

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

*173*Press
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Dated

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1860.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
for the month of May 1860.*

No. 1. Read the following letter from H. FORBES, Esq., Member of the Legislative Council, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 21st April 1860.

In my letter to you of the 26th of November 1859, I stated that, under the views expressed by Government regarding the Bill brought in by me to amend Act XXII of 1855, (for the regulation of Ports and Port dues) in your letter of the 6th of July, I did not propose to proceed with the measure unless the information which I might receive in reply to my communication of the 17th of November, should be such as to lead me to include in the Bill a provision to exempt from the payment of Port dues all vessels which might not land or take in cargo or passengers, and might not remain in any port a longer time than forty-eight hours, and in an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated the 19th of December 1859, No. 624, the Government expressed their approval of the proceedings which I proposed to adopt.

2. From the statement which accompanied your letter of the 20th of February last, No. 74, it appeared that, out of more than ten thousand vessels which arrived at the ports in the Madras Presidency in 1858-59, there were only 737 which did not discharge or take in passengers or cargo, and as I considered that the inference might be fairly drawn that the present state of the law acted to prevent what are termed seeking ships from entering the ports, I determined to proceed with the Bill before the Council, and to make provision in it for the exemption of such vessels from liability to Port dues when not remaining in port longer than forty-eight hours.

3. The Bill was amended accordingly by the Select Committee and was read a third time and passed this day.

* 17th May 1859.

† 7th April 1859.

‡ 16th July 1858.

4. The Government will remember that the question was referred* to me by Order† of the Secretary of State on a letter‡ addressed to Government by the Cochin Chamber of Commerce.

No. 2.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1860, No. 173.

Communicated to the Chambers of Commerce at Madras and at Cochin—and to the Superintendent of Marine.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Please say if this
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 From for Madras
 The Member of the
 Leg. Council of India -

Of 21st & 28th April 1860.

No 156.

Reporting on the
 progress of the Bill
 brought in by him to
 amend Act ~~XXII~~ of 1855
 for the regulation of
 Ports and Port Dues.

With an Order.