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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
3rd April 1862.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 11. From Captain J. G. REDDIE, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, in the Marine Department; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government of Madras, dated Fort William, 4th March 1862, No. 113.

I am directed to bring to the notice of the Government of Madras the following circumstances: The Transport "Sesostris" under tow of the Steamer "Sydney" arrived at Calcutta on the 20th ultimo.

The Commanders of the respective vessels presented the enclosed copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Marine at Madras, requesting them to return to Cocanada as early as practicable after disembarking the Troops, &c., with which they had arrived.

A Telegram subsequently received by Captain Neblett, requested that Officer to return with the "Sesostris" dropping her at Cocanada and proceed himself with the "Sydney" to Madras.

The Superintendent of Marine, Madras, in the letter referred to, requests that provisions may be taken on board at Calcutta for the Troops to be embarked at Cocanada.

I am desired to state that no previous intimation of the requirements of these vessels had been furnished to this Department by the Government of Madras. The Departments marginally noted were consulted, but it was found that no information had been received in those Departments respecting the movement of Troops at Cocanada.

On the day preceding that fixed for the vessels leaving Calcutta the letter No. 495, dated 14th ultimo, from the Superintendent of Marine at Madras was received.

A second communication was addressed to the Commissariat Department in regard to furnishing the provisions requested to be put on board by the Madras authorities. The Commissariat Department however having no knowledge of either the strength or caste of the Troops were unable to comply with the requisition and the vessels were consequently despatched without provisions.

I am directed to draw the attention of the Government of Madras to the delay and inconvenience that may be occasioned to the public service by the absence of timely information respecting such arrangements, and to request that such notice may be taken of this matter as will prevent a recurrence of such irregularities in future.

From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to Captain G. NEBLETT, Her Majesty's Steamer "Sydney," dated 14th February 1862, No. 492.

I have the honor to request that on the embarkation of that portion of Her Majesty's 43rd Regiment which will take place to-morrow morning in accordance with the return with which you have already been furnished, you will weigh and taking the "Sesostris" in tow proceed with all despatch to Calcutta.

2. This service effected, you will after completing your coals, water and provisions, and under the directions of the Secretary to Government of India, Marine Department, take your departure in company with the "Sesostris" for Cocanada, at which place both vessels will have to receive full allotments of the 28th Native Infantry. You will then proceed to Rangoon having the "Sesostris" still in tow and after landing the 28th receive a similar party of the 52nd to be brought to Madras.

3. The provisions for the 28th are to be taken on board at Calcutta, but coals and water can be completed at Cocanada.

4. I have further to request you will be good enough to forward the accompanying letter to the Government of India, Marine Department, immediately on your arrival at Calcutta.

From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to Captain G. NEBLETT, Transport "Sydney," dated 21st February 1862.

21st Friday, 17-3 "Sydney," required here on fourth to go to Negapatam—all arrangements as before, but drop "Sesostris" at Cocanada and come on—reply immediately regarding chance of arrival on fourth.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) JOHN G. REDDIE,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India,
in the Marine Dept.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
3rd April 1862.

From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to J. G. REDDIE, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Marine Department, dated the 14th February 1862, No. 495.

I have the honor to inform you that the "Sydney" and "Sesostri" will leave Madras in the course of to-morrow for Calcutta, with the Head Quarters and Wing of Her Majesty's 43rd Regiment.

2. The "Coromandel" and "Tubal Cain" being otherwise employed, these vessels have under the authority of the Government of Madras been assigned the duty of conveying a portion of the 28th Native Infantry from Cocanada to Rangoon, and of returning with the relieved portion of the 52nd to Madras. I have to request therefore that you will be good enough to instruct the Commanders accordingly.

3. As sea provisions for the Native Corps cannot be readily prepared at Cocanada, they should be put on board prior to the vessels leaving Calcutta.

4. Coals and water can be provided at Cocanada.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) JOHN G. REDDIE,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India,
in the Marine Dept.

Referred to the Superintendent of Marine for explanation.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
17th March 1862.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 12. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Fort Saint George, dated 19th March 1862, No. 884.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the papers referred to me under date the 17th instant, wherein the Government of India in the Marine Department bring to notice the want of timely information having been given of the services required of the "Sydney" and "Sesostri" after landing Her Majesty's 43rd Regiment at Calcutta; and of the provisions which were needed, and which it was requested might be put on board at Calcutta.

2. I have to express my regret that any inconvenience should have arisen from earlier intimation not having been forwarded; but as regards the employment of these vessels I would explain that I considered them for the time being, under the Orders of the Madras Government; so to remain till the trooping of the season had been completed. Nevertheless, as the requirements of the service carried them to Calcutta, I addressed the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Marine Department, with the view to his issuing the orders for their again leaving that port. Unfortunately this letter, which should have been enclosed in that to the Commander of the "Sydney," to be handed to Captain Reddie, was by a blunder in the Office, sent by ordinary tappal, and did not reach till shortly before the vessel's departure, which was hurried to admit of the "Sydney" being at Madras in time to convey to Negapatam His Excellency the Governor. Had not this been the case, judging from what is accomplished by the Commissariat here, there would have been ample time for all arrangements.

3. As soon as intimation reached Madras of the vessels having left without provisions, sufficient were prepared here for the whole Regiment and put on board the "Sydney" on her return from Negapatam. At Cocanada the portion assigned for the "Sesostri" will be transhipped to that vessel, and no time will be lost.

No. 13. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Marine Department, dated Fort Saint George, 3rd April 1862, No. 90.

Your letter of the 4th March, No. 113, was referred to the Superintendent of Marine for explanation, and a copy of that Officer's reply is forwarded herewith.

