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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

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DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 157	From M.C.
Dated 8-2-1970	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
8th February 1870.*

No. 44. Read the following letter from the Postmaster-General, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 4th February 1870, No. 6903-2769.

I have the honour to submit a copy of a letter from the Postmaster of Madras, proposing that there should be some relaxation of the rule which requires the Peninsular and Oriental Company's Contract Steamers to stay twenty-four hours at Madras, on their way from Calcutta to Galle, and I request that I may be favoured with the opinion of the Government thereon.

2. The present contract provides that the duration of the stoppage shall be fixed by Her Majesty's Postmaster-General; and in the Time Table issued from the London Post Office, (re-printed in the Indian Postal Guide,) twenty-four hours is allowed for the stoppage at Madras, though I have received no instructions that under the present contract a stoppage for this length of time is to be insisted on.

3. I think, with the Postmaster, that twelve hours of day-light would be sufficient.

Copy of a letter from M. PERCY, Esq., Postmaster, Madras, to the Postmaster-General, Madras, No. 46, dated 18th November 1869.

I have the honour to point out that the Commanders of the Peninsular and Oriental Steamers touching here en-route to Galle complain of what they consider unnecessary delay at this port, and I am inclined to concur with them that there is at times much unnecessary detention. When it is considered that only the China Mails as well as the Australian Mails are now carried by them from here, I think twelve hours of day-light is ample time; I should be inclined to allow a steamer anchoring before 10 A.M. to leave at 6 P.M. the same day. Under the former contract when the steamers conveyed the English Mail it was of course necessary to give the public as much time as possible. I have not a copy of the present contract, but one of the Commanders personally informed me there was no stated period limited for this port. Now a vessel anchoring at 6 A.M. has, under the system which at present obtains, to remain till 6 A.M. the next day, she thus loses valuable time all night, and as I believe to little or no purpose.

No. 45. Order in Council, 8th February 1870, No. 157.

Before passing orders on the letter above recorded, the Chamber of Commerce and the Agent to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company at Madras will be requested to favour Government with their opinion as to whether it will not be sufficient to meet the requirements of the public if the Steamers from Calcutta to Galle were detained during twelve hours of day-light.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Chamber of Commerce.

.. Agent to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

Enc. A. Baga.

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POSTMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
MADRAS, 4th February 1880.

No. 6905/
2769

From Lt Col. A C Pears
Postmaster General,

To J. I. Minto Esq.,
Ag. Secy Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit
a copy of a letter from the Postmaster, of
Madras, proposing that there should be
some relaxation of the rule which requires
the Peninsular & Oriental Company's Contract
Steamers to stay 24 hours at Madras on
their way from Calcutta to Galle, and
I request that I may be favored with
the opinion of the Government thereon.

2. The present contract provides
that the duration of the stoppage shall
be fixed by Her Majesty's Postmaster General,
and in the Line Table issued from the
London Post Office (reprinted in the Indian Postal Guide)

24 hours is allowed for the stoppage at Madras, though I have received no instructions, that under the present contract a stoppage for this length of time is to be insisted on.

I think, with the Postmaster, that 12 hours of daylight would be sufficient.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Postmaster General

Copy of a letter from Mr Perez Esq
Postmaster Madras, to Postmaster Genl
Madras No 56 dated 15th Nov 1869.

I have the honor to point
out that the Commanders of the P & O
steamers, touching here en route to S. Africa
complain of what they consider unnecessary
delay at this Port. and I am inclined
to

to concur with them, that there is at
times much unnecessary detention. When
it is considered that only the China Mail
as well as the Australian Mails are now
carried by them from here, I think 12 hours
of daylight is ample time; I should be
inclined to allow steamers anchoring
before 10 AM to leave at 8 PM the same
day. Under the former contract when the
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as much time as possible. I have not a
copy of the contract, but one of the Commanders
personally informed me there was no stated
period limited for this port. Now a vessel
anchoring at 6 AM has, under the system
which at present obtains, to remain till 6
AM the next day, she loses valuable time
all night, and as I believe, to little or no
purpose.

I enclose copy
Yours
Postmaster General

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Public Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Order drawn 8 February 1870.

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The Postmaster General,
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By
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department,
Fort Saint George.
No. 6905/
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Dated 24 February 1870.
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Messrs. Burtin
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The Chamber of Commerce
- Agent to the
Steam Navigation Co.

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Govt. of India } Madras.
 To _____
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 The Secretary of Government.
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 Dated *22nd* }
 1870, No. *57*

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To
the Board of Trustees.
1855

Dated 22nd Dec. } 1870. No. 107
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