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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

22nd January 1866.

No. 64. Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Marine, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 19th January 1866, No. 263.

I have the honor to inform you that, in compliance with the instructions conveyed in Proceedings of Government noted in the margin, inquiries were at once made of the Agent of the P. and O. Company at Madras, and of the Superintendent of the Ice House, as to the best means of securing a sufficient quantity of Wenham lake ice on board the Steamer at Suez, which is to bring on the passengers leaving Southampton on the 4th February next, for an expenditure of 75lbs. during the return voyage to Madras.

2. The Superintendent of the Company at Calcutta, who was communicated with by telegraph on the subject, referred the question to Captain Black, their travelling Superintendent, who arrived at Madras on the 12th in the *Golconda*, the vessel that will bring on from Suez the passengers in question. This gentleman held out no hopes of being able to preserve ice in boxes for so long a voyage, and I have no doubt he is right. Twenty days must be allowed for the voyage there; 4 or 5 days for detention at Suez, during which time it would have to be transhipped; and 20 days for the return. As machine-made ice is used at both Calcutta and Suez by the Company, the only way Captain Black could suggest was to fill the ice room of the *Bengal*, the next down Steamer at Madras, and tranship it to the *Golconda* at Suez, where she may be expected to arrive, four or five days before that Steamer's departure, with the Southampton passengers of the 4th February.

3. Acting on your demi-official note of the 16th instant, these arrangements are being effected. The *Bengal* will only take sufficient machine-made ice at Calcutta to suffice for the voyage to Madras; her ice room will be filled here at the expense of Government, about nine tons being required for this purpose; and Mr. McIvor will write by the out-going Bombay Mail to the Agent at Suez to have the ice transhipped there to the *Golconda*, and kept separate from the machine-made ice.

No. 65. ORDER THEREON, 22nd January 1866, No. 59.

The Governor in Council approves of the arrangements reported in the foregoing letter.

2. Copies of these Proceedings, and of the Proceedings of Government of the 20th ultimo, No. 1285, will be sent to Dr. Day by the out-going Bombay Mail to meet him at Suez.

(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To Assistant Surgeon F. Day, Passenger by P. and O. Steamer to Madras,
care of the Agent to the P. and O. Company, Suez.
To the Superintendent of Marine.

Exd. J. H. Burns

for

E. / ^{Wagon}
Sentry

his Wagon

Let this be signed
and sent down for
signature early tomorrow
and send a copy of this
order and a printed
copy of text of 10th November
by the Sentry mail
addressed to "Agent".

Wagon to be sent
to the depot by T. & O
to be delivered to the
arrived. Care of him to be in the
Wagon.

Madras
Marine Sup^{ts} Office
19th January 1866.

No 263.

From

John J Franklin Esq^r
Superintendent of Marine

To

The Honorable A J Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort Saint George

Sir

No 1285 dated
20th December 1865
Public Department.

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The Superintendent of the Company at Calcutta, who was communicated with by telegraph on the subject, referred the question to Captain Black, their travelling Superintendent, who arrived at Madras on the 12th in the "Golconda", the vessel that will bring on from Suez the passengers in question. This gentleman held out no hopes of being able to preserve ice in boxes for so long a voyage, and I have no doubt he is right. Twenty days must be allowed for

for the voyage there; 4 or 5 days for detention at Suez during which time it would have to be transhipped; and 20 days for the return. As machine-made ice is used at both Calcutta and Suez by the Company, the only way Captain Black could suggest was to fill the ice room of the 'Bengal,' the next down steamer, at Madras and tranship it to the 'Golconda' at Suez, where she may be expected to arrive 4 or 5 days before that steamer's departure with the Southampton passengers of the 14th February.

3 Acting on your demi-official note of the 16th instant, these arrangements are being effected. The 'Bengal' will only take sufficient machine-made ice at Calcutta to suffice for the voyage to Madras: her ice room will be filled here at the expense of Government, about 9 tons being required for this purpose, and Mr. McEwen will write by the out-going Bombay mail to the Agent at Suez to have the ice transhipped there to the 'Golconda' and kept separate from the machine-made ice.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant.

Wm. Brandin

Superintendent of Marine.

