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1	The Honorable the Colonial Secretary at Colombo.	15th Novr....	Intimates that instructions have been issued to pay £45-3-1 to Mr. Clarke for Coir Haw-sers shipped to Paumben.
2	Order thereon.....	1st Decr.....	Communicated to the Accountant General and the Superintendent of Marine.
3	Superintendent of Marine....	25th Novr....	Solicits retrospective sanction for the payment of Rupees 119-7-7, on account of a set of Marryatt's Signals supplied to the Collector of Ganjam in May 1858.
4	Order thereon.....	1st Decr.....	Sanctioned.
5	Member for Madras of the Legislative Council.	17th Novr.....	Requests a Statement of the number of vessels arrived in any one year at the ports of this Presidency, shewing the No. which did and did not discharge or take in any cargo or passengers, and the amount of port dues collected under Act 7 of 1858.
6	Order thereon.....	1st Decr.....	The Superintendent of Marine requested to furnish the Statement.
7	Accountant General.....	15th Novr.....	Requests Orders as what Marine Works are debitable to the several Port Funds and what to the State, to enable him to make the proper adjustment in the General Territorial Books for 1858-59.
8	Order thereon.....	2nd Decr....	In observing that, with the exception of Madras, the cost of improvements of the ports under Act 7 of 1858, must be defrayed from the General Revenue, request the Chief Engineer in sending up any projects for their improvement to state the surplus of Port Fund receipts above disbursements at the Port, so that it may be decided, in each case, whether the cost of the Work, &c., shall be met from the Port Fund.
9	Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.	21st Novr.....	Requests to be informed what steps this Government propose to take in consequence of the Secretary of State's intimation that the communication between Madras and Burmah should be effected by means of private instead of Government Vessels.
10	Order thereon.....	2nd Decr....	Observe that the Orders on the Despatch have been communicated to the Supreme Government.
11	Superintendent of Marine...	14th Novr....	Recommends that the rules and forms for the Examination of Masters and Mates at Calcutta, be introduced at Madras. Proposes that the Examining Committee be composed of the Master Attendant, <i>ex-Officio</i> President, and two paid members, the fees being carried to the credit of Government.
12	Order thereon.....	2nd Decr....	Messrs. McKennie and Crowther appointed Examiners with an allowance of Rupees 50 each per mensem, subject to the Supreme Government's sanction, the Master Attendant being Honorary President, with authority to call in the assistance of any Commanders of Vessels, &c.
13	To the Secretary to the Government of India.	2nd do.....	Report the appointment of the Committee, and solicit sanction for the charge involved, a Tabular Application for the same accompanying.
14	Proceedings of Government.	3rd do.....	Copy of Telegram from the Bombay Government, intimating that the "Prince Arthur" is under orders to proceed to Suez, and thence to China, forwarded to the Superintendent of Marine.

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15	Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department.	26th Novr....	Sanctioning arrangements for the landing and receiving of Stores for all Departments of the Public Service.
16	Order thereon.....	5th Decr.....	Recorded.
17	Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.	10th Novr....	Reports the loss of two 68-pounder Guns while in course of transshipment, and apprehends delay in shipping Ordnance for Rangoon from the untrustworthy character of the rafts supplied by the Marine Authorities.
		15th do.....	Referred to the Superintendent of Marine for explanation, and for report, with reference to Order, 11th November, No. 575.
18	Superintendent of Marine...	1st Decr.....	Reports that the Guns were sent off contrary to the Master Attendant's wishes when a strong current and chopping sea prevailed, and that, owing to the unfavorable state of the weather, neither of them have been recovered.
19	Order thereon.....	5th do.....	Communicated to the Military Department.
20	Superintendent of Marine...	5th do.....	Freight to Bombay for 2 lacs of Rupees in Copper Coins being required, suggests that a Telegram be sent to the Supreme Government requesting that the Commander of the "Punjab" may be directed to call for the Treasure, if Bombay be her destination, &c.
21	Order thereon.....	8th do.....	A Telegram despatched accordingly.
22	Accountant General.....	5th do.....	Forwards General Roll, in duplicate, for November, together with 8 Vouchers, for sums realized on account of 2 deceased seamen, for transmission to Her Majesty's Paymaster General and the Naval Department of the Board of Trade.
23	Order thereon.....	9th do.....	Copy of the letter, together with the General Roll, &c., forwarded to the Secretary of State.
24	Superintendent of Marine...	25th Novr....	Recommends that an allowance of Rupees 50 a month be granted to Mr. Majoribanks while he is in charge of the Master Attendant's Office at Masulipatam.
25	Order thereon.....	10th Decr....	Accede to the recommendation.

