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No.	The authority from, and Order thereon.	Date.	Subject.
		1859.	
1	Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.	11th August..	Forwards letter for the Senior Officer, Indian Navy, Calcutta, reporting that the repairs to the machinery of the Steamer " <i>Coromandel</i> " will be completed by the 20th &c., and that every effort will be made to have the Vessel ready to proceed as originally directed.
2	Order thereon.....	27th do.....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine and the Military Department.
3	Officiating Post Master General, Madras.	17th do.....	States that he has called on the Inspecting Postmaster, Trichinopoly Division, to take immediate steps for the conveyance of Mails between Ramisseram and the Continent, otherwise than at present.
4	Order thereon.....	27th do.....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.
5	Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department. (Telegram.)	26th do.....	Intimates that the " <i>Coromandel</i> " will be ready for sea by 1st September.
6	Order thereon.....	27th do.....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.
7	Deputy Commissary General	18th do.....	Requests authority for the disbursement, to Messrs. Bainbridge and Co., of Rupees 812-0-2, the amount of General Average to be contributed by Government on a Cargo of Timber on the " <i>Julia</i> " during the <i>Cyclone</i> of 5th May 1858.
8	Order thereon.....	30th do.....	Sanctioned.
9	Deputy Chief Engineer in charge of Central Office of Public Works.	11th do.....	Forwards Estimate, amounting to Rupees 376 for driving a Teakwood Pile, &c., to mark the rise and fall of Tide at Cochin, but states that he concurs in opinion with the Superintendent of Marine that there is no necessity for the Pile as the rise and fall of Tide might be equally well shown on the side of the Government Jetty, &c. The District Engineer having proposed the construction of a Wharf, 200 yards long, recommends instead, as much less difficult of construction and less expensive, that the revetment to the river bank be strengthened and a Pier thrown out into 16 feet water at low Tide.
10	Order thereon.....	30th do.....	An Estimate of the cost of the revetment and the opinion of the Superintendent of Marine on the proposed Pier called for.
11	Commodore H. Edgell, C. B. Her Majesty's Steamer "Retribution."	30th do.....	Requests that arrangements may be made for sending 6 sick Seamen of his Ship to England on the same terms, &c. as Military invalids.
12	Order thereon.....	30th do.....	Direct the Superintendent of Marine to provide a passage to England for the Seamen.
13	To Commodore H. Edgell, C. B., Commanding Her Majesty's Ships in India.	30th do.....	Inform him of the orders issued.
14	Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.	12th do.....	Forwards copy of letter to the Commissary General, Fort William, requesting him to supply the provisions requisite for the Troops to be embarked on the Steamer " <i>Coromandel</i> " at Chicacole.
15	Order thereon.....	1st September	Recorded.
16	Secretary to the Government of Bombay, (Telegram.)		States that the " <i>Dalhousie's</i> " complement of Stokers, &c. should not be increased, but that if Burdwan Coal be used, working money should be given to Lascars employed as Stokers.
17	Order thereon.....	1st do.....	Copy furnished to the Superintendent of Marine, for communication to the Commander of the " <i>Dalhousie</i> ."

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PROCEEDINGS, MARINE DEPARTMENT, FROM 3RD TO 9TH SEPTEMBER 1859.

