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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
for the month of March 1860.*

No. 15. Read the following letter from R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William the 2nd March 1860, No. 452.

Home Department.
Marine.

In continuation of this office endorsement No. 1126, dated the 6th June last, I am directed to forward the accompanying Extract paragraphs 15 and 16 from a Despatch No. 70 of 1859, dated the 11th November, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, relative to the offer made by Messrs. Mackinnon Mackenzie and Co., on behalf of the Bay of Bengal Steam Navigation Company, to convey mails between Calcutta and Madras, on the payment of a subsidy by Government.

I am to take the opportunity of enquiring when the Government of India may expect to be furnished with the information called for, in my letter No. 2322, dated the 21st November 1859.

Extract from Marine Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, No. 70 of 1859, dated the 11th November.

PUBLIC (POST OFFICE) LETTER DATED 23RD OF JUNE (12) 1859.

Reporting that an offer from Messrs. Mackinnon and Co., to convey mails between Calcutta and Madras, on payment of a subsidy from Government by means of the line about to be established by a Company designated "The Bay of Bengal Steam Navigation Company" has been declined.

15. After Consultation with the Governments of Bengal and Madras and the Officiating Director General of the Post Office of India, you considered it inexpedient to make any assignment of the Public Revenues on account of this proposal.

16. In a postal point of view your decision has, doubtless, been properly arrived at, but as it has been probably in some degree connected with the arrangements recently concluded by you for running Government Vessels between Madras and the Eastern Ports, I have to refer you to the 10th and 11th paragraphs of my Despatch in this Department, dated the 7th October last, No. 61, for the expression of my views on the general question of the expediency of entering into contracts with private individuals or Commercial Companies for the performance of such services as can be rendered by them in preference to employing the vessels of Government for such purposes.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 16. To the Secretary to the Government of India, dated Fort Saint George, 19th March 1860, No. 108.

Referring to the 2nd paragraph of Mr. Under Secretary Chapman's letter, 2nd instant, No. 452, I am directed to point out that in my letter, 21st November 1859, No. 587, were reported the Orders passed by this Government on the Despatch referred to in your letter of the same date, No. 2322.

2. In continuation of that letter, I am directed to transmit copy of another, 24th December 1859, No. 5120, received subsequently from the Superintendent of Marine, in which he details his negotiations and enquiries on the subject of engaging by contract for the performance of the packet service between Madras, the Northern ports and Rangoon.

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3. He has recently, it will be seen from his letter of the 8th instant, on failure to effect an arrangement with a party with whom he had been in communication, submitted the draft of an advertisement inviting tenders for the service. This Government have approved the proposed advertisement and have directed its publication in the Fort St. George, Calcutta and Bombay Gazettes. They have, however, extended the period within which tenders are to be receivable from the 31st May to the 31st July next, to admit of offers being invited at home and they have reported all the proceedings on the subject to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, in reference to his Despatch of the 7th October last, No. 27, and have requested that the advertisement may be published in the English Newspapers.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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No. 108-

The Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Sir.

Referring to the 2nd para of Mr. Ender Secretary Chapman's letter, 2nd instant No. 452, I am directed to point out that in my letter, 21st November 1859 No. 587, were reported the orders passed by this Govt. on the Despatch referred to in your letter of the same date, No. 2,322. A duplicate of that letter is herewith forwarded.

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Lieut. Col.

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