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— The papers furnished the Government of India, for information ...	9th Aug.	16	268
— Mr. Dalrymple's explanation of the Committee's Report ...	19th Aug.	17-19	268
— The Committee informed that it was with much regret Government had to express their disapproval of certain passages in their Report ...	31st Aug.	44-45	281
— Mr. D. F. Carmichael considered as on special duty as President of the —, and authorized to receive the deputation allowance of a Member of the Board of Revenue while so employed ...	4th June.	5	Mis.
— Rupees 15 sanctioned as remuneration to the two Clerks of the Royapet Police Court employed in the preparation of the voluminous proceedings connected with the late Inquiry...	10th July.	16-17	Mis.
— Lieutenant Morland. The Accountant-General authorised to disburse to Lieutenant Morland, who has been appointed a Member of the —, his travelling expenses from Bombay, and personal allowance of Rupees 15 <i>per diem</i> , while absent from that Presidency ..	6th June.	19-20	112
— Lieutenant Morland. The Bombay Government informed that notice to return to that Presidency, his mission here having been accomplished, was this day given Lieutenant Morland ...	29th June.	23	114

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MADRAS.—(Continued.)			
CYCLONE OF MAY 1872.—(vide also WRECKS.)—Continued.			
<i>Cyclone Code Committee.</i> —To obtain, as early as practicable, warnings of approaching Cyclones, in order to advise the shipping accordingly, proposed by the — that telegraphic information should be transmitted to the Presidency authorities from the various meteorological out-stations and the out-ports on the coasts, including Pondicherry as well as the Island of Ceylon; and that priority over others should be accorded these dangerous weather messages whether prepaid or not. The Director-General of Telegraphs asked his opinion on these proposals, and the Committee's suggestion to exempt the Astronomer and his subordinates from service on the Jury, referred for the decision of the High Court, with the favourable recommendation of Government	13th Sept.	18-19	293
Letter from the Director-General of Telegraphs stating that under Rule XV. dangerous weather messages are allowed priority of despatch, and that the only authorised exceptions of service messages to the rule prescribing prepayment are those detailed in the note attached to Rule XXXVI., communicated to the Master Attendant to name the officers in whose behalf a reference might be made to the Government of India to relax Rule XXXVI.	24th Nov.	19-20	351
The names of officers furnished. But the Master Attendant observing that all port officers are provided with a small sum as a contingent fund, and that therefore the despatch of a message, without payment, would be the exception, a relaxation of the rule in favour of them considered unnecessary. To guard, however, against inconvenience occurring at any time from want of funds, suggested that a sum of Rupees 5 might be added to the contingent fund of each Master Attendant and Conservator	17th Dec.	21-22	369
A copy each of G. O., 13th September 1872, Nos. 18 and 19, furnished the Governor of the French Settlements in India and the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, with a request that they may carry out the suggestion respecting the prompt exchange, by telegraph, between their respective territories and Madras, of all such meteorological observations as relate to unusual atmospheric disturbances.	25th Nov.	{ 21 22	351 352
The Code prepared by the Committee specially appointed for the purpose, approved. Orders to be issued for connecting the Observatory with the Marine Office by electric telegraph, and for permanently establishing the existing temporary connexion between the Observatory and Telegraph Office	8th Oct.	6-8	309
The Superintendent of Government Telegraphs, Madras Division, directed to carry out his suggestion, which is approved by Mr. Pogson, for connecting, by electric telegraph, the Observatory with the Marine Office.	16th Dec.	24-26	377

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MADRAS.—(<i>Continued.</i>)			
CYCLONE OF MAY 1872.—(<i>vide also</i> WRECKS.)— <i>Continued.</i>			
<i>Life-saving apparatus.</i> —Despatch from the Secretary of State acknowledging receipt of Proceedings relating to the Cyclone, and intimating that, on receipt of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry, he will determine what — will be requisite. The Master Attendant requested to submit, for guidance of his Grace, full details of the Madras coast, surf, and boats	29th Aug.	38-39	295
— Particulars relative to the peculiarities of the Madras coast, surf, and boats transmitted to the Secretary of State	13th Sept.	16-17	292
<i>Port Rules.</i> — <i>Vide</i> Bills and Acts—Act II. of 1872.			
<i>Squall.</i> —Letter from the Master Attendant reporting the visitation of a — on Friday the 22nd November last, and steps taken by him in regard to the shipping, approved...	11th Dec.	14-15	366
MANGALORE.			
<i>Master Attendant.</i> —The opinion of the Collector of South Canara that the appointment of a — at this port and an increase in the port dues should not take place until the Harbour has been improved, concurred in	7th Mar.	8-10	35
— The Master Attendant, Madras, directed to apply to the Collector of South Canara, to whom the original were returned, for copies of the letters of the Mangalore Merchants disapproving of the proposed appointment of a — at this port	26th Mar.	47-48	Mis.
<i>Pipes.</i> } The unexpended balances of the amount allotted <i>Crane.</i> } last official year for laying down pipes for <i>Boat-pier.</i> } conveying water from a well near the bunder to the quay, for purchase of a three-ton Crane, and for constructing a timber Boat-pier, sanctioned for expenditure during the current official year	22nd Aug.	34-35	274
<i>Protective Works.</i> —Proceedings, Public Works Department, directing the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to carry out the Chief Engineer's views in the construction of — to this Harbour	29th Apr.	32-33	Mis.
— Proceedings, Public Works Department, directing that immediate action be stayed in the matter of the Mangalore Harbour until next monsoon, and requesting the Superintending Engineer to enter in his budget for 1873-74 the sum necessary for closing the Goorpoor River mouth ...	7th Oct.	89-90	Mis.
MASULIPATAM.			
<i>Office.</i> —The travellers' bungalow at this port handed over to the Master Attendant for use as his office	18th Oct.	8-9	Mis.

