

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
for the month of March 1860.*

No. 1. Read the following Proceedings of Government, in the Military Department, dated 1st March 1860, No. 873.

*Communicating certain arrangements which have
been made by the Superintendent of Marine,
for the conveyance of Troops to China, and
the Order of Government passed thereon.* } (*Vide Proceedings, Military Department, from
1st to 10th March 1860, Nos. 7 @ 17.*)

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1860, No. 84.

Copy furnished to the Commander of the "Coromandel" in reference to paragraph 4 of the Order of Government in the Military Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

The Superintendent of Marine, Madras, 25th February 1860, No. 980; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to report the completion of the following arrangements for the despatch to a of the remainder of H. M.'s 44th, the Royal Artillery Battery, the Sappers and Miners, Madras Artillery and the 21st N. I. Each vessel is provided with two months' water, provisions forage, and the first named article will be replenished at Singapore before leaving for Hong K.

2. The details are here tabulated for the sake of brevity and ready reference.

Ship.	Tonnage.	Officers.	Fighting men.	Followers, &c.	Total.	Corps.	Horses.	Coal.	When to leave.	Remarks.
M.'s Steamer "Coromandel" ...	1787½	4	183	19	206	{ 44th H. M. R. A. Batty.		Tons	Feb 29th	tows the "Rajah of Cochin"
am Transport "Oriental" ...	558	8	277	30	315		2		" "	tows the "Euxine"
ing Do. "Fore-runner" ...	1007	8	207	28	243		1	200	Mar. 7th	Sails.
Do. "Rajah Cochin" ...	1082	4	133	50	187		100		Feb 29th	istowed as above
Do. "Euxine" ...	846	3	119	38	160	{ Madras Artillery. Sappers & Miners.	90	408	" "	Do.
Do. "Michi-"	874	8	221	32	261		40	300	" "	Sails.
Do. "States-"	2017	8	254	32	294		150	Mar. 3rd	Sails.	
am Transport "Indostan" ...	939	19	1164	75	1258		4	270	Mar. 2nd	tows the "York."
ing Do. "York" ...					21st N. I.				" "	istowed as above.

It will be seen that Coal has been shipped on each of the sailing transports. This was very as ballast, and it can be made available for steam purposes in China.

4. The steamers can condense water as noted in the margin, as well as the "Euxine," but no other sailing vessel is fitted with the apparatus which cannot be prepared here. The "Statesman" has one on board, but it is not in working order.

The instructions of Government have been attended to in separating the different Corps; being kept distinct.

With regard to sailing orders, it will be necessary that Government furnish instructions Officer Commanding the "Coromandel;" while I purpose directing the Commanders of the transports to make the best of their way to Singapore, and there obey such orders as may bring them from Admiral Hope; and in the event of their not receiving any orders there, proceed on with all dispatch to Hong Kong, and report their arrival to the Senior Naval Officer spot.

As the transports are not all engaged under precisely the same conditions as to discharge, the following table which will be useful for reference.

Engaged for one month certain to be discharged at Madras.	Rate per ton.	Engaged for six months certain to be discharged any where.	Rate per ton.	Remarks.
Do. "Hindostan" ...	10	"Rajah of Cochin" ...	10	* Or at Bombay, Rangoon or Calcutta. * Or at Calcutta or Rangoon.
Do. "Euxine" ...	10	"York" ...	10	
Do. "Michi" ...	15	"Fore-runner" ...	10	
Do. "Statesman" ...	10			

ships have not yet been fully provided for the Dragoons, but on this subject a separate will be submitted.

S.—No further space can be given up in the transports for forage, the two months' of which occupies about 180 tons of measurement.

From the Deputy Adjutant General of Her Majesty's British Forces, Madras, 27th February 1860. No. 26; to the Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor, by direction of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to forward for the consideration of the Honorable the Governor in Council, the enclosed *To be returned. inspection Reports* of the Steamer "Oriental," the "Euxine" and "Rajah of Cochin," selected for the conveyance of Troops to China, and request you will be pleased to issue the necessary orders, with a view to steps being taken by the Commissariat Department for replacing the condemned Provisions. These reports only reached me late on Saturday.

Referred to the Superintendent of Marine for immediate attention and report.
27th February 1860.

From the Superintendent of Marine, Madras, 28th February 1860, No. 1026; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the reference of yesterday's date on the subject of certain articles of consumption laid in for the Troops proceeding to China in the "Oriental," "Rajah of Cochin," and "Euxine," having been condemned by the examining Committee, and to inform you that the papers were immediately forwarded to the Commissary General with a request that he would state what steps he could adopt towards substituting articles of a better description. His reply is, that good pork has been substituted for the "Oriental's" beef, but it does not appear that similar arrangements are contemplated for the other vessels.

"Oriental."
Salt Beef... 2,838 lbs.

"Rajah of Cochin."
Salt Beef... 1,360 lbs
Mutton Beef &c. 635 lbs

"Euxine."
Salt Beef... 1,233 lbs.
Mutton Beef... 575 lbs.

