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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
21st August 1861.*

No. 40. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Fort Saint George, dated 9th August 1861, No. 2,269.

I have the honor to forward for the consideration and orders of Government, the accompanying Bill for the Table money due to Commander F. W. Hopkins, for Colonel Sir A. and Lady Cotton, during the time they were on board the "Dalhousie," Sir Arthur having accompanied His Excellency the Governor to the Godavery on duty.

2. As Colonel Cotton's trip was connected with the P. W. service the Bill was originally passed in the Civil Department. It was however, disallowed on the ground of his being a Military Officer. The claim was then sent to the Deputy Military Auditor General, who is now the authority for passing Military charges but was returned unaudited as Sir Arthur appeared to have proceeded on Civil service and not on Military. Under these circumstances the Accountant General was appealed to for a decision as to which Department the charge was to be passed in. His reply is annexed suggesting an application to Government and orders are accordingly solicited.

3. It appears to me that the Bill should be passed in the Civil Department: all P. W. charges being so debited, and in this case the whole amount is recoverable from Sir Arthur.

From R. P. HARRISON, Esq., Accountant General; to J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, dated 8th August 1861, No. 1,348.

Book and Adjustment Department.

I have the honor to return the Bill forwarded with your letter, No. 2,189 of the 1st instant, and to suggest your applying to Government for their orders as to the head to which the charge for entertaining Sir A. Cotton on board Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie" should be passed.

2. It does not appear to me that any Bill on account of Table money for Lady Cotton, can be passed by the Civil Paymaster.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, 21st August 1861, No. 269.

As the duty on which Colonel Sir A. Cotton proceeded to the Northern Circars related to the Public Works Department, the charge for Table money must be considered a Civil charge, and dealt with accordingly.

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

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