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1	Lieutenant A. D. Taylor, Commanding H. M. Survey Vessel "Bheema." I.N.	3rd March 1859.	As the working season is closing, submits a statement of what is done and what remains to be done in surveying the Western Coast and the Harbours on it, and in preparing Charts thereof, explains why he has not answered Minute, dated 1st December 1858, No. 473, regarding the position of a Second Light on Carwar Head,—regrets his absence when the Engineer went to estimate for the Harbour Works at Sedashigur. As he requires relaxation, asks permission to take the "Bheema" to Bombay in May to settle accounts, and afterwards to come to Madras to give in all his work. In event of the survey being continued, recommends Lieutenant Williams, an accurate Surveyor, assisted by his Native Draftsmen, as his successor.
2	Order thereon.....	30th do.	Note the Works completed and in progress. Communicate his proposals, suggestions and recommendations to the Departments in which they are to be considered. Authorize his taking the "Bheema" to Bombay and coming to Madras.
3	Extract Minutes of Consultation, Public Works Department.	23rd do.	Sanctioning Estimate, amounting to Rupees 600 for the proposed Flag Staff at Porto Novo.
4	Order thereon.....	30th do.	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.
5	Superintendent of Marine....	31st do.	Solicits an advance of Rupees 1000 to the Commander of H. M.'s Transport "Tubal Cain" to pay his Crew.
6	Order thereon.....	31st do.	Authorized.
7	Secretary to the Government of India.	31st do.	Reports the advance made.

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8	Officiating Post Master General.	19th do.	Appends transcript of a letter to the Director General of the Post Office in India on the subject of Messrs: McKinnon, McKenzie and Co.'s scheme for regular steam communication between Calcutta, Madras and the Ports on the Eastern Coast.
9	To the Secretary to the Government of India.	1st April	In reply to letter, dated 5th February, No. 262, on the same subject, states that the Superintendent of Marine considers it unnecessary to subsidize a private line as the Government are about to run Steamers between Madras and Burmah, <i>via</i> the Northern Ports, otherwise he would strongly recommend the offer. Under the apprehension that it cannot be kept up, think the suggestion that if that Firm would run their Steamers across the Bay, it would be advisable to accept the offer, is deserving of consideration. As to its bearing in a Postal point of view, refers to the enclosure of the above letter, and notices a mistake regarding the Canal communication between Cocanada and Beijwarah.

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10	Captain C. D. Campbell, Commanding H. M. P. V. "Calcutta," Indian Navy and Senior Officer.	24th March.	Reports that by order of the Commander-in-Chief of the I. N., Lieutenant H. W. Etheridge will assume Command of the "Caromandel" and encloses copy of Squadron Order on the subject.
11	Order thereon.....	1st April	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine, and Offices of Account and Audit.
12	Master Attendant.....	29th January	Replies to four distinct questions relative to the control of the Boatmen and the Superintendence of the Marine Police, contained in Official Memorandum, dated 25th January, No. 26.
13	Commissioner of Police.....	7th Feby.	Enters into a full detail of the working of the Boat Act IV of 1842, which though it has practically proved a complete failure, has never had full justice done to it. Demurs to Mr. Franklin's proposition that the Master of a Chief Officer of Police by handing over to him the control of the Marine Police Force, nor does he think it desirable that his Subordinates be vested with Police Jurisdiction, against the charges of inefficiency brought against the Force by Mr. Dalrymple and submits that it has been already brought into a good state of discipline, &c., in proof of which he refers to the recognition of its services by the Chamber of Commerce in their Report ending the 31st December last. In reference to the vexatious delay in obtaining justice for offences against the Boat Act, observes that in the treatment of Marine cases by the Magistrates when he puts up offenders he is bound to acknowledge the readiness wherewith such are always disposed of and feels satisfied that Mr. Dalrymple would have equal facilities afforded him were he to prefer charges of leaving them to be preferred by aggrieved private parties, thinks it may prove requisite to equalize the rates of Cargo and Passenger Boat hire, and to modify and alter the present Act, so as to adapt it to the wants of the Port. Observes if the parties interested were to give the Boat Act a fair trial, one would be better able to give an opinion as to its efficiency, but it has in many instances become a dead letter and the evils have increased owing to long impunity. The Act guarding against almost every possible offence that can be committed by the Owners or Boatmen, is of opinion that it is the Master Attendant's duty to prosecute in all cases of breaches of Licenses of disobeying and neglecting to fulfil certain orders given by him—in other cases it is the duty of the Boat-owners, and if they neglect to do so, they ought to be held responsible. With regard to the delays and annoyances mentioned by Mr. Dalrymple, states that after a careful examination of his records from 1852 to 1858, he has not found one single instance of a charge in which the Captain of a Ship was the prosecutor, thinks the rate of Boat hire too low, and this fact is possibly not without its weight in deterring parties from prosecuting.
14	Major W. J. Wilson, Magistrate of Police.	7th do.	