No.	The authority from, and Order thereon.	Date.	Subject.
		1859.	
1	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	1st September.	Solicit authority for an advance of Rupees 8,617-0-0, applied for by the Commander of the Surveying Brig "Mutlah," for the purpose of paying his Officers and Crew for June, July and August.
2	Order thereon.....	3rd Sept.....	Authorized, the amount being debited to the <i>General Government of India</i> .
3	Collector of Tanjore.....	27th August...	In reporting that the Master of the Ship "Ballengeich," wrecked South of Negapatam, has offered a Commission of 2½ per cent, on value (about Rupees 1,25,000) of the cargo saved, to the Government Officers engaged in saving and disposing of it, requests permission to accept Rupees 2,000-0-0, on their behalf for distribution as may be equitable.
4	Order thereon.....	3rd Sept.....	Approved.
5	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	29th August...	Reports that the "Dalhousie" can be spared as soon as the "Prince Arthur" arrives in good working order.
6	To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	3rd Sept.....	Requests that, as proposed by Commodore Wellesley, the "Prince Arthur" may be sent here to relieve the "Dalhousie."
7	Assistant Superintendent of Marine	23rd August..	States that the Superintendent of the Irrawady Flotilla has, with reference to order relieving Lieutenant Fraser from blame, represented that the 6th rule of the packet service regulations, was complied with on his part, as proved by several communications addressed to Lieutenant Fraser, who therefore appears not to have been justified in stating that the rule was not attended to, &c.
8	Order thereon.....	6th Sept.....	Recorded.
9	Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department.	1st do.....	Forwarding Memorandum from the Chief Engineer, in view to the issue of warrants to the four Mechanical Engineers named.
10	Order thereon.....	6th do.....	The Government seal, attached to 4 warrants prepared accordingly, and the warrants forwarded to the Chief Engineer.
11	Senior Officer, Indian Navy, Calcutta (Telegram.)	5th do.....	Reports the departure of the "Coromandel" for Calingapatam, &c.
12	Order thereon.....	7th do.....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine, and the Quarter Master General.
13	Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department.	29th August..	Transferring Extract of a letter from Mr. T. J. Knox, complaining of the rates charged on board the "Sydney" as exorbitant.
...	...	2nd Sept.....	Referred to the Assistant Superintendent of Marine for report.
14	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	3rd do.....	Reports that the charges for passage and freight complained of by Mr. Knox, are in accordance with the published scale, &c.
15	Order thereon.....	8th do.....	Desire further information, the charges on the Government Packets, being compared with those charged on private, or the P. and O. Company's Steamers for equal distances.
16	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	29th August..	With reference to Proceedings, 15th August, No. 321, comments unfavorably on Commander Hopkins' proposals and states that the number of Troops, &c., embarked on the "Dalhousie," on the occasion of the trip in question were within that which the Commander admits the troop decks can accommodate.
17	Order thereon.....	9th Sept.....	Copy of the letter furnished to Commander Hopkins, with an intimation that Officers in Command of packet Steamers cannot be allowed to deviate from the rules regulating the times of stoppage at the several Ports.

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PROCEEDINGS, MARINE DEPARTMENT, FROM 10TH TO 16TH SEPTEMBER 1859.

No.	The authority from, and Order thereon.	Date.	Subject.
1	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	1859. 5th September	Forwards Statement received from the Commander of the " <i>Melanie</i> ," relative to his expenses in maintaining the late Captain Ballillie, his wife, and part of the Crew of the foundered Ship " <i>Sir Charles Napier</i> ."
2	Order thereon.....	10th do.....	The Statement forwarded to the Home Government.
3	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	2nd do.....	Submits Bill, amounting to Rupees 385-8-0, for the passage of Mr. Knox and one servant, per Steamer " <i>Governor Higginson</i> " to Vizagapatam, and for one day's demurrage.
4	Order thereon.....	12th do.....	Sanctioned.
5	Secretary to the Government of India.	26th August...	Intimates that the Steamer " <i>Australian</i> " will not be ready for work before October, or 28th September at the soonest.
6	Order thereon.....	12th Sept....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.
7	Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	2nd do.....	Transmits Report by the Commander-in-Chief, Indian Navy, objecting to the employment of Extra Stokers, &c., in the " <i>Dalhousie</i> ," and quotes Telegram on the subject.
8	Order thereon.....	12th do.....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.
9	Proceedings of Government, Military Department.	12th do.....	Directing the Superintendent of Marine and Commissary General, to carry out the Orders of the Government of India, that the " <i>Coromandel</i> " be sent back to Calcutta with provisions for an European Regiment for 35 days.
10	Order thereon.....	12th do.....	Communicated to the Commander of the " <i>Coromandel</i> ."
11	Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.	13th August...	Forwards copy of opinion given by the Advocate General at Calcutta, on the case of Apprentice, J. W. Eaton, and intimates the Supreme Government's approval of the course pursued by this Government in regard to him.
12	Order thereon.....	13th Sept....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine, for communication to the Shipping Master, and also to the Advocate General.
13	Proceedings of Government, Military Department.	13th do.....	Communicating letter from the Assistant Superintendent of Marine, in view to the issue of Orders for the provision of passage for the Details mentioned.
14	Order thereon.....	13th do.....	The Commander of the " <i>Coromandel</i> ," directed to receive on board the Details for Calcutta.
15	Proceedings of Government.	13th do.....	Desire the Commander to expedite the departure of his Vessel and report when she will be ready for sea.
16	Accountant General.....	7th do.....	Re-submits amended General Roll for August, together with 4 Vouchers for sums realized on account of two deceased Seamen and reports the recovery of Rupees 6-11-1, the difference in the account of the wages of one of them.
17	Order thereon.....	13th do.....	Copies of Accountant General's letter, 4th August, &c., forwarded to the Secretary of State.
18	Accountant General.....	10th do.....	With reference to the change of system suggested by the Superintendent of Marine, in the adjustment of advances made by the Collector of Sea Customs to the Master Attendant for Boat-hire, states that under order, 29th November 1855, No. 1301, Revenue Department, embodied in Circular of 10th May 1856, a Collector making an authorized advance, is relieved from all pecuniary responsibility,

