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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
24th July 1861.*

No. 35. Read the following letter from THOMAS H. TRONSON, Esq., Acting Superintendent, Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company; to W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, dated Calcutta, 4th July 1861.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 1,179 of the 1st instant, forwarding in original, three enclosures from the Government of Madras, suggesting the propriety of establishing the use of a special Mail Flag by the vessels of this Company, whereby the outward and inward Mail Steamers could be distinguished on their arrival at that Port, much sooner than can now be done by the existing arrangement of each vessel shewing its own number, (as required by the Regulations of the Port) and whereby a great boon would accrue to the inhabitants.

In reply, I have to inform you, that having lately received a somewhat similar communication from the Post Master at Aden, I was about issuing orders, for the purpose of carrying out his views that the Steamer from Calcutta with the Mails on board, on approaching his Port should fly the Company's Flag (well known at all the Ports on the line) at the *main*, and that from Suez at the *fore*, while the Company's vessels not carrying Mails, should simply hoist their number, and as this plan is even more simple than that suggested by Captain Weston, while it will answer equally well at all the intermediate Ports as at Aden, I purpose issuing instructions accordingly to the Commanders of all the Company's Steamers on this station, and suggesting the adoption of the same plan by those at Bombay.

I shall feel obliged by your communicating the purport of this letter to the Madras Government, who I hope will feel satisfied with the proposed arrangement, which I think will be found to answer very well, as by the Telegraph announcing the departure of the Steamers from Saugor and Point de Galle, a mistake can scarcely arise.

Should it however not meet with their approval, I shall be happy to adopt the plan suggested by themselves.

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No. 1,321.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, for information, with reference to Mr. Chief Secretary Pycroft's letter, No. 212, dated the 22nd ultimo.

(By Order)

(Signed) A. M. MONTEATH,
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

FORT WILLIAM,
HOME DEPARTMENT,
The 6th July 1861.

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No. 36. ORDER THEREON, 24th July 1861, No. 240.

Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine, in reference to his letter of the 13th ultimo, No. 1,694, and likewise to the Brigade Major, Centre Division.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

N^o 240 - 24th July 1861.

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