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15	From the same.....	10th Feby.	Proposes that in amending the Boat Act provision be made that the Boats and Crews should be registered in the Office of the Superintendent of Marine Police, who should prosecute generally, the Master doing so in those cases which are more particularly in his province and that in event of its being found expedient to make any change the Boat establishment be transferred from the Master to the Superintendent of Marine Police.
16	Order thereon.....	1st April	Review the correspondence relative to the Boatmen and the Marine Police, and, after an attentive consideration of all that has been advanced by the several Officers concerned, conclude that although Act 4 of 1842 is not without defects, it would go far to remedy existing evils if fully brought into operation, therefore authorize, as suggested by the late Marine Board and the Boat-owners, the appointment of a Boat Supervisor on Rupees 150 per mensem and 2 Peons at 7 Rupees each, to be paid from the Port Fund, nominate Veerasawmy Naick as the first Supervisor, detail what his duties will be, and give instructions for conducting them, remark that, in the Draft Boat Act under preparation and nearly ready, the rates of Boat hire should be revised and the Tariff placed upon a proper footing, with a proviso for the revision of them from time to time. Do not assent to the proposal to place Mr. Dalrymple in charge of the Marine Police, as there cannot be two Heads of Police in one Town, and do not concur in Major Wilson's proposal to put the Boats, &c., under the Commissioner of Police.
17	Superintendent of Marine....	22nd March.	Brings to notice that if some mode were adopted of marking the Channel through the mud bank into the Coringa River, it would be a great saving of time and labor to Vessels entering and quitting the Port, and solicits sanction to an outlay of Rupees 150, which the Master Attendant at Cocanada has estimated as the cost of denoting it with poles firmly fixed in the mud.
18	Order thereon.....	1st April	Sanctioned.

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1	Commissioner of Police.....	31st March 1859.	Reports the appointment of Mr. James Ansell, to be Superintendent of Marine Police, <i>vice</i> Lafond, pensioned.
2	Order thereon.....	4th April	Published in the Fort Saint George Gazette.
3	Commander A. Fouleston, Indian Navy, Commanding Her Majesty's Ship "Punjaub."	2nd do.	Reports the arrival of the Steamer "Punjaub" on her way to Calcutta, and requests instructions regarding a Warrant Officer and some Engineers for the "Dalhousie."
4	Order thereon.....	4th do.	Direct that they remain with the "Punjaub" to be taken on to Calcutta.

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5	Secretary to Government of Bombay.	11th March	Communicates correspondence with the Indian Naval authorities, relative to the inaccuracies in the Track Chart of the Coast of Western India.
6	Order thereon.....	5th April	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine ; the correspondence to be brought to the notice of the Indian Hydrographer, the Superintendent meanwhile marking the errors in all the copies of the Track Chart in his charge and then resuming the sale of them, &c.

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1	Mr. Samuel Barker, Purser H. M. S. Punjaub, I. N.	6th April	Requests sanction to a Receipt for 6,000 Rupees for the use of that Ship.
2	Order thereon.....	6th do.	Sub-Treasurer authorized to advance the sum to the Commanding Officer of Her Majesty's Steamer Punjaub.
3	Under Secretary to the Government of India.	18th March	With reference to the subject of providing regular Steam communication from the Straits to Madras, enquiries whether Invalids might not be brought thence to Madras in the monthly China Steamers either <i>via</i> Calcutta or Point de Galle.
4	Order thereon.....	6th April	Referred to the Military Department.
5	Minute of Consultation.....	7th do.	Orders passed on such portions, as require notice, of Home Despatch, dated 24th February, No. 7 of 1859.
6	To the Superintendent of Marine.	7th do.	Transmit an account of Tonnage and Freight per "Tartar," for Madras and Coringa received from England. and request that a Case, No. 28, Books, may be forwarded to the Public Department.
7	Mr. N. A. Harley, for Secretary Mint Committee.	5th do.	Forwards the original Packing Account of Mint Stores per "Huguenot," and states that all the Articles have been received in good order, but that one Bar of Iron, (25 lbs,) is wanting.
8	To the Under Secretary of State for India.	9th do.	Retransmit the Packing Account and call attention to the deficit noted.

