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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
5th July 1860.*

No. 9. Read the following letter from C. U. AITCHESON, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 7th June 1860, No. 1,754.

Foreign Department.

A communication has been received from the Commissioner of Pegu, relative to the Steamers "Oriental" and "Pottinger" for which ships exemption is claimed from port and pilot charges, on the plea of their having been chartered by the Government of Madras as transports for the conveyance of troops from that Presidency to Rangoon, and therefore entitled to the general privileges sanctioned by that Government in Order of the 24th November 1857, No. 497.

2. The Governor General in Council requests that the Government of Madras will furnish an explanation of the grounds for the issue of the Order above quoted.

No. 10. To the Secretary to the Government of India, in the Foreign Department, dated Fort Saint George, 5th July 1860, No. 238.

In reply to your letter, 7th ultimo, No. 1,754, I am directed to state, that the Order of 24th November 1857, was issued at the instance of the late Marine Board, at Madras, who submitted that, when vessels were engaged by Government by the month, they should, during such period of service, be held as belonging to Government, and as such, be exempt from port and pilot charges, as are those transports actually the property of the State. It was stated that vessels,

From the Acting Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief, Indian Navy, Bombay, to the Secretary to the Chamber of Commerce, dated 25th February 1857, No. 803 of 1857.

Sir,

With reference to your letter, dated 5th instant, I am desired by the Commander-in-Chief to inform you that the question therein mooted having been submitted to Government, it has been decided that as the Transports are chartered wholly and expressly for the service of Government, they should, in regard to Pilotage and Harbour Dues, be regarded as Government Vessels, and exempted from such charges accordingly.

(Signed) GEORGE FORDER,
Acting Secretary.

so engaged at Calcutta and Bombay, were exempt from Port Dues, and this as respects Bombay was confirmed by a letter from the Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief, Indian Navy, a copy of which is inserted in the margin.

2. This Government thereon held that when vessels were taken up by Government, not for the trip, but for a period fixed or unlimited, and were liable to go anywhere, or everywhere, within that period, and when consequently the amount which would have to be expended in port or pilotage dues could not be foreseen, or taken into account by their owners in making their arrangements, such vessels should be exempt from such dues, but that when vessels were engaged by the trip it should be, as might be arranged at the time when the vessels were taken up.

3. This I am instructed to state has since been the practice with transports hired for the service of this Government, the Charter Party of all those engaged for a term providing for their exemption from all port and pilot charges.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Sept 9th

Marine Department.

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To
The Secy. to the Govt
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