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No.	The authority from, and Order thereon.	Date.	Subject.
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1	Member for Madras of the Legislative Council.	26th Novr....	Intimates that he will defer moving an amendment of the Harbour Act, No. 22 of 1855, until he receives the information requested in his letter of the 17th November.
2	Order thereon.....	12th Decr....	Approved.
3	Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department.	6th do.....	Referring letter from the Superintendent of Marine, recommending certain arrangements for the survey of the ports of Guntoor and other Northern Districts.
4	Order thereon.....	12th do.....	The Superintendent requested to advise Government of Lieutenant Sweny's return. Copies of the correspondence forwarded to the Collectors of the Krishna and Godavari Districts.
5	Proceedings of Government, Military Department.	9th do.....	Communicating letter from the Superintendent of Marine suggesting that the Captain of the Steamer "Feroze" be asked whether he could convey 29 horses purchased for the Bengal Government, to Calcutta.
6	Order thereon.....	12th do.....	Captain Trouson requested to take on board his Vessel as many of the horses as he can accommodate.
7	Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, Home Department.	24th Novr....	Ruling that a Gun-boat is a Vessel of War within the meaning of Court's Despatch to Bengal, 10th March, No. 9 of 1852.
8	Order thereon.....	13th Decr....	Communicated to the Civil Auditor.
9	Proceedings of Government	14th do.....	A telegram from the Financial Secretary, Fort William, intimating that the "Punjab" will call to take up the Copper Coins for Bombay, communicated to the Superintendent of Marine and the Accountant General.
10	Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.	18th Novr....	Forwards copy of letter from the Superintendent of Marine, Calcutta, reporting that the Steamer "Sydney" will not be ready for service for some time.
11	Order thereon.....	14th Decr....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.
12	Superintendent of Marine...	3rd do.....	With reference to Proceedings, 27th September and 2nd November, Nos. 483 and 557, states that Mr. Burness' claim for £ 92-19-10, being deduction of 3 per cent made on coals delivered from certain ships in lieu of screening, must be allowed, as no agreement with his Agents to it can be found; that no surplus coal over the quantity for which receipt was granted, was landed from the "Birchgrove;" that his 2nd claim for £ 204-1-1, the value of coal short delivered from the "Cleadon" in May 1858, cannot be admitted, as Messrs. Parry and Co. agreed to the weight being taken on shore in consideration of the right of screening being waived.
13	Order thereon.....	14th do.....	Communicated to the Secretary of State for India.
14	Superintendent of Marine...	19th Novr....	Reports his opinion as to the arrangements necessary for placing the Master Attendant's Establishment at Kakinada on an efficient footing, &c., and, for reasons stated, recommends an increased establishment at a cost of Rupees 452-8-0, as sufficient for the wants of the Port, two-thirds of the increase, (Rupees 207-8-0,) being debited to the Port Fund, and the remainder charged to the State.

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15	Order thereon.....	1859. 14th Decr.....	Resolved that application be made to the Supreme Government for sanction to the addition proposed.
16	To the Secretary to the Government of India.	14th do.	Recommend the addition accordingly, on account of the greatly increasing importance of the Port.
17	Proceedings of Government, Military Department.	14th do.	Communicating a Memorandum from the Acting Principal Commissary of Ordnance, requesting authority to ship on board the Steamer "Feroze" about 14 tons of Copper Hoops for Calcutta.
18	Order thereon.....	14th do.	The Commander requested to receive the Copper Hoops on his vessel.
19	Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.	22nd Novr.....	States that as the Government of Bombay has visited Lieutenant Fraser's conduct with its severe displeasure, the Supreme Government abstain from passing any orders in the case. Forwards copy of letter to that Government on the subject.
20	Order thereon.....	14th Decr.....	Copies of the letters furnished to the Superintendent of Marine and the Inám Commissioner.
21	Superintendent of Marine...	13th do.	Reports, in reference to the representation of the Superintendent of Port Blair, that the Commander of Schooner "Alice" has declared as his reason for leaving his Crew behind at Acheen, that he had strong suspicions of their intending him foul play. States that the "Alice" is at Tranquebar, where, it is believed, Captain Douglas is under examination before the local authorities regarding the desertion of his Crew.
22	Order thereon.....	15th do.	Forwarded to the Magistrate of Tanjore for a report of the proceedings taken in the case.
23	Commander of H. M.'s Steam Frigate "Ferooz."	13th do.	States that there is no room on board his Vessel for the reception of any horses; nor
24	Do. Do.	14th do.	For the Copper Hoops below the upper deck.
25	Order thereon.....	15th do.	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine and the Military Department.
26	Superintendent of Marine...	6th do.	Forwards certain Accounts relative to the effects of a deceased Seaman, named Peters, Barque "Marion" of Liverpool, the balance due to his representatives, 29 Rupees, having been paid into the General Treasury, &c.
27	Order thereon.....	16th do.	The papers forwarded to the Accountant General, and the Superintendent directed to send all such papers to that officer for the future, also to furnish him and Collectors of the Coast Districts with copies of the Board of Trade's Instructions and their recent Circular.
28	Superintendent of Marine.	6th do.	In forwarding Invoice of 66 logs of Lunum-delle timber shipped by Mr. T. Clarke of Galle, solicits that the value including freight, Rupees 1,748, may be paid through the Ceylon Government.
29	Order thereon.....	16th do.	Resolved accordingly.
30	To the Honorable the Colonial Secretary at Colombo.	16th do.	Request that Mr. Clarke may be paid the equivalent of Rupees 1,748, &c.
31	Superintendent of Marine...	13th do.	Reports the total wreck of the "Kindrochat," conveying 46 details of the 17th and 27th Regiments, Madras Native Infantry, from Calcutta, with a list of those saved and lost, &c.
32	Order thereon.....	17th do.	Communicated to the Military Department.
33	Under Secretary to the Government of India.	3rd do.	Forwards Supreme Government's Endorsement, sanctioning the employment of a Flagman on Rupees 4 a month for the Flag-staff at Porto Novo.