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19	Order thereon.....	14th Septr.....	which devolves upon the Officer receiving the money advanced.
20	Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Coromandel."	14th do.	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine; and copies of his and the Accountant General's letter furnished to the Collector of Sea Customs and the Master Attendant, &c.
21	Order thereon.....	14th do.	Reports that the Vessel will be ready for Sea as soon as Coals and provisions are put on board.
22	Officiating, Postmaster General.	7th do.	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine and the Military Department.
23	Order thereon.....	15th do.	Submits copy of letter from the Inspecting Postmaster, Trichinopoly Division, which shows that the services of the Paumben Pilots are not used by his Department as represented, and states that he has directed the entertainment of a Boat establishment for the conveyance of the Mails to and from Ramaisweram.
24	Secretary to the Government of Bombay (Telegram.)	15th do.	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.
25	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	15th do.	Intimates that the "Prince Arthur" will be ready to sail on the 18th
26	Order thereon.....	15th do.	Recommends that the Bombay Government be requested to direct the Commander of the "Prince Arthur" to call at Mangalore for Treasure awaiting conveyance to Madras.
27	Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	31st August...	A Telegram despatched, requesting accordingly.
28	To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay.	16th Septr.....	Transmits copy of letter from the Commander-in-Chief, Indian Navy, reporting the state and condition the Pattamar "Pownah" was in when she was placed at the disposal of this Government.
29	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	7th do.	In soliciting attention to the explicit and circumstantial statements as to the condition of the "Pownah," made by the late Captain Robertson, intimates that this Government cannot subscribe to the opinion of the Commander-in-Chief, Indian Navy.
30	Order thereon.....	16th do.	Submits Captain Castor's (Master Attendant at Cochin) explanation of the charge against him of having failed to afford the late Captain Robertson any assistance towards procuring a new yard for the "Pownah" and providing her with an efficient Crew, and observes that he has fully relieved himself from it.
31	Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Colombo.	5th do.	Government are satisfied with the explanation afforded.
32	Order thereon.....	16th do.	Intimates that instructions have been given to the Colonial Treasurer to pay £ 43-7-0 to Mr. Thomas Clarke, and debit the amount against this Government.
33	Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Despatch, No. 39 of 1859.)	11th August...	Communicated to the Accountant General and the Superintendent of Marine.
34	Order thereon.....	16th Septr.....	Transmits Tenders and Bills of Lading of certain Ships engaged for the conveyance of Stores.
35	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	15th do.	Forwarded to the Superintendent of Marine.
36	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	16th do.	Recommends that measures be adopted for securing the services of the "Prince Arthur" or "Australian," or that the "Coromandel" may be sent back from Calcutta as soon as possible, as the "Dalhousie" is the only Vessel available for the Packet service.
37	Order thereon.....	16th do.	Reports the departure of the Steamer "Coromandel."
			A Telegram despatched to the Supreme Government informing them accordingly, and requesting that the Steamer may be sent back at once.

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PROCEEDINGS, MARINE DEPARTMENT, FROM 17TH TO 23RD SEPTEMBER 1859.