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PAUMBEN.			
<i>Daviot, Mr., Master Attendant.</i> —The testimony borne by the Superintendent of Telegraphs to the valuable services rendered by — to his Department in lifting and testing the sub-marine cable between Thanikodi Point and Tal Manaar, noticed with satisfaction by Government	4th Dec.	3-4	859
<i>Master Attendant's quarters</i> charged with a house-rent of Rupees 8, and the expenditure incurred by the Master Attendant in its improvement, refunded. This officer authorized to debit Government with the rent of the detached store-house engaged for the public service	16th Oct.	14-16	328
<i>Warps.</i> —The Accountant-General authorised to arrange for payment, through the Ceylon Government, to Messrs. Clarke, Spence and Co. of Galle, of Rupees 846 and 25 Cents for the yearly supply of — for use of vessels passing through the Paumben Channel	21st Oct.	19-20	331
PENTACOTTAH.			
<i>Boat Rules.</i> —The Master Attendant, Madras, instructed to pursue a certain course in view to the introduction into this port and at Pudimadaka of the — of 1867 and the new rates of boat-hire prescribed for Vizagapatam and Bimlipatam	14th Oct.	9-11	321
— The Boat Rules of 1867 and the new rates of boat-hire declared applicable to this port	19th Dec.	23-24	370
<i>Control of the Port.</i> —The Master Attendant of Vizagapatam authorized to draw travelling allowance at 8 Annas a mile whenever visiting this port on duty	26th Aug.	36-37	274
<i>Flag-staff.</i> —Sanction accorded for the erection of a —, and for a Code of Signals being made up at the Arsenal for use at this port	2nd Aug.	4-5	264
POONDY.			
<i>Flag-staff.</i> —Repairs sanctioned	31st Aug. Oct.	42-43 25	281 Mis.
PUDIMADAKA.			
<i>Boat Rules.</i> —The Master Attendant, Madras, instructed to pursue a certain course in view to the introduction into this Port of the — of 1867 and of the new rates of Boat-hire prescribed for Vizagapatam and Bimlipatam	14th Oct.	9-11	321
— The sanction of the Government of India requested for the adoption of the modified Boat Rules	19th Dec.	23-25	370
PORTO NOVO.			
<i>Limits of Port.</i> —The erection of two Boundary pillars to define the — sanctioned	14th May.	11-12	69

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Porto Novo.—(Continued.)			
Passengers.—Authority granted under Section 5 of Act XXV. of 1859 for shipping passengers in a greater number than one to every four tons of the burden of a vessel ...	17th Feb.	15-16	
Port Acts extended to this port, and the proposed Rules adopted ...	20th Feb.	21-22	21
TRANQUEBAR.			
Stone groynes.—An estimate, amounting to Rupees 15,000, for protecting the Fort by means of additional —, sanctioned. The work to be executed as "emergent" out of the Public Works Department Budget, and not at the expense of Port Funds ...	21st Mar.	22-23	4.
TUTICORIN.			
Removing Rocks.—The estimate for — sanctioned ...	26th Feb.	29-30	29
"Tuticorin Port Fund."—The Master Attendant, Madras, informed that there is no separate —; but that the dues levied at the port together with the dues of other ports constitute one general fund, which is designated the "Port Fund." ...	26th Feb.	29-30	29
VIZAGAPATAM.			
Boat-hire.—The proposed revised rates of — sanctioned ...	14th Oct.	9-11	321
Corpses.—Information furnished of several corpses having been washed ashore at Vizagapatam and the adjacent coast on the 30th and 31st September last. The Collector requested to report in respect of the bodies washed ashore at Oopada; how they were identified as Europeans; and what was done with them.	20th Nov. 22nd Nov.	15-16 17-18	349 350
Improvements.—The scheme proposed for — to the port being too expensive, sanction withheld ...	5th Feb.	5-6	9
(GENERAL.)			
"Port Fund."—The Master Attendant, Madras, informed that there is no separate "Tuticorin Port Fund," but that the dues levied at that port, together with those of other ports, constitute one general fund, which is designated the "Port Fund." ...	26th Feb.	29-30	29
Port Surgeons.—The Master Attendant and Conservators directed to inform Commanders of Vessels that Bills of Health for presentation to the authorities of ports to which they are proceeding must be obtained from the regularly appointed — on payment of the necessary fee, and that on failure to do so the fact will be reported to the Colonial or Foreign Government, as the case may be ...	17th Apr.	24-25	59

PORTS.—(Continued.)

