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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
17th August 1861.*

No. 32. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 14th August 1861, No. 2,858.

With reference to Proceedings of Government, Marine Department, of the 10th instant, requesting the Commissioner of Pegu to instruct if necessary the Commander of the "Coromandel" to proceed to Madras as soon as the D Company 1st Battalion Artillery and Sick and other Details can be put on board, and observing that the 42nd Regiment Native Infantry, being under orders for Masulipatam should be conveyed to that Port, and not to Madras as proposed by the Superintendent of Marine in his letter of the 7th instant.

(Vide Proceedings Military Department, dated 14th August 1861, Nos. 218-223.)

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1861, No. 265.

Communicated to the Commanders of the "Dalhousie" and "Coromandel," Indian Navy.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department.

Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Marine, 7th August 1861, No. 2227; to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Fort Saint George.

With reference to the Orders of Government marginally noted, and to my letter of yesterday's date, No. 2218, I have the honor to request that Commander Hopkins, of Her Majesty's Steamer *Dalhousie*, may be directed to proceed to Port Blair, and after receiving on board such of the Andaman Sebundy Corps as may be ready to embark, convey them to Rangoon, where he will also discharge a consignment of Porter which the Commissary General is most desirous of sending to Burmah; the European Troops there being much in want of it.

2. This service completed, he will be required to proceed to Moulmein so as to be there about the 20th September, where, in conjunction with Her Majesty's Bengal sailing Transport *Tubal Cain*, he will have to embark the 32nd Regiment Native Infantry, and having this vessel in tow, bring the Corps to Masulipatam.

3. I would further request that instructions be sent by the *Dalhousie* to Commander Batt, of Her Majesty's Steamer *Coromandel*, now at Rangoon, directing him to receive such portion of the 42nd Native Infantry as may be allotted to him, and taking in tow Her Majesty's Bengal sailing Transport *Sesostris* with the remainder, bring the Regiment to Madras, leaving Rangoon between the 20th and 25th September.

4. The requisite instructions will be sent from this Office to the Commanders of the *Sesostris* and *Tubal Cain*.

ORDER THEREON, 9th August 1861, No. 1003.

Resolved that the Commanders of the Steamers *Dalhousie* and *Coromandel*, I. N., be directed to carry out respectively the services specified in this letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Dy. Secretary to Government.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department, 10th August 1861, No. 255.

Extract Proceedings of Government, Military Department.

Communicating a letter from the Quarter Master General, requesting that orders may be issued for the employment of the "*Coromandel*" in conveying Artillery and Details from Rangoon to Madras. } Here enter 10th August 1861, No. 2830.

ORDER.—Ordered that the following Telegram be despatched to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Marine Department.

"Please send instructions by the first Steamer to the Commander of the *Coromandel* now at Rangoon, to convey to Madras D Company 1st Battalion Artillery and Sick and other Details, leaving Rangoon, immediately on the receipt of your orders."

(True Extract.)

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

From the Superintendent of Marine, Madras, 10th August 1861, No. 2279; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of Government of the 8th instant, No. 2794, regarding the despatch of the *Sesostris* from Rangoon to Madras for the purpose of taking over Malt Liquor much required there, for the conveyance of which by the *Tubal Cain*, application was made to the Supreme Government, who intimate that she cannot be spared.

2. The *Tubal Cain* was applied for because had she not been required for a second trip to Port Blair, she could have been here in time to admit of her arrival at Rangoon with the Beer at the end of the present month, or early in September, a point which the Commissary General states to be important, as after that, the rivers in Burmah are low and there is a difficulty in sending Stores to the inland stations. The *Sesostris* cannot receive her orders before the end of the present month, and could not be expected here before the end of September. She would then have to load and might arrive at Rangoon about the 20th October.

3. The Commissary General, on receipt of the orders herein acknowledged, at once pointed out to me that if sent by the *Sesostris*, his Stores would arrive much too late: he has requested me therefore to arrange for their despatch by some other means. Fifty tons will be sent by the *Governor Higginson*, about 100 tons by the *Dalhousie*; and freight will be engaged by a sailing vessel for about 300 tons more, all of which will arrive in the early days of September, or sooner.