2. It will be seen that Mr. Franklin's letter to your address was by a mistake made in his Office, forwarded through the Post Office, instead of being sent by the Commander of the "Sydney." But for that oversight there would probably have been ample time for all arrangements being made at Calcutta.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No: 492
To Captain G. E. Vebber.
H. M. Steamer "Sydney".

Sir I have the honor to request that on the embarkation of that portion of H. M. 43rd Regiment which will take place tomorrow morning in accordance with the return with which you have already been furnished, you will weigh and taking the "Sesostri" in tow proceed with all despatch to Calcutta.

2. This service effected, you will after completing your coals water and provisions, and under the directions of the Secretary to Govt. of India, Marine Department, take your departure in company with the "Sesostri" for Cocanada, at which place both vessels will have to receive full allotments of the 28th N.I. You will then proceed to Rangoon having the "Sesostri" still in tow, and after landing the 28th receive a similar party of the 52nd to be brought to Madras.

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Madras
Mar. Supt. Office
The 14th May 1862

I have &c
J. J. Franklin
Supt. of Marine

J. L. Dutt

From Madras
From J. J. Franklin

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To Calcutta

To Captain Keblet

Transport Sydney

21st Friday 17-3. Sydney required
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arrival on fourth -

Calcutta }
21st Feb 1862. }

True copies

O.C. Dutt

John Macdonald
Officer to the Govt of India
in the Marine Department

W.P.

No. 495.

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From The Superintendent of Marine
To The Offg. Secretary to the Govt of India
Marine Department.

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that the "Sydney" and "Lexington" will
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Madras
Mar. Supt. Office
The 14th Feb. 1862

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W. J. Franklin
Supt. of Marine

True Copy

John Meade

Offg. Secy. to the Govt of India
in the Marine Department

J. Dutt

Mar. Supt. Office
The 14th Feb. 1862

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From Captain J. H. Readie
Offg Secretary to the Govt of India
in the Marine Department.

To J. D. Sim Esquire
Secretary to Government of Madras

Dated Fort William 4th March 1862

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A telegram subsequently received by Captain Abbott, requested that officer to return with the 'Sesostris' dropping her at Cocanada and proceed himself with the 'Sydney' to Madras.

The Superintendent of Marine, Madras in the letter referred to, requests that provisions may be taken on board at Calcutta for the troops to be embarked at Cocanada.

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Military Department
Govt of India
Quarter Master Genl
of the Army
Commissioner of Dept

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Departments respecting the movement of troops at Cocanada.

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I am directed to draw the attention of the Government of Madras to the delay and inconvenience that may be occasioned to the public service by the absence

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From

The Hon Secy to the Govt of India. Mar: 8th 1862

24th March 1862

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Complains of there having been no information made to that effect of the requirements of the vessels "Sydney" & "Sydney" which arrived at Calcutta on the 20th Feb by last & draws attention to the delay & inconvenience that may be occasioned to the public service by the absence of timely information respecting arrangements.

Referred.

Fort St. George }
17 March 62.

Wm. H. P.

Chief Secretary.

The Suptdt. of Marine.

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Referred to the Superintendent of Marine for explanation.

From

S. I. Franklin Esquire

Superintendent of Marine

To

The Honorable F. Pycroft Esquire

Chief Secretary to Government.

Marine Department

Fort Saint George

Sir

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Wm. H. P.

Superintendent of Marine

No 884.

Madras
Marine Supt's Office
19th March 1862.

W. H. P.

of India, Marine Department, with the view to his issuing the orders for their again leaving that port. Unfortunately this letter, which should have been enclosed in that to the Commander of the "Sydney", to be handed to Captain Reddie, was by a blunder in the Office, sent by ordinary tappal, and did not reach till shortly before the vessels' departure, which was hurried to admit of the "Sydney" being at Madras in time to convey to Negapatam His Excellency the Governor. Had not this been the case, judging from what is accomplished by the Commissariat, there would have been ample time for all arrangements.

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1. ——— given of the services required of the "Sydney" and "Despatch" after landing H. M. S. 43rd Regiment at Calcutta; and of the provisions which were needed, and which it was requested might be put on board at Calcutta.

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I have to express my regret that any inconvenience should have arisen from earlier intimation not having been forwarded; but as regards the employment of these vessels I would explain that I considered them for the time being, under the orders of the Madras Government; so to remain till the trooping of the season had been completed. Nevertheless, as the requirements of the service carried them to Calcutta, I addressed the Officiating Secretary to the Government

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The Secretary to the Govt. of India.
Marine Dept.

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Letter, 19th Mar '62.
No 884.

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address was by a mis-
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Chief Secretary to Govt
Marine Department
Cantonment Sec 30

dated 19th March 1862
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In order to explain the in-
formation to the communi-
cation from the Govt of India
in the Marine Dept. bringing
to notice the want of timely
information having been given
of the services rendered by
the "Hydra" and "Victoria" after
landing shells 432 Regiment
at Colaba and 4th and 5th
Regiments (M. G. Corps)
were sent, and subject to it
was expedited might be
put on board of the "Victoria".
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office, forwarded thro' the Post Office, instead of being sent by the Commander of the "Sydney." But from that

on sight there w

Lord St George,
3d April 1862

3. No inconvenience has however, been sustained either by the delay, or by the "Sydney" & "Sesotris" ⁺ earlier than was at first arranged, as the "Sydney" has taken provisions from Madras for the Native Regt. to be embarked at Cocanada for Rangoon.

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12 Apr

to follow
In the 9th
from the 11th
by the 12th

Visit of M. A. Paul
Sydney & "Sesoot"

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Spent of M. A. Paul

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