(GENERAL).—(Continued.)

Port Surgeons appointed for the several Ports in the Presidency and permitted to draw the usual departmental mileage when compelled to travel. Observed that it will not be necessary for the Police to furnish them with special sanitation statistics as they reside at head quarters of a district, or division of a district, where the information is procurable ...

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— *Vide Bills and Acts.*—Act I. of 1870. (Quarantine.)

Robertson's Report on the Indian Harbours.—A copy forwarded by the Public Works Department ...

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— Orders passed in the Public Works Department on — ...

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SEAMEN.

Agreement for Seamen engaging in foreign-going Ships.—Proceedings of the Government of India relating to a form of — communicated to this Government ...

30th July.

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Deceased Seamen.—Despatch, with enclosures, from the Secretary of State, requesting that in all cases a special advice of the amount realised by the sale of the effects of — may be furnished him, forwarded by the Government of India for guidance ...

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— Intimated by the Master Attendant that he has transferred the references made to him, anent the effects of deceased seamen, to the Collector of Sea Customs, who takes charge of such effects ...

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— Letter from the Master Attendant, Madras, together with two packets containing the property of two —, forwarded to the Secretary of State for delivery of the property to their nearest relatives ...

20th Mar.

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— The authorities concerned directed to conform to the views expressed in the Despatch and its enclosures of the Secretary of State regarding the calculation of rate of exchange on the receipts, payments, and remittances on account of deceased or distressed seamen ...

26th Apr.

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— *Laphorn, Robert.*—Letter from the Acting Collector of Sea Customs with the packet accompanying it containing the property of the late —, transmitted to the Secretary of State for delivery to his nearest relatives ...

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Distressed Seamen.—Expenses incurred in the relief of — during the fourth quarter of 1871, sanctioned ...

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— Expenses incurred in the relief of — during the first quarter of 1872, sanctioned ...

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— Expenses incurred in the relief of — during the second quarter of 1872, sanctioned ...

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	1872.		
SEAMEN.—(Continued.)			
<i>Distressed Seamen.</i> —The Secretary of State informed that this Government have no further remarks to make on the proposal of the Board of Trade, agreeing to bear the expenses incurred in India of — serving on British Ships whether registered in India or not, provided the Indian Government bear the expenses, wherever incurred, of the Indian subjects.	18th May.	6-8	69
Letter from the Bengal Government requesting that none of the seamen thrown out of employ by the recent Cyclone may be shipped to Calcutta to seek employment, there being already a large number unemployed at the Port, communicated to the Master Attendant and Collector of Sea Customs	27th May.	32-33	101
The thanks of Government conveyed to the Commanders of S. S. <i>Abyssinia</i> , Barque <i>Jaffna</i> , and <i>Prince Rupert</i> for their humane conduct in rescuing the crews of several disabled vessels; and the expenses incurred by them in provisioning the rescued, re-imbursed	4th June.	5-6	107
A further sum disbursed to the French authorities at Pondicherry on account of the expenses incurred for the relief of the 30 shipwrecked native sailors landed there by a Captain of a French vessel	4th June.	7-8	108
The expenses incurred by the Captain of a French vessel in rescuing the crew of the disabled Brig <i>Hydrouss</i> , disbursed the French Government	4th June.	12-14	110
The expenses incurred in relieving and forwarding to their respective homes the — (Natives) who were left destitute at Madras, owing to the late Cyclone, sanctioned.	25th July.	17-18	200
The cost incurred for providing passages hence to Calcutta for the eighteen shipwrecked lascars whose vessel was wrecked near Nursapore, sanctioned	6th Aug.	10-11	266
Despatch from the Secretary of State enclosing a letter with four query papers from the Board of Trade, containing observations arising from their examination of the accounts of the sums paid by them into the India Office on account of —, communicated to the Master Attendant for submission of the necessary explanations	7th Aug.	12-13	267
The explanations of the Superintendent of Mercantile Marine to these queries, despatched... ..	2nd Sept.	3-4	285
The query paper received with the letter from the Board of Trade containing observations on the account of subsistence of — at Madras for the 1st quarter of 1872, forwarded to the Master Attendant, Madras, to furnish the explanation required	20th Dec.	30-31	376
<i>Shipwrecked Sailors' Relief Fund.</i> —A donation of Rupees 3,500 presented by the Maharajah of Vizianagrum towards the —	5th June. 19th June.	6-7 17-18	} Mis.

