horses, Office, furniture, &c., for conveyance to Masulipatam.
18	Proceedings of Government.	20th do.....	The Commander directed accordingly.
19	Do. do.....	20th do.....	Pass orders on Home Despatch, 1st June, No. 17 of 1859.
20	Do. do.....	21st do.....	Certain Charts referred to in Home Despatch, 14th June, No. 19 of 1859, made over to the Superintendent of Marine.
21	Superintendent of Marine....	11th do.....	Pass orders on Home Despatch, 14th June, No. 20 of 1859.
22	Order thereon.....	22nd do.....	Offers remarks on Mr. Forester's reasons for withholding his receipt to the indent for Coals supplied to the "Coromandel" in March, and under the circumstances represented, trusts Government will direct the indent to be receipted for the full quantity which his Books shew to have been weighed and shipped.
23	Superintendent of Marine....	20th do.....	Copy of the letter furnished to Mr. Forester, with directions to receipt the indent accordingly.
24	Order thereon.....	21st do.....	Suggests that a Gold Watch each be given to Captain Barton and Petibon and Mr. Thompson, with inscriptions shewing on what account and by whom the tokens are presented.

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PROCEEDINGS, MARINE DEPARTMENT, FROM 23RD TO 29TH JULY 1859.

No.	The authority from, and order thereon.	Date.	Subject.
1	Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.	2nd July..... 1859.	Forwards Endorsement sanctioning Tabular Application for Establishment of the Office of Master Attendant at Negapatam, on condition that the additional charge will not exceed Rupees 42 a month.
2	Order thereon	23rd do.	Communicated to the Accountant General, and to the Superintendent of Marine. Copy of correspondence furnished to the Accountant General in order to the cost of the new Establishment being kept within the limits sanctioned.
3	Superintendent of Marine....	19th do.	Submits letter from Captain Barton of the "Melanie" soliciting the re-imbursement of his expenses in relieving the wants of the late Captain Balsillie of the "Sir Charles Napier," and his wife, amounting to Rupees 300.
4	Order thereon.....	23rd do.	Direct the disbursement of the sum and desire the Superintendent of Marine to obtain and transmit a statement of the expenses, in view to the recovery of the equivalent from the Board of Trade.
5	Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.	8th do.	Submits Plan and Estimate amounting to Rupees 48 for the erection of 4 Boundary Pillars to mark the limits of the Port of Masulipatam, and requests that he may have authority to sanction Estimates for similar Pillars in other Ports.
6	Superintendent of Marine....	20th do.	With reference to the Plan for Boundary Pillars at the Out-ports, states that their heights ought to be at least 10 feet, and that only two were contemplated, one on the North, the other on the South extreme of the Sea Beach.
7	Order thereon.....	23rd do.	Copy of Superintendent's letter forwarded to the Chief Engineer with a request to submit a revised Plan and Estimate, &c.
8	Lieutenant H. A. Fraser, Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer "Coromandel."	13th do.	In representing the losses he has sustained by the decay and deterioration of Stores laid in, consequent on the Superintendent of Marine's instructions, on one occasion, to make arrangements for the accommodation of Calcutta passengers by the P. and O. Steamer "Bengal," expected per "Sydney;" and, on another, from the Superintendent's having intimated that 7 Officers were to embark at Coconada for Madras, whereas only 1 required a passage; submits that such losses should not fall on him, considering the low rate of Passage Money.
9	Superintendent of Marine....	13th do.	Referred to the Superintendent of Marine.
		14th do.	As to the first case, thinks, if Government are disposed to admit a claim, Lieutenant Fraser should be directed to state on honor what he considers his loss to have been, the case being an exceptional one; but, with respect to the 2nd instance, for reasons stated, does not see that Government can entertain any claim, for compensation.
10	Order thereon.....	23rd do.	Concur in the Superintendent's opinion, but, under the circumstances, resolve to call on Lieutenant Fraser to state what his loss has been on the 1st occasion.
11	Superintendent of Marine....	23rd do.	Recommends that an Apothecary be attached to the Steamer "Sydney," as applied for by the Surgeon of that Vessel.

