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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
28th September 1861.*

No. 66. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated London, 22nd August 1861, No. 28.

With reference to paragraph 3 of my Marine Despatch, dated the 16th of May last, No. 18, I now forward, for your information, a copy of a Memorandum of arrangement I have entered into with the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty whereby the whole of the Marine Survey, Chart, and Hydrographical business of the Home Government of India has been transferred to their Lordships.

2. The Chart of Sedashegur Bay, forwarded with your letter dated the 25th of October 1860, No. 25, has been handed over to the Department of Public Works.

Memorandum of arrangement whereby the whole of the Marine Survey, Chart, and Hydrographical business of the Home Government of India is to be transferred to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty under Minute of Secretary of State for India in Council, dated the 25th March 1861.

All the Copper-Plates, Charts and sailing directions founded upon them, &c., which have cost much labour and expense and are now in store at the India Office; as well as all the original Surveys, Memoirs and documents from which those Charts, &c., have been compiled or reduced for publication, which are in the custody of Mr. John Walker at that Office; and all Hydrographical works either recently received from India, or actually in hand with the view to publication, should be transferred in their present state to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. To whom also any other Surveys or Charts which may be received from India should be immediately transferred.

All Charts, Memoirs and other Hydrographical papers connected with Indian Surveys to be in future revised and published by the Admiralty, who should therefore suggest to the Secretary of State for India in Council what Surveys ought to be from time to time taken up in the Eastern Seas, that is within certain limits say between the 10th parallel of South Latitude and the 105th degree of East Longitude; but no communication is to be had with, or any orders given to, the local authorities or to the Surveying Officers in India upon the subject of such Surveys otherwise than through the Secretary of State's Office here.

The Surveys within the above defined limits are to be conducted by the Vessels and Officers of Her Majesty's Indian Navy who are to be selected for the service by the Government of Bombay and paid by India as at present; and all separate Surveys under the India or the Madras Governments are to be discontinued.

Under this arrangement all the stock on hand will be given to the Admiralty; and all Indian Surveys and Charts will be hereafter published by their authority; the Admiralty therefore are to bear all the expenses of publication and receive the proceeds of the sale of all the Charts and Memoirs they may publish. They must furnish, however, to this Office *free of charge* all Charts, &c., (whether Indian or Admiralty as they are commonly termed) which may be required for the several Governments or local authorities in India or for Home official purposes: a running account being, of course, kept with the Admiralty by this Office, as to any Charts, &c., which may be supplied to the Indian Governments for *sale to the public there*; and the receipts duly paid over to the Admiralty.

No. 67. ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1861, No. 311.

Communicated to the Accountant General, and the Superintendent of Marine.

2. It is observed that the proceeds from sales to the public, of Charts supplied by the Home Government, will in future have to be credited to *London*.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Recd Mr. Bell

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