

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
12th January 1861.*

No. 35. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 5th January 1861, No. 58.

I have the honor to inform you with reference to the Proceedings of Government marginally noted, that the contract for the establishment of the monthly communication between Madras, the Northern Ports and Rangoon has not

23rd November 1860, No. 406.

29th November 1860, No. 411.

been quite completed, but as details are awaiting passage, and the Agents of the Bay of Bengal Steam Navigation Company are prepared to commence the line at once with the "Governor Higginson," that arrangements have been made for that vessel commencing the service on the 11th instant, at 1 P. M. of which day she will leave with the mails on the prescribed voyage.

2. I would solicit information as to the department to which the subsidy, 4,500 Rupees, should be debited. Ostensibly the vessel is subsidized for carrying the mails, but it is questionable whether the postal department should bear the whole of this expense, as the advantage of the periodical communication is not so much on account of the mails as for the troops continually proceeding to and returning from Rangoon.

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, 12th January 1861, No. 19.

The Government approve the arrangement proposed for the despatch of the "Governor Higginson" to Rangoon via the Northern Ports, on the 11th instant.

2. The Superintendent of Marine will submit a copy of the contract, which he has concluded with the Bay of Bengal Steam Navigation Company, for communication to the Offices of Audit and Account. The question as to the manner of charging the expenses incurred under the contract, will then be submitted to the Accountant General, for his opinion.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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