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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
21st February 1862.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 37. From Lieutenant Colonel A. C. PEARs, Officiating Postmaster General; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, in the Public Department, Fort Saint George, dated 13th February 1862, No. 5,777.

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2. The project if carried into effect will without doubt considerably promote the usefulness and efficiency of the Postal Department, and is, I think, worthy of all encouragement.

3. If the lines now proposed should be established, the contract now in force with the Company for the conveyance of Mails between Madras and Rangoon might be very well dispensed with, as the correspondence between those ports could be carried on *via* Calcutta without any inconvenience at all, commensurate with the saving which would be thus effected.

No. 38. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Fort Saint George, dated 15th February 1862, No. 501.

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(True Extract.)

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Madras

Marine Supt^d Office

N^o. 501.

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To

Superintendent of Marine

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Chief Secretary to Government

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Superintendent of Marine.

Recd. 10th July 1862 18-30-

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From
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The Chief Secretary
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Marine Dept.
Fort St George.

S. L. O. No. 144
dated 15th July 1862
recd 17th July

No 571 No 501

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Report to inform the Honorable
of the late Mr. Maclellan's statement
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Madras
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Order thereon - 21st Feby 1862 - No 46.

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Marine Department

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