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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
26th April 1862.*

No. 53. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated London, 11th March 1862, No. 15.

I forward, in the Packet, copy of a letter from Mr. Edward Bates, dated the 19th February 1862, representing that delay has occurred at Madras, in the payment of the freight of Telegraph Stores, due to him under his contract, and I desire that you will furnish me with a report on the subject, with as little delay as possible.

From EDWARD BATES, Esq.; to the Honorable GERALD C. TALBOT, Director General, dated Liverpool, 19th February 1862.

I have to call your attention to the great delay I experience in obtaining my freight on the standards at Madras. It appears the authorities there have to refer to Calcutta, the consequence is that I am kept out of my money. The "Ceylon's" freight was not paid for two months after we delivered the cargo. The "Kildare's" cargo was delivered in November, yet my Agents write on the 20th January, "we are daily at Government for the "Kildare's" freight, but have not yet received it." This I would respectfully state is not in accordance with my contract, and I would beg of you to write to the authorities at Madras in order that the same delay may not occur again. Should it, I must claim loss of interest.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 26th April 1862, No. 115.

Mr. Bates in his letter, refers to the delay in the payment of freight on Telegraph Stores ex-"Ceylon" and "Kildare."

2. The case of the "Ceylon" was brought to the notice of the Government by the Superintendent of Marine in his letter of the 23rd October last. This Officer stated that after the cargo had been landed, and the freight admitted, it was found that the Civil Paymaster at Madras could not audit the Bill, as the charge was an Imperial one, and that no payment would be made from the Madras Telegraph Office until the amount was sanctioned by the Director

Proceedings, 4th November 1861, No. 347.

General of Telegraphs in India. Upon this representation, the Government directed that an advance from the Treasury should be made for payment of the freight Bill, and that the adjustment should be effected on the charge being sanctioned by the proper authority. The order for the advance was issued by Government within a fortnight of the matter being brought to their notice by the Superintendent of Marine on the application of the Agent of the "Ceylon."

Letter, 9th December 1861.

3. The Director General of Telegraphs in India subsequently addressed this Government on the subject of disbursing freight on Telegraph Stores. In conformity with his request, the freight on Stores

Proceedings, 23th December 1861, No. 440.

" 14th January 1862, " 12.

ex-"Kildare" was paid (by an advance from this Treasury) as soon as the precise amount could be ascertained from the Deputy Superintendent of Telegraphs at Madras; and the Superintendent of Marine was instructed to apply to this Government at once for freight payable by the Telegraph Department. A reference was also made to the Advocate General as to the claim for interest made on the amount of the "Ceylon's" freight Bill from the date, viz., 19th September, on which the Bill was first presented at Madras, up to date of payment.

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" 1st March " " 53.
" 4th " " " 56.

4. Under the opinion expressed by the Law Officer that the interest demanded could be recovered, the claim in the case of the "Ceylon's" freight was disbursed, and a similar claim on account of the "Kildare" was also admitted and paid.

5. The delay in regard to these freight Bills has thus not been so protracted as stated in Mr. Bates' letter. It was in no degree attributable to this Government, who on the contrary did what they could to obviate it, but was entirely owing to the official system of the

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Telegraph Department. Every compensation, however, has been made, and the Director General has admitted the liability of his Department to the claims made for interest.

6. Ordered that a copy of these Proceedings and of those referred to in it, be forwarded to the Secretary of State in reply to his Despatch recorded above.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Marine Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

*Read Despatch from
the Secretary of
State in the Fi-
nancial Dept. — Enter 11th Mar. '62 No. 15.*

Order — 26 April 1862 No. 15.

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of freight on Tele-
graph Stores etc "Cly-
don" & "Kildare".*

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the notice of the
Govt. by the Super-
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Madras could not
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from ^{the} Madras Tele-
graph Office until
the amount was
sanctioned by the
Director

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to the notice by the
Supt. of Marine on the
application of the Agent
of the Ceylon —
Letter, 9th Dec. '61.

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Director General of
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[Signature]

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Telegraphs, Madras.

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