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1	Accountant General...	8th April 1859.	Forwards General Roll for Quarter ending 13th December 1858, together with 7 Vouchers, on account of deceased Merchant Seamen.
2	Collector of Sea Customs....	7th do	Forwards a Packet containing a Silver Watch, Pocket-book, &c., the property of the late Captain Page, of the "Melanie," for transmission to his widow.
3	Order thereon.....	13th do	The letters communicated and Accounts, Vouchers, and Packet transmitted, to the Home Authorities.
4	Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.	12th March	With reference to the proposal of the Master Attendant at Cocanada, to establish a Water Tank for the supply of water to Vessels at a charge of Rupees 2½ a Ton, states the Chamber's opinion that it is not desirable that a Government Official should carry on such a trading operation.
5	Collector of Rajahmundry.	29th do	In reference to the same subject, thinks that, as present arrangements for the supply of water do not meet the wants of the Port, the offer of the Master Attendant at Cocanada should be taken advantage of.
6	Minute by the President....	7th April	Thinks that the plan may be tried on a certain understanding.
7	Order thereon.....	14th do	Review the correspondence on the subject, and adopt the President's opinion.
8	Political Resident and Commandant at Aden.	16th March	Forwards 200 copies of an Arabic translation of Act 21 of 1858, prepared at his Residency, as requested in letter, dated 17th September 1858, No. 368.
9	Order thereon.....	14th April	Fifty copies forwarded to the Superintendent of Marine for distribution, and 65 each to the Collectors of Malabar and Canara.
10	Extract Minute of Consultation, Public Department	6th do	Communicating Resident's Minute suggesting a change in the mode of conducting the correspondence between the Home and Indian Governments.
11	Order thereon.....	14th do	Recorded.
12	Extract Minute of Consultation, Military Department.	1st do	Directing the employment of the Transport "Tubal Cain" in conveying horses to Calcutta.
13	Order thereon.....	14th do	Recorded.
14	Superintendent of Marine....	14th do	Transmit Tenders and Bills of Lading of the 'Sourisquois,' 'Clive' 'Eunomia,' and 'Janet Mitchell,' received from the Secretary of State for India.
15	Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	4th do	Requests to be furnished with 20 copies, each, of certain Charts for the use of the Indian Navy.
16	To the Same.....	16th do	Inform him of the despatch of 100 copies of each of the five Charts of the Western Coast prepared by Lieut. Taylor.

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No.	The authority from, and Order thereon.	Date.	Subject.
17	Extract Minutes Consultation, Revenue Department.	4th April	Directing the dismissal of Royapettah Teerovendasawmy Naidoo, from the Stamp Office, and that he be not re-employed in the Government Service.
18	Order thereon.....	16th do	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.
19	Superintendent of Marine...	15th do	Solicits an advance of Rupees 2,490 to the Commander of the 'Mutlah' for the purpose of paying his Officers and Crew for March. Authorized, the sum being debited to the Bengal Government.
20	Order thereon.....	16th do	Requesting the Superintendent of Marine to report on the employment of the Steamer "Punjab" to take in tow the "Tubal Cain" with horses, to Calcutta.
21	Extract Minutes of Consultation, Military Department.	5th do	Recorded.
22	Order thereon.....	16th do	Expects it will be a month or more before his Vessel is ready for sea. The orders sent to him respecting Freight, Rate of Fare and Table Money having been mislaid, requests to be supplied with fresh copies of them, and wishes to know when they are to come into operation.
23	Commander of Her Majesty "Steamer" "Dalhousie," I. N.	9th do	Furnished accordingly, Commander Hopkins, being informed that the orders will take effect from the 12th May next.
24	Order thereon.....	18th do	In continuation of previous correspondence, reports that no information can be obtained from Calcutta or Singapore regarding the Vessel which foundered off Pondicherry in the Cyclone of 9th December 1856.
25	Superintendent of Marine...	13th do	Informed that he need not make any further inquiries.
26	Order thereon.....	18th do	Communicating arrangements for the employment of Her Majesty's Steamer "Punjab," and for the conveyances to Calcutta of the horses for the Bengal stud.
27	Extract Minutes of Consultation, Military Department.	8th do	Recorded.
28	Order thereon.....	18th do	Resolving that Warrants be issued to certain Engineers under the Indian Naval regulations.
29	Extract Minutes of Consultation, Public Works Department.	8th do	Request the Superintendent of Marine to prepare Warrants accordingly for issue to parties named.
30	Order thereon.....	18th do	

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31	Commissary General.....	18th do	Submits Bill for Rupees 636-10-8 on account of demurrage claimed by the Agents of the "Great Britain" from Moulmein with Timber for Ordnance purposes, and, under circumstances stated in explanation of delay in discharging the Cargo, requests sanction for the disbursement of the amount.
32	Order thereon.....	19th do	Referred to the Government Solicitor.
33	Extract Minutes of Consultation, Public Works Department.	13th do	Communicating a letter from the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazine, in view of the issue of orders on his suggestion that Collectors may be desired to send Indents for Stores for Marine Works through the Superintendent of Marine.
34	Order thereon.....	19th do	Given accordingly.