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12	Order thereon.....	23rd July.....	The Director General Medical Department, desired accordingly.
13	Superintendent of Marine...	8th do.....	With reference to Proceedings 20th May, No. 213, relative to the proposed establishment of a Steam Tug at Cochin, forwards letter from the Chamber of Commerce there to the Collector of Malabar intimating the abandonment of the enterprize.
14	Order thereon.....	25th do.....	Recorded.
15	Superintendent of Marine...	16th do.....	Forwards statement of Tonnage Dues and Registration Fees levied under Act 27 of 1850, from 1st to 23rd February 1859, and return of Fees collected under Act 1 of 1859, from 23rd February to 30th June 1859.
16	Order thereon.....	25th do.....	The returns being no longer required, observe that they need not be furnished in future.
17	Superintendent of Marine...	25th do.....	Solicits authority for an advance of Rupees 4,843-8-0 to the Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Sydney" for the purpose of paying his Officers and Crew for June, the sum being debited to the Bengal Government.
18	Order thereon.....	26th do.....	Authorized accordingly.
19	Superintendent of Marine...	16th do.....	Recommends the adoption of the suggestion of the Collector of Vizagapatam that the old Flag Staff on the Dolphin's Nose be abandoned and dismantled, and a small pillar be erected in lieu of it at an estimated expense of Rupees 30, &c.
20	Order thereon.....	27th do.....	Resolved accordingly.
21	Superintendent of Marine...	18th do.....	Submits statement of the actual charges incurred on account of the repair of the Tuticorin Port Boat, exceeding the amount sanctioned in Minute, 13th January 1858, by Rupees 143-13-11; with explanation of the cause of the excess.
22	Order thereon.....	27th do.....	Sanction the additional cost.
23	Superintendent of Marine...	16th do.....	Having called upon Captain Neblett, Commanding Steamer "Sydney," to explain why he anchored so far from the shore at Vizagapatam, as required by order, 4th July, No. 298, intimates that he has replied that, being a stranger to the Port, he was guided by Fell's Chart, and further that, as there was a heavy surf on, he feared going in closer.
24	Order thereon.....	27th do.....	Satisfied with the explanation.
25	Superintendent of Marine...	25th do.....	Two Companies of European Artillery being under orders to Rangoon, one to embark at Negapatam, and the other at Masulipatam, solicits authority to despatch the "Sydney," which is to convey the next Mail, to Negapatam on the 1st August for the party there.
26	Order thereon.....	27th do.....	Sanctioned.
27	Inam Commissioner.....	25th do.....	In soliciting an order for the passage for himself and family, together with the Manager of his Office, &c., and one or two Clerks, to Masulipatam by the "Sydney," represents (para: 2,) that the Commander of the "Comandant" refused to give a Cabin to a Deputy Collector attached to his Commission, in offensive terms, as he is informed by Mr. Franklin, also the inconsiderate treatment shewn towards another Deputy Collector, who embarked on one of the Steamers at Tranquebar, to join him at Madras.

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28	Minute by the President.....	27th July.....	Proposes that the Superintendent of Marine be furnished with a copy of the 2nd para: of the letter, and desired to report; 1st precisely what passed on the subject between himself and the Commander; 2ndly how far it was the duty of the Commander to provide a Cabin for the family of the Deputy Collector.
29	Order thereon.....	27th do.....	Resolved accordingly.
30	Superintendent of Marine...	22nd do.....	Reports the recovery of Rupees 366-9-4 being a portion of General Average on 25 Bales, colored yarn, per "Sir Edward Parry."
31	Order thereon.....	27th do.....	Communicated to the Accountant General.
32	Proceedings of Government.	29th do.....	On a review of the Proceedings connected with the employment of Lieutenant Taylor, Indian Navy on the Survey of the Western Coast, &c., resolve that he be requested to state what work is completed but not reported on, whether all the information still to be furnished may not be communicated in writing, &c., in order to decide on the propriety of his coming to Madras, and of applying to the Bombay Government for the services of Lieutenant Williams, &c.
33	Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.	21st do.....	Solicits instructions on a claim for exemption from Port Dues preferred by Messrs. Shand and Co., in favor of the Steamer "Manchester."
34	Order thereon.....	29th do.....	The claim inadmissible.
35	Superintendent of Marine...	20th do.....	Submits Account Current of expenses incurred by the Master Attendant at Tuticorin in subsisting two distressed British Seamen belonging to the late Ship "James Turcan," with vouchers.
36	Order thereon.....	29th do.....	The expenses sanctioned, and the vouchers forwarded to the Home Authorities, in view to the recovery of the amount from the Board of Trade.

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PROCEEDINGS, MARINE DEPARTMENT, FROM 30TH JULY TO 5TH AUGUST 1859.

