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1	Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department.	3rd August.... 1859.	Referring Colonel Cotton's proposal for putting the Master Attendant's Department at Cocanada on a thoroughly efficient footing, as respects salary, Establishment, Boats, &c.
2	Order thereon.....	6th do.....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine, with instructions to report on the subject, &c.
3	The Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Despatch, No. 21 of 1859.)	30th June.....	Intimates that the application for 4 sets of Moorings to be laid down off the Custom House will be complied with.
4	Order thereon.....	6th August....	Observe that the same intimation was made in a Despatch, No. 17 of 1859.
5	Superintendent of Marine....	22nd July....	Submits the claim of the Agents of the "Melanie," which slipped from an Anchor and 75 fathoms of chain during the gale on the 5th May 1858, for general average contributions, Rupees 366-5-10, on Government Stores to the value of Rupees 12,063, and recommends that it be allowed.
		25th do.....	Referred to the Advocate General.
6	Government Solicitor.....	3rd August....	Forwards copy of Advocate General's opinion advising the payment of Rupees 366-5-10.
7	Order thereon.....	6th do.....	Sanctioned accordingly.
8	Superintendent of Marine....	27th July....	Forwards 2 Accounts of expenses incurred by the Master Attendant in relieving distressed British Seamen, late of the Ships "Ballengiesh" and "Monarch" wrecked off Negapatam, amounting to Rupees 371-14-0, with vouchers.
9	Order thereon.....	6th August....	Sanction the expenses, and direct the Vouchers to be forwarded to the Home Government with a view to the recovery of the amount from the Board of Trade.
10	Superintendent of Marine....	29th July....	Submits Bill, amounting to Rupees 1,300, for 3 Watches purchased for presentation to Captain Petibon of the "Jean Victor," Captain Barton and Mr. Thompson, of the "Melanie."
11	Order thereon.....	6th August....	Sanctioned.
12	To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	8th do.....	Report that Acting Master Forrester, late of the "Coromandel" has received pay for 25 days, Rupees 120-15-5.
13	Superintendent of Marine....	6th do.....	Solicits an advance of Rupees 4,857, to the Commander of Her Majesty Steamer "Sydney," for the purpose of paying his Officers and Crew for July, the amount being debited to Bengal.
14	Order thereon.....	8th do.....	Authorized.
15	Proceedings of Government.	8th do.....	Direct that a passage to Coringa, per "Sydney," be given to Colonel A. Cotton and Mr. Montgomerie.
16	Superintendent of Marine....	1st do.....	In obedience to Order, 27th July, No. 342, states that Lieutenant Fraser, on being asked to accommodate the Native Deputy Collector and his wife with a Cabin to Masulipatam, replied "no Native whatever be his rank, not even the Nabob, should have a Cabin as long as he commanded the Vessel," &c. Conceives that the Deputy Collector had a right to be accommodated with a Cabin in the "Coromandel."

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17	Minute by the President.....	5th August.	Observes that the object for which Steamers were placed at the disposal of this Government, to be used as Passage Vessels, was <i>to facilitate the Public Service</i> ; but Native Officers must still go by land if conduct like that of Lieutenant Fraser is tolerated. Proposes that Commanders of the Government Steamers be instructed to treat Native Officers with the same consideration and to give them and their families the same accommodation as they would to European Officers, &c.
18	Order thereon.....	9th do.....	Review the correspondence and resolve as proposed by the President, also that copy of the Proceedings be forwarded to the Supreme Government, the Government of Bombay, and the Secretary of State for India.
19	Secretary to the Government & of India, and to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	9th do.....	Forward copies of Proceedings accordingly, and request attention to the President's Minute.
20	Proceedings of Government.	9th do.....	
21		9th do.....	Direct the Superintendent of Marine to provide passage to Coringa, per "Sydney" for 2 Europeans accompanying Lieutenant Montgomerie.
22	Superintendent of Marine....	8th do	With reference to Order, 4th August, No. 358, states that when Europeans are embarked on Indian Navy Vessels, the Purser make arrangements for victualling them, &c.
23	Order thereon.....	9th do	A Telegram despatched to the Government of India, requesting that the Commander of the "Coromandel" be ordered to touch at Vizagapatam and embark 53 Europeans for Madras.
