

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. *159-60*

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
4th May 1861.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 3. From Lieutenant Colonel A. P. PHAYRE, Commissioner of Pegu and Agent to the Governor General, to A. R. YOUNG, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, Fort William, dated Rangoon, 15th September 1860, No. 164.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of letter to my address, No. 3,666, from Mr. Under Secretary Aitchison, calling for explanation as to what is meant by certain Transports which conveyed troops from Madras to Rangoon being exempted from Pilotage charges in the latter Port. The Transports in question were the Steamers "Pottinger" and "Oriental;" on the arrival of these vessels at Rangoon, the Commanders claimed exemption from Pilotage charges at Rangoon as well as from Port dues, on the ground of their being employed by the Madras Government. This was allowed subject to reference to the Supreme Government, because it was considered inadvisable to risk any delay, which would have involved demurrage to each ship of several hundred Rupees for each day's delay. It will be borne in mind, that the Pilots at the Port of Rangoon are not Government servants and are paid for their services to each vessel by the persons requiring them, when therefore the Commanders of the Transports disputed their liability to pay Pilotage, it was necessary to disburse the amount from the Treasury. Hence the additional charge for "Pilotage" referred to in the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, No. 5,300, dated 13th June 1860.

2. I would now beg respectfully to suggest with reference to my letter, No. 87, dated the 30th April last, in the Marine Department, that reference be made to the Madras Government in order that the amount may be recovered and credited to the Pegu Marine.

No. 4,464.

Forwarded to the Financial Department for consideration and orders, together with Extract to the Home Department, No. 3,128, dated 31st July last.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT,
27th September 1860.

By order, &c.
(Signed) C. U. AITCHISON,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No 3,388.

FORT WILLIAM, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, the 15th March 1861.

The Governor General in Council observes, that the Commissioner of Pegu has already been directed from the Foreign Department in Orders dated 7th June 1860, to require the Steamers "Oriental" and "Pottinger" to pay the Pilotage charges alluded to. But it would appear from paragraph 2 of the Commissioner's letter of the 15th September last, that this course has not yet been adopted.

Under all the circumstances of the case His Excellency in Council considers that the best thing now to do will be to debit the Government of Madras with the amount paid on account of the Pilotage, the Madras Government being left to exercise their own discretion as to recovering it from the owners of the vessels.

It is, His Excellency in Council considers, clearly a charge against the Madras Government, and not against Pegu, as it was for a Madras service that the vessels were engaged. He therefore directs that the course now prescribed be adopted.

By order of His Excellency the Governor General in Council,

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,
Secy. to the Government of India.

To the Madras Government for information.

Referred to the Superintendent of Marine for report.

16th April 1861.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Rangoon

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4th May 1861.*

No. 4. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to T. PYCROFT, Esq.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 22nd April 1861, No. 1,145.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Government of India of the 15th ultimo, No. 3,388, referred to me for report under date the 16th instant, and to state that as far as I can understand the question concerning the Pilotage chargeable to Government hired Transports has already been settled.

2. The Proceedings of Government of the 4th October 1860, No. 347, explain how these charges were disposed of. At first bills for Port and Pilot charges were submitted amounting to Rupees 2,254-2-0. The Madras Government in Proceedings 30th August 1860, No. 305, requested the Government of India to debit Madras and credit the Superintendent of the Irrawaddy Flotilla with this amount; but subsequently after the decision of the Advocate General at Calcutta that Port dues could not be legally levied on vessels engaged by Government for a specified time, the sum to be so credited was reduced to Rupees 1,511-10-0, by the deduction of the amount demanded for Port dues. The Madras Government have therefore nothing more to do in the matter beyond admitting the debit when it appears in the accounts.

3. With reference to the concluding part of Mr. Lushington's letter, I would respectfully point out that, although in the first instance these charges may be fairly debitable to this Government as they were incurred for vessels engaged in their service, the whole expenses connected with the relief of troops in Burmah, on which service the vessels charged with Pilotage were engaged, should be borne by the Pegu Government.

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1861, No. 159.

The foregoing papers will be communicated to the Offices of Audit and Account. It is observed from the Superintendent's letter of 14th August 1860, No. 3,712, that in the engagements entered into for the employment of Transports for the Rangoon reliefs, it was expressly stipulated by the Agents that Port dues and Pilot charges should not be borne by the vessel. The sums paid by the Commissioner of Pegu for Pilotage cannot therefore be recovered from the owners of the "Pottinger" and "Oriental."

2. The subject of para. 3 of Mr. Franklin's letter will be brought to the notice of the Government of India.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 6. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort Saint George, 4th May 1861, No. 160.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Government of India, under date the 15th March last, No. 3,388, I am directed to observe, as already stated in my letter, 30th August 1860, No. 306, to the Home Department that, in the engagements entered into for the employment of Transports for the Rangoon reliefs, it was expressly stipulated by the Agents that Port dues and Pilot charges should not be borne by the vessel. The sums paid by the Commissioner of Pegu for pilotage, cannot, therefore, be recovered from the owners of the "Pottinger" and "Oriental."

3. In reporting on the Financial Resolution under acknowledgment, the Superintendent of Marine has pointed out that, although these charges might in the first instance be fairly debitable to this Government, as they were incurred for vessels engaged in their service, the whole of the expenses connected with the relief of troops in Burmah, on which service the vessels charged with pilotage were engaged, should be borne by the Pegu Government. I am directed to bring this subject to notice, in reference to the concluding para. of the Resolution.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Marine.

Nº 160.

*Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Read the following papers—*

*Resolutions of the Govt. of
India in the Financial
Dept. — Inter 15 Mar '61 N: 3*

*Letter from the Supt. of
Marine — 22 April '61 N: 11*

Order. 4 May 1861. No 159.

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No. 4. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine,

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Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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Exd. F. Cartledge.

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N^o. 160.

The Secretary to the Govt. of India.
Financial Deptt.

Sir,

With reference to the
Proceedings of the Govt
of India, under date
the 15th ^{March last} Ult^o. N^o. 3388,
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I am directed to ob-
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the Secretary to the Govt
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certain papers in the
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the Govt of India and
additions to the
Govt of India on the
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