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34	Order thereon.....	19th Decr.....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine and the Collector of South Arcot.
35	Superintendent of Marine....	1st do.	Solicits a reference to the Law Officers on two questions put by the Shipping Master at Cochin, regarding his authority over Foreign Commanders having British Subjects serving under them.
		5th do.	Referred to the Advocate General.
36	Government Solicitor.....	10th do.	Forwards copy of Advocate General's opinion that the Shipping Master at Cochin has no jurisdiction over "any Ship belonging to any Foreign Prince or State, &c.," except under Section 117, Act 1 of 1859, and for breach of Section 115.
37	Order thereon.....	20th do.	The opinion of the Advocate General communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.

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No.	The authority from, and Order thereon.	Date.	Subject.
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1	Superintendent of Marine...	19th Decr.....	In reporting that Mr. Lecot has represented that a duty of Rupees 60 had been demanded at Calcutta on the Gold Watch, forwarded by him to the French Consul General for transmission to Captain Petitbon of the French Ship "Jean Victor," solicits that application be made to the Supreme Government for its delivery free of charge.
2	To the Secretary to the Government of Bengal.	21st do.....	Request that instructions may be issued for passing the Watch, free of duty.
3	Superintendent of Marine...	28th Octr.....	Reports that an agreement has been arrived at as to the amendments to be recommended in the Boat Act, but solicits the views of Government, 1st, as to the load to be carried by each boat, the Chamber of Commerce having consented to the hire being increased from Rupees 1½ to Rupees 2½, leaving the boat load as at present; 2ndly, relative to a stoppage of 1 Anna a trip to be credited to the Disabled Boatmen's Fund, in lieu of the Sunday extra hire.
4	Do. Do.	6th do.....	Forwards a Statement shewing the receipts and disbursements of the Disabled Boatmen's Fund from 1st May 1858 to 30th April 1859, when there was a floating balance at its credit of Rupees 8,419-5-2. Gives a brief sketch of the operations of the fund since the introduction of the Boat Act 4 of 1842, and, for reasons stated, is in favor of encouraging it by a levy of 1 Anna per boat of Cargo, to which the Chamber of Commerce is ready to agree.
5	Minute by the President.....	14th Decr.....	Thinks compulsory charges in aid of charitable funds objectionable, &c.
6	Order thereon.....	21st do.....	As to the load to be carried by the Cargo boats, Government think that matters should remain as at present, and, though they can see no necessity for continuing to contribute to the Disabled Boatmen's Fund in the way of license fees, fines, extra hire, &c., consent to its being kept up to the extent of its own actual revenue, Rupees 950 per annum.
7	Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department.	16th do.....	Requesting the Board of Revenue to report what further measures they would advise for the conservancy of the Pearl Banks off Tinnevely.
8	Order thereon.....	22nd do.....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.
9	Superintendent of Marine...	21st do.....	Recommends that the "Punjaub" may be detained, in order, if necessary, to convey the Governor as far as Negapatam, and then proceed to Tuticorin, to await his arrival there.
10	Order thereon.....	23rd do.....	The Commander ordered to take on board, the treasure for Bombay, but to remain at Madras, pending further orders.
11	Superintendent of Marine...	20th do.....	With reference to Proceedings, 12th December, No. 625, reports that Lieutenant Sweny may be expected at Madras in April next.
12	Order thereon.....	23rd do.....	Communicated to the Public Works Department.
13	Magistrate of Tanjore.....	19th do.....	With reference to Order, 15th December No. 638, reports that he has requested the Joint Magistrate to institute the necessary enquiries into the matter of the abandonment of the crew belonging to the Schooner "Alice."

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14	Order thereon.....	1859. 23rd Decr....	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine, &c.
15	Superintendent of Marine...	22nd do.....	Reports that he has supplied the Accountant General with 3 copies of the Instructions of the Board of Trade and of their Circular, &c.
16	Order thereon.....	23rd do.....	Recorded.