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1	Superintendent of Marine...	20th April 1859.	Transmits Accounts of Tonnage and Freight, per "Eunomia" and "Sourisquois" received from England by the Steamer, via Marseilles and Bombay.
2	Under Secretary to the Government of India.	29th March	Forwards a copy of his letter to the Superintendent of Marine at Calcutta approving of the directions issued for the repairs of the hull and machinery of the "Australian."
3	Order thereon.....	20th April	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.
4	Under Secretary to the Government of India.	4th do	Forwards copy of a letter from the Colonial Secretary Cape of Good Hope, and requests that publicity be given to the Notice respecting a daring Act of Piracy or Barratry committed by the Mate and Crew of the Schooner "Prince Edward" in Table Bay, in view to the guilty parties being brought to justice.
5	Order thereon.....	20th do	Published accordingly in the Official Gazette.
6	Extract Minutes of Consultation, Military Department.	5th do	Referring, for decision, whether the Chief Officer of the "Coromandel" is to bear the hire of a boat, which went for Ordnance Stores, but was sent back empty.
7	Order thereon.....	21st do	The consideration of the question unnecessary.
8	Government Solicitor.....	9th do	With reference to Minute, dated 4th April No. 576, Public Department respecting evasions of Port Dues, forwards Advocate General's opinion concurring with the Superintendent of Marine as to defectiveness of the Law, and that the only remedy is to pass a short Act on the subject, having retrospective effect.
9	Order thereon.....	26th do	Resolve to forward the correspondence to the Madras Member of the Legislative Council, and request him to bring in a Bill as suggested, not pressing for its retrospective operation.
10	To the Member for Madras of the Legislative Council.	26th do	Transmits the correspondence and conveys the wishes of this Government accordingly.
11	Superintendent of Marine...	21st do	Solicits sanction to a Bill for a Weighing Machine for ascertaining the Tonnage of private Goods sent by the Burmah line of Steamers.
12	Order thereon.....	28th do	Authorise the Civil Auditor to pass the Bill amounting to Rupees 98.
13	Superintendent of Marine...	18th do	Forwards Plans of the Ports of Coringa and Cocanada, and of Masulipatam; that of Cochín only remaining to be furnished.
14	To the Secretary to the Government of India.	28th do	Transmits the Plans.

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15	Master Attendant.....	11th April	Submits 2 Statements, one for Rupees 159-1-0, being expences incurred for the Board, &c., of Grooms with Government horses per " <i>Pam Flush</i> " and " <i>Grand Trianon</i> ;" the other for Rupees 65 on account of destitute British Seamen relieved from actual starvation under orders in Minute, dated 30th November 1858, No. 472.
16	Order thereon.....	28th do	Sanction Bill amounting to Rupees 65, but require explanation as to the authority under which the other Bill was incurred.
17	Accountant General....	20th do	Forwards a Supplementary General Roll for Quarter ending 31st March, together with 11 Vouchers, on account of three deceased Merchant Seaman.
18	Order thereon.....	28th do	Transmitted to the Secretary of State for India.
19	Minute of Consultation....	28th do	Pass orders on paras. 4 and 5, Home Despatch, dated 24th March, No. 10 of 1859, and inform Mr. McKennie, Deputy Master Attendant, that there are no sufficient grounds for granting him a personal allowance.
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20	Superintendent of Marine...	24th February	Reports that there are 4 Minor Ports in Ganjam which require to be indicated by Pillars and Obelisks.
21	Chief Engineer.....	12th April	Submits Plans and Estimates for the erection of Columns and Obelisks at those Ports, amounting to Rupees 2,480.
22	Order thereon.....	29th do	Review proceedings on the subject, approve of the Plans and sanction the Estimates.
23	Extract Minutes of Consultation, Public Works Department.	31st March	Referring Plans and Estimates, amounting to Rupees 6,300, for a Light House, Superintendent's Quarters and a Boat at Pulicat.
24	Superintendent of Marine...	14th April	With reference to the Estimate of 300 Rupees for a River Boat, thinks that, as an ordinary Canoe only is necessary, some saving might be effected in that item.
25	Order thereon.....	29th do	Authorize the Works and direct their immediate execution, the estimate for the Boat being reconsidered.
26	Minute of Consultation....	29th do	Observe that orders have been already passed on the subject (Bridle Moorings for Munsoorcottah) of Home Despatch, dated 16th March, No. 8 of 1859.