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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	1378-A.	**Press Mis.**
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Dated	October 8, 1859.	

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Ordering to Communicate to Mr. J. J. Knox the order that the rates of passage money and freight now Charged for the Govt. Steamers Cannot at present be altered.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 5th to 21st October 1859.

No. 50. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Marine Department; dated 4th October 1859, No. 496.

Stating that the rates of passage money and freight now charged for the Government Steamers cannot at present be altered. (Vide Marine Proceedings from 24th Sept. to 4th October 1859, Nos. 34-35.)

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 8th October 1859, No. 1378 A.

Ordered to be communicated to Mr. T. J. Knox, with reference to Proceedings dated 29th August 1859, No. 1155.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from J. B. CROWTHER, Esq., Assistant Superintendent of Marine; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 19th September 1859, No. 3760.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 440, dated September 8th 1859, and to express my regret at having necessitated a second reference to be made to me on the subject in question.

2. I now beg to state that the Government Packet rates, as compared with those of the P. and O Company for proportionate distances, are much lower than that Company's charges, but in the case of the private Steamer "Governor Higginson," now running between this and Calcutta *vid* the intermediate Northern Ports, the reverse is rather the fact, for, though her rates of passage are about the same, those for freight are somewhat lower, being 20 Rupees per ton, to Masulipatam, Cocanada, and Vizagapatam, while the Government Packet ones, are respectively, 18, 21 and 24 Rupees per ton. On examining the scale of charges published in the Bombay Directory as those of the private Company's Steamers running between that Port and Kurrachee, I find that the Government rates in question will with them bear a favorable comparison for with the first, the charges from Bombay to Kurrachee, a distance of about 550 miles, are in the fine season, fixed at 110 Rupees for a single Cabin passage, and 20 Rupees per ton of 40 cubic feet, increased in the South West monsoon, or half the year round, to 30 Rupees per ton, in the case of freight, while from Madras to Rangoon *vid* the Northern Ports, or about 1120 miles, the latter's charges are for Cabin passage Rupees 150, and 45 Rupees per ton of 50 cubic feet. The intermediate Government rates may not contrast so favorably, but I beg to submit that viewed as a whole the Packet scale of charges may be reckoned as very fair and reasonable, especially when consideration is given to the very heavy expenses attendant on such modes of communication.

ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1859, No. 496.

The Government are not at present prepared to alter the rates of passage money and freight now charged for the Government Steamers.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Assistant Superintendent of Marine.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

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29^th August 1859 N^o 1155.

Fort St George
8^th Oct^r 59

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