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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
16th July 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 4th July 1860, No. 3,134.

The Government in their Order marginally noted, directed the payment to Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., of a claim preferred on account of 441 tons of coals delivered at Bimlipatam to their Agent for the use of Government. They have been used as required and the contingent expenses incurred in the shipments have from time to time been passed and paid, the godown hire having been reduced from one Rupee a ton per month to four Annas on the quantity actually in store. When the first bill for these charges came before me in December 1858, I noticed among other objectionable claims, one for the hire of bags at 3 Annas each shipment which entailed an expense of 3.7 Rupees a ton on this account alone, the cost at Madras being about .6 of a Rupee. A proposition was therefore made and accepted to the effect that the Government should pay the actual cost of the bags purchased by the Agents for the whole quantity, and a bill was passed for Rupees 2,140-8-0, being the declared value of 8,562 bags said to have been used for this purpose. The bags being the property of Government it was directed that they should be handed over to the Government authorities after the shipments had been effected.

2. In November last, however, a second charge 935 Rupees was submitted as the cost of 3,740 bags used in shipping a portion of the coals. It was of course pointed out that already a sufficient number had been paid for to bag the whole 441 tons and that therefore this must be an error. The question then underwent investigation when it appeared that the original charge of Rupees 2,140-8-0 was likewise erroneous, the number of bags, of which that sum represented the value, not having been purchased. An arrangement consequently took place whereby a fair compensation has been allowed for the use of the bags, instead of requiring them to be handed over to Government, and Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. have repaid to me the sum of Rupees 1,064-14-0 in adjustment, which has been sent to the General Treasury.

A small quantity of 21½ tons of small coal and dust remains in their Agent's hands. This being valueless as steam fuel has been abandoned, on the understanding that no godown rent is to be charged on the last shipment.

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ORDER THEREON, 16th July 1860, No. 252.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Marine 1860 Dept:

From
The Superintendent of Marine
To
The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort Saint George

Dated 4th July 1860
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Submits the particulars
relating to an erroneous charge
made by Messrs. M. B. & Co.
for bags used in shipping coals
at Bimlipatam & that con-
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him Rs 1064-18-... which have been
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