24	Accountant General.....	4th do.....	Forwards a General Roll <i>in duplicate</i> , for July 1859, with 4 vouchers, for sums realized on account of 2 deceased Seamen, the original Roll and List of Remittances being for Her Majesty's Paymaster General, and the duplicate with 3 other documents for the Secretary to the Naval Department of the Board of Trade.
25	Order thereon.....	11th do.	The Accountant General requested to recover Rupees 6-11-1, on account of the Estate of the deceased Seaman, James Caithness, of the Barque "Pearl," &c.
26	Superintendent of Marine....	9th do.....	Submits Invoice amounting to £43-7-0, from Mr. T. Clarke of Galle, for 7 coils of Coir Rope required for warping Vessels through the Paumben passage.
27	Order thereon.....	12th do.....	The Ceylon Government requested to pay the amount of the Invoice, and the Accountant General to give that Government credit for the equivalent.
28	Colonial Secretary at Colombo.	12th do.....	Make the request accordingly.

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No.	The authority from, and Order thereon.	Date.	Subject.
		1859.	
1	Secretary to the Government of India.	25th July.....	Forwards copies of certain Forms sanctioned by the Supreme Government for adoption in Bengal for carrying out the provisions of Act, No. 1 of 1859, &c.
2	Order thereon.....	13th August...	Three of the Forms made over to the Superintendent of Marine, and the Scale of Medical Stores published in the Gazette.
3	Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie."	11th do.	In representing that a bad description of Coal (Burdwan) is supplied at Rangoon and that consequently the Stokers have extra work imposed on them, solicits special sanction for 10 Native Stokers as supernumeraries at Rupees 17 each a month.
		12th do.	Forwarded to the Superintendent of Marine for report.
4	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	13th do.	States that as the "Dalhousie," is not going to Rangoon yet, there is time to refer the question of the entertainment of 10 supernumerary Native Stokers, to Bombay. Confirms the Commander's statement as to the bad qualities of Burdwan Coal, and suggests that the authorities at Rangoon be instructed to furnish English Coal, whenever practicable, to Steamers employed in the conveyance of Troops between the two coasts.
5	Order thereon.....	15th do.	The application referred to the Government of Bombay and the Commissioner at Pegu addressed regarding the description of Coal supplied at Rangoon to Government Steamers.
6	To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	15th do.	In forwarding copy of the Commander's letter, refer his application for the decision of the Bombay Government.
7	To the Commissioner at Pegue, &c.	15th do.	Forward copies of letters from the Commander of the "Dalhousie," and the Superintendent of Marines and request attention to the Superintendent's suggestion, &c.
8	Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie."	11th do.	Represents that by conforming, on a late trip, to the Rules regarding the time of stoppage at the different Ports, considerable and unnecessary detention was caused, and observes that if Government allowed Commanders to use their discretion as to the time of leaving, the interests of Government would be benefited, &c.
9	Order thereon.....	15th do.	Forwarded to the Superintendent of Marine, &c.
10	Collector of Malabar.....	5th July.....	Submits letter from Captain Castor, Master Attendant at Cochin, answering the charges raised by the Cochin Chamber of Commerce and the reflections made by them on matters connected with his Department.
		25th do.	Captain Castor's letter referred to the Superintendent of Marine.
11	Superintendent of Marine....	30th do.	Concurs with the Master Attendant at Cochin in thinking that the Chamber of Commerce there have touched on matters in which they had little concern, &c., and offers some remarks on their representations.
12	Collector of Malabar.....	16th do.	Submits Extract of letter from the Fiscal of Cochin reporting that the fall of the Boat House was caused by a Gale, a statement which is confirmed by the District Engineer.
13	Order thereon.....	16th August...	Are satisfied with the explanations, except in one particular. Direct the Collector to as-

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14	Adjutant General of the Army.	11th August...	certain on what occasion the Anchor Boat was refused to take an Anchor off to a Ship in distress and call upon Captain Castor for his explanation.
15	Order thereon.....	16th do.....	States that the Director General, Medical Department, has been requested to arrange for a Medical Subordinate being detailed whenever a large number of Troops or Sick Details proceed on board the Steamer "Sydney."
16	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	13th do.....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine. The "Dalhousie" being required to proceed to the Straits, and return with any Sick Details awaiting conveyance, solicits that the requisite instructions may be issued to the Commander.
