

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>313</i>	Press Mis.
Dated	<i>28. 9 -</i>	<i>1861.</i>

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

No. 70. Read the following letter from J. T. BLISSETT, Esq., Superintendent of Telegraphs, Southern Division; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 16th September 1861, No. 350.

In accordance with instructions received from the Officiating Director General of Telegraphs in India, I have the honor to submit the following circumstances for the consideration and Orders of Government.

2nd. The Time Ball having been erected exclusively for the benefit of the Marine Department, and the Telegraph Department having no interest whatever in its operations, all charges for establishment and materials incurred on account of it should, I submit, be borne by the Observatory or Marine Department, and I therefore solicit you will have the goodness to move His Excellency the Governor in Council to direct the transfer of all expenses on this account which may be incurred from and after the 1st September instant, to one or other of the Departments in question.

3rd. At Calcutta, all expenses for the Time Ball are paid for by the Surveyor General's Office.

4th. I annex a Memorandum shewing the average monthly cost of maintaining the operation of the Time Ball.

MEMORANDUM.

Salary of Lascar.....	10 0 0
Cocoanut Oil.....	1 6 6
4 lbs of Sulphate of Copper.....	1 4 0
Sand paper.....	0 1 0
Salt.....	0 2 0

Rupees... 12 13 6

(Signed) J. T. BLISSETT,
Supt. of Telegraphs, Southern Division.

No. 71. ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1861, No. 313.

The Government are of opinion that the charges for establishment and other expenses on account of the Time Ball should be borne by the Marine Department.

2. Mr. Franklin will communicate with the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Southern Division, in respect to the necessary transfer of the Budget provision for the expense from the 1st instant. The charge seems fairly debitable to the Port Fund.

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

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" Acct. Secul.

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