No.	The authority from, and order thereon.	Date.	Subject.
1	Superintendent of Marine....	29th June.... 1859.	With reference to rumours regarding the unseaworthiness of the " <i>Pownah</i> ," forwards a letter from Lieut. Taylor, Indian Navy, stating that as to repair she was in a perfectly efficient condition when she was sent from Bombay, but observing that a Pattimar is not a safe description of vessel for general Navigation and more particularly for the Gulf of Manaar, &c.
2	Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.	4th July.....	Resolving to forward a Memorial from Mrs. Robertson, praying for a Pension in consequence of her husband's death while engaged on Government service, to the Superintendent of Marine, in order to his sending it in to Government, &c., and submitting an address from certain residents at Tuticorin direct, as it contains allegations against the Officers of Government and attributes Captain Robertson's death to their culpable neglect, the facts of the case being briefly detailed.
3	Superintendent of Marine....	12th do.....	Submits the Memorial from Mrs. Robertson, with his favorable recommendation.
4	Order thereon.....	30th do.....	Review the correspondence, &c., and resolve to forward all the papers to the Government of Bombay in view to their causing a most rigorous enquiry to be made into the circumstances connected with the repair of the " <i>Pownah</i> ," &c. Direct the Master Attendant at Cochin to be called on for explanation of his conduct towards Captain Robertson in instances noticed; also that the papers be reported to the Secretary of State for India and favorable consideration solicited to Mrs. Robertson's case.
5	Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	30th do.....	In accordingly transmitting the papers and Proceedings of this Government, solicit attention to the account given of the state of the " <i>Pownah</i> " when received by Captain Robertson.
6	Proceedings of Government, Military Department.	22nd do.....	Communicating Report of the Commander-in-Chief, Indian Navy, on the complaint by the Officer in command of Details that proceeded to Rangoon in the " <i>Punjab</i> " of the insufficiency of accommodation on board.
7	Order thereon.....	1st August....	Recorded.
8	Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department	25th July.....	Ordering the construction of the Beacon or Perch on the sand off the entrance into Tuddy Harbour.
9	Order thereon.....	1st August....	Recorded.
10	Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer " <i>Coromandel</i> ."	25th July.....	Represents that after embarking the baggage belonging to Mr. Taylor, Inam Commissioner, and the Troops, there was stowage room only for a portion of the 48 tons of salt and preserved meats, &c., for which the Superintendent of Marine required conveyance to Calcutta.
11	Order thereon....	1st August....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.
12	Proceedings of Government.	2nd do.....	Direct that a passage to Vizagapatam be given on the " <i>Sydney</i> " to Captain Blagrave.
13	Master Attendant, Madras...	25th July.....	Explains that the expenditure of Rupees 159-1-0, charged for in a Bill submitted by him was incurred in supporting, at the Sailors' Home, destitute Englishmen, who came in charge of horses for Government from Aus-

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14	Order thereon	2nd August	tralia and who, as Grooms, could not obtain employment.
15	Director General Medical Department.	2nd do	Sanctioned.
16	Order thereon	3rd do	Submits Medical Certificate shewing that it is necessary for Acting Master R. H. Forrester, I. N., to return to Europe for the recovery of his health and to be absent for 1 year.
17	To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	3rd do	Permit Acting Master Forrester, I. N., to proceed to Europe, subject to the confirmation of the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy.
18	Acting Master Forrester, Indian Navy.	3rd do	Forward copy of Medical Certificate and report that permission has been given accordingly.
19	Order thereon	3rd do	As he is going home on Sick Certificate, requests payment of Rupees 120-15-0 due to him from 1st to 31st June.
20	Superintendent of Marine	2nd do	Sanctioned.
21	Order thereon	4th do	Solicits that instructions be issued to Senior Lieutenant Fraser, Commanding " <i>Coromandel</i> ," to touch at Vizagapatam, on his return from Calcutta, for a party of 53 men, 2nd Europeans.
22	Director General, Medical Department.	30th July	Communicated to the Commander of the " <i>Coromandel</i> " with a request accordingly, &c.
23	Order thereon	4th August	States that there is no Apothecary available for duty on board the Steamer " <i>Sydney</i> ."
24	Superintendent of Marine	29th July	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine. Copy of his letter, 23rd July, No. 2908, communicated to the Military Department, in view to a Medical Subordinate being detailed whenever Troops, &c., proceed in the " <i>Sydney</i> ."
25	Order thereon	5th August	Under circumstances reported, solicits that the 6th Rule of the Regulations for the control of the Packet Service be so far modified as to allow the Superintendent of the Irrawady Flotilla at Rangoon, to assign freight and passage without previous reference to the Commander.
26	Superintendent of Marine	2nd do	Acquiesce in the proposed modification, &c.
27	Order thereon	5th do	Intimates that the correspondence mentioned in Home Despatch, 14th June, No. 20, shewing the <i>height</i> , &c., of the machinery of the Diving Bell, expected in October, has not been received. Suggests, as it is impossible to have a vessel built in time, it would be more advisable to purchase a small Craft and fit her up.
28	Collector of Chingleput	26th July	The Superintendent informed that the word <i>height</i> in the Despatch is a misprint for <i>weight</i> and that the entire correspondence has been communicated to him; and requested to report at what price a small Craft could be had and what it would cost to fit her up.
29	Order thereon	5th August	Submits Bill for Rupees 42-8-0 advanced to Lieutenant Sweny, Commanding Surveying Brig " <i>Mutla</i> ," on account of his expenses in landing near the Seven Pagodas to lay a Base line.
30	Superintendent of Marine	25th July	Sanctioned.
			Reports that he has received a Petition addressed by the Paumben Pilots to the Head Government Pilot praying to be relieved from the duty of conveying the Mails between the Island of Ramisseram and the main

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31	Order thereon	5th August	land, as they are obliged, when engaged in piloting vessels through the channels, to hire men for the service and pay for the same themselves, and recommends that the Postmaster General be directed to make his own arrangements.
32	Proceedings of Government, Military Department.	29th July	Resolved accordingly.
33	Order thereon	5th August	Sanctioning the movements of Steamers and Transports to meet arrangements for the Packet Service and the relief of Corps, as proposed by the Superintendent of Marine.
34	Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	23rd July	Recorded.
35	Order thereon	5th August	Forwards copy of report by the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, stating that there is no Steamer available, in which Lieutenant Taylor could visit the Ports of Western India during this South West Monsoon.
			Communicated to Lieutenant A. D. Taylor.