The Sherry supplied for Medical comforts.

On 2nd March, as she arrived at Galle this morning.

2. In a previous communication from this Officer having reference to provisioning some Europeans from Madras to Burmah, he intimated that a considerable quantity of salt meat was expected to his consignment by the "Bentinck," whose arrival may be looked for tomorrow, and as it seems impossible to supply all the ships carrying Europeans even with good pork instead of the condemned beef, I would recommend delay with the view of ascertaining if the deficiencies cannot be made good from the supply expected by the "Bentinck."

3. With regard to the Sherry which the Committee pronounce to be indifferent, the Commissary General states that it has been procured at a liberal price from Messrs. Griffiths and Co., and that on its being submitted to the Director General of the Medical Department, that Officer sees no objection to its use. Copy of his Secretary's reply to the application has been furnished to me, in which it is stated "that the sample of Sherry submitted for his (the Director General's) opinion is a sound wine, and though not of fine quality, is sufficiently good for Hospital use. Under the circumstances represented by you, he therefore approves of its being supplied for the Troops proceeding to China."

4. The opinion of the Committee on the wine is, that it is indifferent. This is doubtless correct: it is not of superior quality; but it does not follow that it is unsuited for Hospital purposes. On the contrary, Dr. Pearse's statement is, that it is suitable, and seeing that the Committee have not condemned it, there appears to be no reason why it should not be supplied.

5. The papers are herewith returned.

Memorandum from the Military Secretary to Government, 28th February 1860; to the Commissary General, Madras.

The Acting Military Secretary to Government has the honor to request that the Commissary General will intimate, whether he has received any telegraphic communication of the ship—that he will telegraph to Galle at once, enquiring whether the same has been shipped, and communicate the reply for the information of Government.

Memorandum from the Commissary General, Madras, 29th February 1860, No. 55; to the Acting Military Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

The Commissary General has the honor to inform the Acting Military Secretary to Government, in reply to his Memorandum received yesterday evening, that on its receipt a Telegram was despatched to Colombo to the Deputy Commissary General at that place, to ask if the salt Provisions had been shipped on the "Bentinck;" no answer has yet been received.

From the Superintendent of Marine, Madras, 29th February 1860; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to inform you, that the "Michigan," which vessel is to proceed to China under sail, is now ready for sea, and to enquire if I have permission to dispatch her—She carries the two Companies of Madras Artillery with the Mountain Train, the Ponies for which were shipped on Saturday the 25th.

I have also to solicit instructions regarding the dispatch of the "Hindustan" and "York," which vessels will be ready to proceed on the 2nd proximo—They are to embark the 21st Native Infantry at Negapatam.

ORDER, No. 873, 1st March 1860.

The Governor in Council approves of the arrangements reported in the foregoing letters from the Superintendent of Marine, and authorises the despatch of the "Hindustan," "York," and "Michigan," as proposed in that Officer's communication of the 29th instant, as well as the "Statesman," when ready.

2. Orders will be passed in respect to the despatch of the remaining vessels, on receipt of further information regarding the supply of salt provisions to the "Rajah of Cochin" and "Euxine" in lieu of those condemned.

3. The Superintendent of Marine's letter of the 28th instant, No. 1026, conveying the opinion of the Director General Medical Department, regarding the wine supplied to the "Oriental," and the two vessels named in the preceding paragraph, will be communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, (Dy. Adjutant General Her Majesty's British Forces.)

4. On the issue of final orders with regard to the ships which are to carry Her Majesty's 44th Regiment, and the Battery of Royal Artillery, the usual sailing orders will be issued in the Marine Department, to the Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer "Coromandel," to proceed with the Troops on board, that vessel, with the "Rajah of Cochin," in tow as far as Singapore, and there attend to such orders as may be awaiting him from Admiral Hope. Should no orders be awaiting him at that port, he will proceed to Hong Kong and report his arrival to the Senior Naval Officer on the spot; whence the "Coromandel" will return to Madras when no longer required.

5. Ordered that the following letters be despatched.

To the Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept.	} Here enter 1st March 1860, No. 874.
Copy to the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept, with the Govr. Genl.	
To His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of H. M.'s Ships and Vessels in the Indian Seas.	} Here enter 1st March 1860, No. 875.
To the Govr. of the Straits Settlements.	} Here enter do. No. 876.
To the General Officer Commanding the Troops in China.	} Here enter do. No. 877.

(True Extract.)

A. Marshall
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent of Marine.
" Marine Department. *With 3 spare copies*
" Quarter Master General.
" Adjutant General.
" Dy. Adjutant Genl. H. M.'s British Forces, with 3 Inspection Reports.
" Dy. Qr. Mr. Genl. H. M.'s British Forces.
" Inspector General of Ordnance.
" Director General, Medical Department.
" Commissary General.
" Military Auditor General.
" Accountant General.
" Auditor Commissariat Accounts.
" Town Major.
" Clothing Department.
" Superintendent of Family Payments and Pensions.

Exd. J. Davis.

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