

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 370

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
23rd October 1860.

No. 59. Read the following Proceedings in the Military Department, dated 16th October 1860. No. 3,701.

Referring for consideration in the Marine Department, the question submitted by the Superintendent of Marine in his letter of the 2nd instant, whether it would be advisable to continue negotiations for establishing a Steam communication, between Madras, the Northern Ports and Rangoon.

(Vide Proceedings, in the Military Department, dated 16th October 1860, No. 328 at 330.)

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1860, No. 370.

The Honorable the Governor in Council is clearly of opinion that, under the considerations urged by the Acting Quarter Master General in paragraphs 4, 5, and 7 of his letter of the 11th instant, it is most desirable to secure monthly Steam communication with Rangoon, via the Northern Ports, during the ensuing year, at least.

2. The Superintendent of Marine will therefore continue his negotiations, the contract being limited to one year. The Governor in Council sees no reason to doubt that ample occupation will be found for the Steamer in every month of the next year, but it would be well if Mr. Franklin could make it a part of the arrangement, that if the Government did not require to run the Steamer to Rangoon on any one or more months, they should be at liberty to employ her for such time on general service on certain stipulated terms.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Superintendent of Marine, Madras, 2nd October 1860, No. 4325; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

It will be within your knowledge that tenders were invited to be opened, on the 31st July last, from parties willing to establish a Steam communication between Madras, the Northern Ports and Rangoon. Tenders were received from one party only; but as the offers were considered too high, I received instructions from Government, in the Marine Department, to place myself in communication with the tenderers with a view to some revision of the rates asked. The conditions offered by Government, are a guarantee of (7500) seven thousand and five hundred Rupees, freight and passage money on each full trip from Madras and back, together with a subsidy, the amount of which formed the subject of tender. To ensure to Government the full advantage of the guaranteed passage money, it would be necessary that, at least, one hundred men besides Officers, should be always embarked on the Steamer for the passage to and fro. I have the honor, therefore, to solicit, in connection with a report that has lately been current regarding the withdrawal of the Troops from Burmah, the opinion of Government as to whether it would be advisable to continue the negotiations. So long as the present number of Corps is kept in Burmah, there will be no difficulty in arranging for the embarkation of the requisite passages on each trip, but should they be reduced or withdrawn, the full advantage of the guaranteed passage money, would not probably be enjoyed.

Referred for His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief's views.

5th October 1860.

From the Acting Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 11th October 1860, No. 354; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to offer the following observations on the letter to Government from the Superintendent of Marine, dated 2nd instant, referred for the consideration of the Commander-in-Chief.

2. Mail Steamers have run at such broken and brief periods, between Madras, the Northern Ports and Rangoon, and vice versa, that, any very dependable statement of the average numbers who have travelled monthly from first to last, can hardly be given.

3. In reply to similar enquiries made by the Superintendent of Marine, in November last, I informed him that, during the seven preceding months, since the Mail Steamers commenced running the numbers, (exclusive of Regiments proceeding on relief,) were as follows :—

	Officers.	Men and followers.
From Madras to Northern Ports and Rangoon.....	5	275
From Rangoon to Northern Ports and Madras.....	4	192

4. That was at a period when the established strength of Native Regiments was nominally 1,000 Privates. But if three Native Infantry Corps and a Company of European Artillery are withdrawn, the established strength of the remaining Corps being nominally 650, the diminution of traffic may be calculated to amount to, at least, one half of the numbers stated above—and that would bring the numbers to the figure which the Superintendent of Marine considers should be the minimum, to make the Contract desirable—namely one hundred, besides Officers.

5. But there will always be the traffic of parties whose passage is not provided by this Department, so that, if even the hundred spoken of, should not be forthcoming, the number may be supplemented by private passages.

6. The cause of the different number of Passengers going from Madras and from Rangoon is, that many of them are landed in the Northern Division from Madras, while from Rangoon but few are destined for any other place than Madras.

7. But there are considerations quite irrespective of mere numbers in engaging a Mail Packet—The greatest inconvenience is always felt when the line is interrupted. For not only is correspondence at a stand still, or carried on with great delay via Calcutta, but sick troops

accumulate at Rangoon and die, or come over with such broken health, that pensions are entailed on Government,—to say nothing of the inhumanity of their detention—There is also to be considered the saving to Government realised by the transport of details by sea, to and from Madras and the Northern Division. These would all have to draw marching batta, or would have to be transported by sailing Vessels, specially hired, and there is the vast convenience enjoined in other ways, such as the saving of time, which cannot be estimated by Rupees.

ORDER, No. 3701, 16th October 1860.

Ordered that the Quarter Master General's letter, be communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.

2. The Governor in Council observes that it has already been intimated by telegram to this Government, that three Native Infantry Corps are about to be sent back to this Coast without relief.

3. The question submitted by the Superintendent of Marine viz., whether it would be advisable to continue the negotiations for establishing a Steam communication between Madras, the Northern Ports and Rangoon, will be considered in the Marine Department.

(True Extract.)

W. Marshall
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent of Marine.

- „ Quarter Master General.
- „ Marine Department. *With 3 spare Copies.*
- „ Adjutant General, for information.

Exd. G. Rodrigues.

Handwritten notes and signatures on the reverse side of the document, including "Exd. G. Rodrigues" and various initials and dates.

Marine Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

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Marine letter to Eng^d June,
15th of 1861 -

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To the Superintendent of Marine. }
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