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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
from 1st to 10th June 1859.*

No. 7. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 30th May 1859, No. 2117.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 27th Instant, No. 1273, directing me to explain the apparent tardiness in my department in engaging freight for certain Military Stores to be dispatched to Nagpore via Cocanada. The following statement will, I trust, shew that the delay did not rest with me.

2. On the 11th April a letter was received from the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, dated 9th (the 10th was Sunday) requesting me to make arrangements for the "Governor Higginson" taking up any quantity within 300 tons. Communication was immediately opened with the Agents, and I informed the Inspector General on the same day, the 11th, that she could not take any, but that if he would furnish me with a Statement of the amount of tonnage I might engage for, I would send it by a sailing vessel, which would reach nearly as soon as the Steamer. On the 28th of the same month I reminded the Inspector General that no reply had been received. He, in reply, expressed surprise that the Tonnage Statements had not reached me, but authorized me to engage freight for 100 tons. Tenders were immediately invited: the "Panama" was offered on the 2nd Instant: she was surveyed on the 3rd and engaged conditionally on her discharging her sand ballast and laying in some ship's Stores which were required. Unfortunately, however, the vessel in shifting to a berth convenient for the shipment of the Stores, drifted to the Northward, several days were lost, and it was not till the 16th that I could report her ready to receive Stores. Then the surf rose and for a few days the shipments were stopped. A delay of one day also occurred in consequence of the European Crew striking work. They demanded their discharge as the ship had been sold since they signed Articles. This was on the 25th Instant. On the 23rd Instant, however, the original requisition for freight was increased by about 145 tons and as there had been so many unforeseen impediments in the dispatch of the "Panama," the greater portion of the additional Stores are in course of shipment to the Steamer "Viscount Canning," which will leave to-morrow evening and may be expected at Cocanada on the 2nd Proximo.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1859, No. 1331.

This letter fully relieves the Superintendent of Marine from responsibility for the delay in the matter in question. A copy will be communicated to the Inspector General of Ordnance, with reference to the neglect in his Department noticed by Captain Franklin.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,  
*Secretary to Government.*

From  
J. J. Franklin Esq<sup>re</sup>  
Superintendent of Marine

To  
J. D. Bourdillon Esq<sup>re</sup>  
Secretary to Government  
Public Works Depart<sup>mt</sup>  
Fort Saint George.

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Madras  
Marine Supt<sup>g</sup> Office  
30<sup>th</sup> May 1859

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your Most Obedient Servant

*Wm. H. M. M.*  
Superintendent of Marine

1097 17th 1839 Sept  
my 10<sup>th</sup> & my No 1101.  
from

The Superintendent  
of Marine

The Secretary to Govt  
Public Works Dept  
Sept 27 George  
Oct 30 May 1839  
Dec 30

No 2114  
Advantages resulting from  
proceeding of the Mar 50  
- numerous under state the  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
statement showing that  
the delay in engaging  
freight for certain matters  
were to be dispatched  
to Singapore was because  
and not that some was  
deposited.

1831. 1<sup>st</sup> June 1839.  
With no order.

1211 8th 1331.

This letter fully re-  
solves the department about of  
obtaining from responsibility  
for the delay in the matter  
in question. It is my wish to  
communicate to the Director  
General of the Marine, with the  
reference to the matter in his  
Department noticed by his  
Hon. Friend.



Sept 27 George  
10<sup>th</sup> June 1839

Copy to the office of Marine. Dated 2<sup>nd</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> June 1839. Copy to the office of Marine. Dated 2<sup>nd</sup>