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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
11th October 1860.*

No. 27. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 28th September 1860, No. 3,509.

Communicating the Order passed on a letter from the Secretary to the Government Emigration Board, specifying the shipping arrangements undertaken by the Emigration Commissioners for conveying to India the remainder of the Soldier's families who were not sent out last year.

(Vide Proceedings, Military Department, dated 28th September 1860, Nos. 555—557.)

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 11th October 1860, No. 353.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter :—

*From the Secretary to the Government Emigration Board, 8 Park Street, Westminster, S. W.
13th August 1860 ; to the Secretary to the Government of Madras.*

I am directed by the Emigration Commissioners to acquaint you, for the information of the Government of Madras, that they have been again requested by the Secretary of State for War, with the sanction of the Secretary of State for India, to undertake the shipping arrangements for conveying to India the remainder of the Soldiers' families who were not sent out last year.

2. Looking at the large mortality which occurred last year, and which was chiefly confined to children under 3 years of age, the Commissioners felt it their duty before undertaking the service, to make to the proper authorities, several suggestions founded upon their past experience.

3. The suggestions which have been assented to, are

(1) That children above 3 years of age should receive the same space as adults, viz., 15 superficial feet each,—

(2) that a larger number of married Soldiers should be sent in each ship than on the last occasion, and

(3) that when practicable, a married Officer should accompany the party.

4. The Commissioners further propose to place an Assistant Surgeon in each large vessel, and a number of Cleaners who are also to act as Passenger Stewards, in the proportion of 3 for every 100 statute adults, and they have not accepted any vessel for this particular service that has not stern ports, and 7 feet height between decks.

Statute adults, about 384.

" Aliquis,"

5. The ship named in the margin, has been chartered to proceed to Madras ; and I enclose for your information, a blank copy of the Charter Party under which it has been taken up.

6. As upon the previous occasion, one half only of the passage money is to be paid on the sailing of the ship, and the remainder on the receipt by the Commissioners, of a Certificate that the Passengers have been safely landed, and the stipulations of the Charter Party in all respects duly fulfilled, signed by the Officer who may be appointed by the Indian Government for the purpose, and countersigned by the Officer administering the Government. I am to request that you will be good enough to move the Governor, that instructions be given to the Officer who may be selected to sign the Certificate, to investigate and report upon any complaints which the Surgeon or Passengers may prefer after the arrival of the ship,—in order that the Commissioners may be able to decide whether any and what deduction should be made from the second moiety of the passage money for any breach of the conditions of the Charter Party.

7. I am further to request that the gratuities to be specified in the despatch which will accompany the ship, may be paid in India, provided the persons to whom they may be promised, shall have performed their duties in a satisfactory manner.

8. The instructions to the Surgeon and Master of the vessel will be similar to those issued last year, which accompanied my letter to you of the 19th September.

ORDER, No. 3509, 28th September 1860.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, Superintendent of Marine, and other Departments.

2. The Governor in Council requests that His Excellency will select an Officer of the Quarter Master General's Department, to sign the Certificate referred to in para. 6 of the foregoing letter—to investigate and report upon any complaints which the Surgeon or Passengers may prefer—and, in inspecting the ship, particularly to observe whether the Passenger Stewards have properly performed their duties. The Certificate will be countersigned by the Superintendent of Marine.

3. The gratuities alluded to in para. 7 of Mr. Walcott's letter will be disbursed on bills to be passed by the Superintendent of Marine, on their being supported as below prescribed ; for all other classes, excepting the Surgeon Superintendent, by a Certificate from that Officer, coun-

tersigned by the Inspecting Officer from the Quarter Master General's Department, that the several persons concerned, performed their duties in a satisfactory manner; for the Surgeon Superintendent himself, by a Certificate to the same effect from the Inspecting Officer, countersigned by the Principal Inspector General Medical Department.

4. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will be so good as to take the necessary steps with a view to the families of European Soldiers expected from England on the ship *Aliquis*, being escorted to the Head Quarters of Regiments by selected parties of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, under an Officer when available. The parties detailed will proceed to the ports of disembarkation at the public expense.

5. Due arrangements will be made by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the Commissary General for the accommodation and comfort of the families on their arrival, and while en-route to their destinations. The expenses of carriage on their account will be borne by Government, and they will be supplied with rations.

6. Advances of money will be made to the families in such cases, and to such extent as may be actually required; but as the advances will have to be adjusted on arrival at their destination, and advertent to the local inexperience of the Soldiers' Wives, and to the circumstance of carriage and rations being provided at the public expense, they will be restricted to the smallest possible limit.

To the Secy. to the Govt. Emigration Board. | Here enter 28th Sept. 1860, No. 3510.

(True Extract.)

Marchant
Secretary to Government.

To the Dy. Adj. Genl., H. M.'s British Forces.

- " Quarter Master General.
- " Superintendent of Marine, with Charter Party.
- " Commissary General.
- " Adjutant General.
- " Principal Insp. Genl. Medl. Department.
- " Clothing Department.
- " Dy. Qr. Mr. Genl., H. M.'s British Forces.
- " Military Auditor General.
- " Accountant General.
- " Brigade Major Fort Saint George, and Centre Division.
- " Auditor of Commissariat Accounts.
- " Marine Department, for information. *With 3 spare Copies*
- " Military Finance Commission.

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*Proc: of Govt in the
Milt. St. No 3509*

*Of 28th Sept 1860
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No 345

*From the order passed
in a letter from the Secy to the
Govt Emigration Board, specifying
the shipping arrangements
undertaken by the
Emigration Commissioners
for conveying to India the
remainder of the Soldiers' families
who were not sent out
last year -*

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