No.	The authority from, and Order thereon.	Date.	Subject.
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1	Messrs. Viegas and Fernandes, Managers, Bombay Mercantile Steam Navigation Company.	6th Septr.....	Tender, for sale or charter, the "Bombay Castle," 150 horse power, and the "United Service," 130 horse power.
2	Order thereon.....	17th do.	Decline the purchase of the Vessels.
3	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	17th do.	If the Governor's intention to visit the Northern Ports in the "Dalhousie" is unaltered, suggests that Commander Hopkins be directed on his arrival to prepare the Steamer for sea with all possible dispatch.
4	Order thereon.....	19th do.	Resolved accordingly.
5	Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie."	16th August...	In submitting a letter from Assistant Surgeon McConnel, states that he has had great difficulty in recovering the amount of Head Money for attending the sick on board. With reference to private remuneration for attendance on, and supplying Medical comforts to Passengers, presumes it rests with Government to decide whether such is to be given gratis or not. Solicits that, as a special case, Batta be allowed to the Wardroom Officers to meet their extra expence for messing, &c.
		19th do.	Referred to the Assistant Superintendent of Marine.
6	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	22nd do.	Considers that Passengers are entitled to receive Medical attendance and Medicines free of charge, Government deciding whether the Ship's Surgeon is in a position to claim Batta. Observes that it was the usage in Bombay to grant half Batta to Wardroom Officers when engaged in the Packet service, but it was discontinued in 1850. Apprehends that Mr. McConnel's difficulty in recovering the Head Money lays in his omitting to procure the necessary Certificates.
7	Order thereon.....	20th Septr....	Copy of the Assistant Superintendent's letter furnished to Commander Hopkins, with an intimation that the Government agree with Mr. Crowther, &c., and that the Commander should address the Bombay Government, respecting the claim of the Officers to Batta, &c.
8	Secretary to the Government of India, Home Dept.	23rd August...	With reference to letter from this Government, forwards copy of letters from Commodore Edgell and Captain Seymour on the subject of the overdraw of War Batta by the Officers and Crew of the "Pelorus," and states that as the words "like the Naval Brigade in Bengal" were no doubt misleading, the Supreme Government will not insist upon a refund.
9	Order thereon.....	20th Septr....	Recorded.
10	Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal.	2nd August...	Transmits copy of each of 7 Forms adopted by the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal under Act 1 of 1859.
11	Order thereon.....	22nd Septr....	The Forms made over to the Superintendent of Marine.
12	Lieutenant H. A. Fraser, I. N., Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer "Coromandel."	14th do.	With reference to orders, 16th and 25th August Nos. 305 and 420, &c., represents that by the terms and conditions of his Commission he is bound to render obedience only to those superior Officers who alone can legally claim and enforce it, &c.

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13	Assistant Superintendent of Marine.	21st Sept.....	Submits copy of a letter from Lieutenant Fraser declining to act on any Orders from the Superintendent or his Assistant unless they are Government Orders of which either may be made the channel of communication.
14	Order thereon.....	22nd do.....	Copies of the letters forwarded to the Supreme Government. Lieutenant Fraser informed that Government cannot enter upon the considerations adverted to in his letter, and that, by the Supreme Government's Orders, Officers in command of Packets are to be guided by Orders issued by this Government or by the Superintendent of Marine, who, acting under their authority, must be obeyed.
15	To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.	22nd do.....	In forwarding the correspondence, reports proceedings thereon, solicits the issue of explicit and peremptory instructions defining the position and duties of Officers of the Indian Navy commanding vessels employed by this Government whether on the Packet or any other service.
16	Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.	21st do.....	Submits copy of a letter from Messrs. Lecot and Co., respecting the rejection of their tender of 2 Ships to convey Troops to England, and requests that Government will call for a return of the tenders made, of the ships ordered to be surveyed, and of the reasons of the Superintendent for accepting that vessel.
17	Minute by the President.....	22nd do.....	Proposes that a copy of Messrs. Lecot and Co's., letter be sent to the Acting Superintendent of Marine for an explanation.
18	Order thereon.....	22nd do.....	Resolved accordingly.