17	Order thereon.....	16th do.....	Communicated to the Commander of the "Dalhousie," with directions accordingly.
18	Secretary to the Government of India.	13th July.....	Orders having been issued to the Commanders of the Steamers employed in maintaining the communication between Madras and Rangoon requiring them to obey the orders of the Superintendent of Marine, intimates that the Supreme Government do not consider it necessary to remark further upon the general questions which have arisen out of the employment of those Vessels on that service. Offers observations as the responsibility of the Commander for the freight put on board his Vessel and his right to a per-centage on Treasure.
19	Order thereon.....	16th August...	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine with directions to explain to the Commanders of the Steamers that as freight on private Treasure is appropriated by them, the responsibility to the owners is entirely theirs.
20	The Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India (Despatch, No. 28 of 1859.)	14th July.....	Transmits copies of Tenders and Bills of Lading of the "Sir Robert Sale," "Saint Croix," &c., engaged for the conveyance of Stores.
21	Order thereon.....	17th August...	The Tenders and Bills of Lading forwarded to the Superintendent of Marine, also Account of Tonnage, &c., per "Saint Croix,"
22	Commander of H. M. Steamer "Dalhousie."	16th do.....	Reports that his Vessel will be ready for Sea on the 20th, provided he can get the Stores indented for, and suggests, with reference to the difficulty always experienced in procuring Stores here, that Mr. Shaw, or some other Ship Chandler, be allowed to supply them.
23	Order thereon.....	17th do.....	Communicated to the Assistant Superintendent of Marine, with a request to give the Commander every assistance in procuring the Stores he requires.
24	Proceedings of Government.	17th do.....	Direct the Commander of the "Dalhousie" to convey Messrs. Phillips and Holloway, &c., to Vizagapatam, also,
25	Do. do.....	18th do.....	Mr. Phillips' family (Mrs. Phillips and Child.)
26	Commander of H. M. Steamer "Dalhousie."	16th do.....	Forwards Receipts for Rupees 10,000 for the use of the Vessel.
27	Order thereon.....	18th do.....	The Sub Treasurer authorized to advance the sum required.
28	Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie."	18th August...	Requests it to be telegraphed to have 60 Tons of good Coal ready for him at Bimlipatam, &c.
29	Order thereon.....	18th do.....	The Assistant Superintendent of Marine requested to telegraph accordingly, and the Commander informed that the "Dalhousie" should leave on the 20th.

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30	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	18th August...	Solicits that Commander Hopkins may be requested to return from the Straits with as little delay as possible, as the Steamer "Dalhousie" will be required to convey Sir Charles Trevelyan to the Northern Ports.
31	Order thereon.....	18th do....	Communicated to the Commander of the "Dalhousie," with a request accordingly.
32	Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Coromandel."	26th July.....	Under circumstances represented, states that while his Vessel is placed at this Government's disposal he must decline receiving or acting upon any orders or requisitions from the Superintendent of Marine not expressly sanctioned by Government.
33	Superintendent of Marine.	1st August.... 2nd do....	Referred to the Superintendent of Marine. In submitting copies of his communication to Lieutenant Fraser, intimates that he has carefully avoided addressing him in a way that might be mistaken as assuming a power he does not possess, except so long as the Vessel is employed as a Packet.
34	Order thereon.....	19th do....	Letter despatched.
35	To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.	19th do....	In forwarding the correspondence, requests that the Supreme Government's instructions to the Officers of the Indian Navy that they were to be guided by orders issued by this Government through the Superintendent of Marine or by the Superintendent under the authority of Government, which are considered applicable only to Vessels when employed as Packets on the Burmah Line, may be made general, &c.
36	Under Secretary to the Government of India.	16th July...	Forwards letter to the Senior Officer, Indian Navy, Calcutta, requesting him to instruct all Officers of the Indian Navy, subordinate to him and in Command of Steam Vessels to moor their Vessels alongside the Coaling Wharf when requiring to take in Coal at Rangoon, unless they have some good reason for not doing so.
37	Order thereon.....	19th August...	Forwarded to the Superintendent of Marine for communication to the Commanders of Government Steamers proceeding to Rangoon.
38	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	15th do....	Submits Bill, amounting to Rupees 23-12-0, for Banker's Scales required for counting the Cash when adjusting Steamers' Accounts.
39	Order thereon.....	19th do....	Sanctioned.
40	Superintendent of Marine.	29th July.....	Submits letter from the Master Attendant soliciting an increase to his Establishment, as well as an augmentation of salary to some of his Subordinates, to be met by a grant of 160 Rupees a month from the Port Fund, and recommends it to favorable consideration, as the duties of the Department have become very onerous.
