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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
21st June 1860.

No. 37. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 15th June 1860, No. 2,880.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government the inefficiency of that portion of the Marine establishment at Negapatam to which is assigned the duties of signalizing with the shipping and of attending to the light. When this port was resorted to only by small country craft the number of servants and the salaries granted were equal to its needs; but it is now rapidly rising in importance from being selected as the sea-terminus of the South of India Railway, all consignments for which are landed there; and as these are brought in English Ships of which several are lying in the Roads at the same time, it is manifest that their requirements call for the re-organization of the establishment on a somewhat superior footing to that which has hitherto been found sufficient. The trade itself has nearly doubled during the past ten years.

2. The present establishment consists of

1 Signaller...	...	...	...	at 4 Rupees a month.
2 Light attendants at 5/...	...	...	10	" "

I would propose that the following be substituted, observing that when the present salaries were fixed the necessities of life were much cheaper than now and wages generally on a much lower scale.

1 Signaller...	...	...	10 Rupees a month.
1 Lascar to assist	...	7	"
1 Head light attendant.....	...	10	"
2 Assistants do. @ 7/	...	14	"
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Increase per mensem.....	...	27	

3. The port dues are of course increasing proportionately with the increasing trade, and the fund had to its credit on the 30th April last, after debiting it with its fair share of the Master Attendant's salary and other Marine expenses, the sum of Rupees 4,462-5-8. It is well able to bear the additional charge I propose and I beg to recommend it for favorable consideration.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1860, No. 223.

Government sanction the increase of establishment proposed in the above letter for the port of Negapatam. The additional cost, viz., (27) twenty-seven Rupees per mensem will be wholly debited to the Port Fund.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT.
Chief Secretary.

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