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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
22nd June 1861.*

No. 41. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 13th June 1861, No. 1,694.

I have the honor to inform you that on his late visit to Madras, Captain Weston of the P. and O. Steamer "Bengal" suggested a more simple and efficient mode than that now in use for distinguishing the Mail Steamers on their approach to the port of Madras.

2. At present the Mail Steamers hoist their number which frequently cannot be made out till the vessel is within three or four miles of the anchorage, and until the flags are distinctly seen and no doubt remains as to the vessel, the signal guns announcing the Mail are not fired.

3. Captain Weston left the accompanying sketch with me, and suggested that instead of hoisting a number the Steamer bringing the English Mail should invariably hoist the red pendant with the white crosses at the main, and the Steamer from Calcutta, the blue and yellow pendant. These could be distinguished at double the ordinary distance at which the Ship's number can be discerned, and consequently would afford much earlier notice to the inhabitants of Madras of the arrival of the Mail, a great boon where sometimes the guns cannot be fired till the vessel is close to the anchorage.

4. The Superintendent of the P. and O. Establishments being stationed at Calcutta, I would recommend that the Supreme Government be requested to arrange with that gentleman for the alteration being carried into effect.

No. 42. To the Secretary to the Government of India, dated Fort Saint George, 22nd June 1861, No. 212.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to forward a copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Marine, in which he submits a more simple and efficient mode than that now in use for distinguishing the Mail Steamers on their approach to the port of Madras, together with a sketch of flags furnished to him by Captain Weston in command of the "Bengal."

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3. The proposed alteration being a desirable one, I am to request that the Government of India will arrange with the Superintendent of the P. and O. Establishments at Calcutta for its being carried into effect.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

with an Enrol & Sketch -
for Steamer "Kubie" -

Marine Department

No. 212

The Secretary to the Govt of India

Sir,

June 1861. No 1094.

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To Mr. George
22nd June 1861 }

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Resolutions for distributing
the final statement
of the year 1861 to the
Board of Directors

March 1861 Board

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The Secretary to the
Board of Directors

March 22 1861

Respecting the changing
of the Board of Directors
on the arrival of the
steamer "Hamer"
from New York and
returning.

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