4. There is also some likelihood of the *Coromandel* being required to come across with Artillery and sick Details, in which case she would be freighted with Malt Liquor on the return voyage.

5. Under the foregoing circumstances, I would respectfully suggest, that the orders regarding the *Sesostris* be countermanded, and that she be retained as originally arranged, for the transport of the 42nd Native Infantry from Rangoon to Madras.

From the Superintendent of Marine, Madras, 13th August 1861, No. 2304; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to acknowledge your Memorandum of yesterday's date, on the subject of the despatch of Malt Liquor to Rangoon, which was immediately submitted to the Commissary General, whose reply is herewith forwarded.

2. Colonel McCally states that with the 200 Casks which the *Governor Higginson* will convey, for, it is expected that this vessel's boilers will be sufficiently repaired to admit of her departure in a day or two, and the quantity to be taken by the *Dalhousie*, as well as that which can be sent by the *Coromandel*, a supply sufficient for Tonghoo and partly for Thyetmew, will reach Rangoon in time. The intention of engaging freight by a sailing vessel may therefore be abandoned, as I have no doubt the *Coromandel* will be here by the first week in September.

3. With regard however, to the *Sesostris* coming over with a portion of the 42nd Native Infantry under sail, I would still suggest that her orders be countermanded, for they would in all probability entail a tedious voyage on the Troops, and little if any time would be saved in the transport of the Beer. As stated in the 2nd paragraph of my letter of the 10th instant, No. 2279, she could hardly be expected here before the end of September, whereas if towed over by the *Coromandel*, leaving Rangoon about the 25th of that month, she would arrive about the 2nd or 3rd October, making the passage in fine weather. She might then be fully laden with the remainder of the Beer to be forwarded, which would complete the Stock for Rangoon and Thyetmew.

From the Commissary General, Madras, 13th August 1861, No. 1361; to the Superintendent of Marine, Madras.

In reply to your Memorandum and the Memorandum of the Military Secretary to Government, (herewith returned) I have the honor to inform you, that it is of great importance that the Malt Liquor should reach Rangoon as early as possible, and not later than the middle of the month of September; at any rate, that portion of it which will be required to

be sent on to Tonghoo; for Captain Harris, Assistant Commissary General at Rangoon, writes me that "the Tonghoo Creeks close in September, unless therefore I receive before that month "two thousand Hogsheads of Malt Liquor (Ale and Porter) the Tonghoo Troops will be without "Malt Liquor a whole year, as experience has shewn us that sending Porter in any quantity to "Tonghoo in the hot season is practically impossible."

Calculating therefore that the Steamer *Higginson* will take over two hundred Hogsheads, and the *Dalhousie* four hundred, and that the *Coromandel* will be available to take over a further quantity before the middle of September, the quantity thus sent over might suffice to supply the wants of Tonghoo and partially Thyetmew, and the *Sesostris* might take over what would be required for Rangoon itself and to complete Thyetmew, but if the *Coromandel* is not likely to be soon available, it appears to me to be very desirable that private freight should be engaged to convey over the Malt Liquor which is so necessary to the Troops. The *Sesostris* would arrive too late to be of any use for supplying the Troops in advance.

ORDER, No. 2858, 14th August 1861.

Communicated to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief (Quarter Master General's Department) and to Departments concerned.

2. In supersession of the Order No. 2794, of the 8th instant, the Governor in Council approves of and sanctions the arrangements proposed in the foregoing letter from the Superintendent of Marine, No. 2304, of the 13th idem, and directs that the necessary communication be made to the Commissioner of Pegu.

3. With reference to the Proceedings in the Marine Department above recorded, the Commissioner of Pegu will further be requested to instruct the Commander of the Steamer *Coromandel*, in the event of the order of the Government of India not being yet received, to proceed to Madras as soon as the D Company 1st Battalion Artillery and Sick and other Details can be put on board.

4. It is observed that the 42nd Regiment Native Infantry being under orders for Masulipatam, should be conveyed to that Port, and not to Madras, as proposed by the Superintendent of Marine in paragraph 3 of his letter recorded in Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 1003, dated 9th instant.

To the Commissioner of Pegu. | Here enter 14th August 1861, No. 2859.

(True Extract.)

Marshall
Secretary to Government.

To the ~~Judicial Department~~ *With 3 spare copies*
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