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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
2nd November 1860.*

No. 11. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 24th October 1860, No. 4,568.

Referring to the Proceedings of Government of the 28th March last, No. 130, I have the honor to report on the working of the arrangement therein ordered to be put in force with regard to the examination of Masters and Mates of Merchant Vessels under Section 9, of Act I of 1859.

2. During the first three months of the year the number of applicants for examination was five. From the 1st of April, since which time Mr. Crowther has been sole paid Examiner, seven persons have passed or have been granted Certificates of service. The fees realized during the former period (35 Rupees) have been paid into the General Treasury, and credited to the Port Fund, to which the salaries of the Examiners were debited: the proceeds during the latter term (60 Rupees) have been retained by Mr. Crowther, pending final arrangement.

3. It will be perceived that the fees are far from covering the expense of even a single Examiner at 50 Rupees a month, but I am inclined to believe that all Vessels have not conformed to the law, and that some Mates who ought to hold Certificates are entertained without them. If my surmise is correct the income may be expected to increase, but irrespective of this, I think that such allowance should be made to the Examiner as will ensure the willing services of an efficient and fully competent person, and that 50 Rupees is not more than reasonable for this purpose. I would therefore recommend that Mr. Crowther be permitted to draw a salary on this scale from the 1st April last, debitable to the Port Fund, and that the fees be paid into the General Treasury to the credit of the same Fund.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1860, No. 391.

His Honor in Council is pleased, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Marine to sanction the payment of a monthly allowance of (50) fifty Rupees to the Examiner appointed for the Examination of Masters and Mates of Merchant Vessels. This allowance will be disbursed to Mr Crowther, retrospectively from the 1st April last, and will be debited to the Presidency Port Fund.

2. The fees received from applicants for examination, including the amount realized by Mr. Crowther, which he will now refund, will be credited to the Port Fund.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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This Honor in Council is pleased, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Marine, to sanction the payment of a monthly allowance of 50. Fifty Rupees to the Examiner appointed for the examination of Masters & Mates of Merchant Vessels. This allowance will be disbursed to Mr. Crowther, retrospectively from the 1st April last, & will be debited to the Presidency Port Fund.