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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
27th September 1860.

No. 48. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated London, 21st August 1860, No. 20.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters in this Department numbered and dated as undermentioned; viz.,

No. 11, dated 20th April 1860.

„ 12 „ 25th „ „
„ 13 „ 30th „ „
„ 14 „ 18th May „
„ 7 M.B. 21st „ „
„ 15 dated 31st „ „

2. These letters have been considered in Council, and I have to inform you that the portions of them which relate to matters of routine, or which involve the forwarding of documents, or the communication of information to other Departments of Her Majesty's Government, have been attended to; and that the other portions do not call for any remark, with the exception of your letter No. 11, dated the 20th of April 1860.

3. In this letter respecting the non-punctual fulfilment by Mr. DeMattos of his Madras Coal Contract dated the 27th of July 1859, I have only to observe that Clause 11 of the Madras Coal Contract should not be enforced except where it can be proved that the vessel has not proceeded direct from England to her destination in India, but has called on the way for her own purposes, and that the Government have been thereby put to inconvenience from want of the Coal.

4. A Contractor is always fined here for any delay arising from the despatch of the Coal from this Country in due time, and he cannot be reasonably expected, when such delay has occurred, to deliver the Coal in India within the contract dates. Moreover, the terms of delivery of the Coal are fixed with the presumption of the wind and weather permitting of an average voyage.

5. If this clause were rigidly enforced all the Coal Contractors here would demand considerably higher rates in order to cover such risks.

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1860, No. 334.

Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine, in reference to Proceedings, 5th April last, No. 149.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Read Despatch from
the Secretary of State - Inter 21st Augt. '60 N^o 20.

Order - 27 September 1860. N^o 334.

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