41	Order thereon.....	19th August...	Sanctioned accordingly.
42	Superintendent of Marine.	6th do....	Urges the necessity of measures being taken for defining the limits of the Port of Beypore, which is becoming a place of importance, and submits a Specification of those limits.
43	Order thereon.....	19th do....	Published in the Gazette. The Superintendent called upon to state whether he would bring Beypore under the provisions of Act 22 of 1855 now, or at some later date, &c.

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No.	The authority from, and Order thereon.	Date.	Subject.
		1859.	
1	Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.	3rd August..	Intimates that orders have been issued for docking, fitting up, and provisioning the Steamer " <i>Coromandel</i> ."
2	Order thereon.....	20th do.....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.
3	Secretary to the Government of India.	8th do.....	Forwards copy of letter from the Senior Officer, Indian Navy, Calcutta, respecting the docking and re-fitting up the Steamer " <i>Coromandel</i> ," reporting that she will not be ready for Sea before the 15th September.
4	Order thereon.....	20th do.....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine and Military Department.
5	Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	9th do.....	Transmits Report of the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, regarding the Steamers " <i>Dalhousie</i> " and " <i>Prince Arthur</i> ," and states that the latter Vessel cannot be spared except on exchange for another Steamer.
6	Order thereon.....	22nd do.....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine, with directions to report when the " <i>Dalhousie</i> " can be sent to Bombay in exchange for the " <i>Prince Arthur</i> ."
7	Superintendent of Marine...	12th do.....	Reports that the Collector of Sea Customs requires an adjustment of the large Out-standing balances at the end of each month, on account of advances made to the Master Attendant for Boat-hire for different Departments under Orders, 14th October 1842, No. 321, and, for reason assigned, states that it would much simplify the system if, on the acknowledgment of the Master Attendant of an advance from the Collector, the latter Officer be relieved from further liability.
8	Order thereon.....	24th do.....	Referred to the Accountant General for his opinion on the change of system suggested.
9	Collector of Sea Customs.....	23rd do.....	Requests that a Packet containing 1 Silver Watch, the property of the late Jonathan Rogers, Chief Officer of the Bark " <i>Rosetta</i> " be transmitted to the Home Government, for delivery to the deceased's father.
10	Order thereon.....	25th do.....	Forwarded accordingly.
11	Accountant General.....	10th do.....	With reference to order, 17th July, No. 317 states that Madras cannot take credit for the earnings realized by the Packet Steamers as she does not bear their ordinary charges, and proposes to make a reference on the subject to the Accountant General, to the Government of India or to the Accountant General at Bombay. Presumes (paragraph 2) that the advances made here on account of the Steamer " <i>Sydney</i> " should be debitable to the "General Government of India," and not to "Bengal."
12	Order thereon.....	25th do.....	See no objection to the reference to the Accountant General, to the Government of India. In communicating paragraph 2 to the Superintendent of Marine, direct accordingly.
13	Lieutenant A. D. Taylor, Indian Navy.	9th do.....	In reply to Proceedings 29th July, No. 344, states the subjects on which he has still to furnish reports, and the work remaining to be done, in connection with the Western Ports and Coast, &c., and is still of opinion that advantage would result from his visiting Madras, as there are many points to discuss with Colonel A. Cotton, the Superintendent of Marine, and the Conservator of Forests.

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14	Minute by the President....	23rd August..	In consequence of the time it would take to discuss fully the subjects initiated by Lieutenant Taylor, trusts that the Superintendent of Marine will give his attention to the principal points and require a <i>condensed</i> report within a reasonable time, &c.
15	Order thereon.....	25th do.....	Resolve to communicate with the Government of Bombay on the subject of Lieutenant Taylor's coming to Madras, and on Lieutenant Williams' employment on the Work remaining to be done. Make an intimation to the Superintendent of Marine to the effect desired by the President.
16	To the Secretary to the Government, of Bombay.	25th do.....	Forwards copy of Lieutenant Taylor's letter, and under the circumstances stated, request that he may be directed to proceed to Madras after he has settled the " <i>Bheema's</i> " Accounts also that Lieutenant Williams may be appointed as his successor, &c.
17	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	23rd do.....	Suggests that the Commanders of the Packet Steamers be directed to report their arrival and intended departure to the Superintendent of the Irrawaddy Flotilla at Rangoon.
18	Order thereon.....	25th do.....	Resolved accordingly.