STEAMERS AND OTHER VESSELS.

Isabel Croom.—Government informed by the Master Attendant that, on his receipt of a telegram from Cuddalore reporting that the British Ship --- was seen dismasted, he suggested to the local Agents that the Mail Steamers proceeding southward should be directed to look out for her. His further suggestion that probably a Steamer might be found at Pondicherry willing to go in search of her, communicated to the Collector of South Arcot ...

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1872.		
11th May.	3-5	65

Native Brig stranded off Nizampaiam.—Advance applied for to get the ---, refused ...

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Ships of War.—The Master Attendant's report of the arrival and departure of the American Sloop of War *Saco* and Her Majesty's Ship *Daphne*, forwarded to the Government of India ...

5th Mar.	18-19	Mis.
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— The Master Attendant's report of the arrival of Her Majesty's Steamer *Adventure* from Hongkong with a portion of 13th Regiment, M. N. I., forwarded to the Government of India ...

1st June.	3-4	Mis.
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— The arrival of Her Majesty's Steam Ship *Columbine* intimated to the Government of India ...

13th Sept.	17-18	Mis.
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BRITISH INDIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Contract.—G. O., 14th December 1871, Nos. 14 and 15, furnished the Collectors of Maritime Districts, with a request to furnish the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, with Returns of "Port-to-Port Trade" for the years 1868, 1869, and 1870, or for the years 1869, 1870, and 1871. A requisition also made to the Bombay Government for Returns of Trade between Bombay and Beypore for the same years ...

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— With reference to their telegram the Government of India furnished with a copy of the Accountant-General's letter recorded in the above Proceedings, and also of his letter, No. 274, dated 30th July 1872, explaining the delay; and informed that, on receipt of the joint report called for in December 1871, it will be submitted.

3rd Aug.	8-9	266
10th Sept.	11-12	Mis.
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— Intimated by the Bombay Government that they are unable to furnish the Returns of Trade called for; but suggested that the information might, perhaps, be obtained from the Customs' Manager at Calicut, to which Beypore is a subordinate port ...

21st Oct.	21-22	331
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— The joint report, together with the statements received with it, regarding the subsidies granted this Company for the several lines of Steam Navigation, furnished the Government of India, with letter of this Government commenting thereon, and suggesting the advisability of continuing the present arrangement with the Company ...

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<i>P + O</i> BRITISH-INDIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.—(Continued.)			
<i>Contract.</i> —Passages.—Despatch from the Secretary of State intimating that an arrangement has been entered into with this Company whereby Civil and Miscellaneous passages to and from India (first and second classes), will, in future, be provided in the Company's Steamers at the Government Contract rates, and that payments will be made in India for passengers proceeding thither, and at the India Office for passengers arriving from India. The Accountant-General authorised to arrange for the payment of such passages from England on receipt of the authority prescribed by the Secretary of State, and to grant a similar authority for passages from India to England	19th Dec.	26-27	374
STORES.			
<i>Bills</i> on account of passage and freight of Government Stores sanctioned	28th Feb.	31-33	30
<i>Diving equipments.</i> —The indent for — for use of the Diver at Madras submitted on the 14th November last, sanctioned by the Secretary of State	13th Mar.	11-12	92
<i>Landing stores.</i> —Letter from the Master Attendant, Madras, deprecating the introduction here of the Bengal system of landing and examining stores, and upholding the present practice, forwarded to the Government of India with the request that matters may be permitted to remain undisturbed... ..	16th Jan.	3-4	2
—The above recommendation sanctioned by the Government of India	10th July.	7-8	116
<i>Marine Stores for 1872-73.</i> —Intimated by the Government of India that indents for Marine Stores for 1872-73, submitted on the 29th September last, have been sanctioned by the Secretary of State	2nd Mar.	1-2	33
<i>Marine Stores for 1873-74.</i> —The estimate and indent of the — required from England, transmitted.	20th Aug. 5th Oct.	24-26 3-5	270 308
—Letter from the Government of India reporting that the estimate for — has been forwarded to the Home Government for compliance, together with a Memorandum from their Accountant-General pointing out certain irregularities in the estimate, forwarded to the Master Attendant with the remark that the estimates and indents for Imperial and Provincial Services should be prepared separately	5th Dec.	8-9	361
<i>Marine Stores.</i> —Letter from the Vice-Chairman, Port Improvement Commission, Calcutta, stating that a number of surplus — are on hand, communicated to the Master Attendant in view to his indenting on the Commission should he require any of the —	5th Apr.	4-5	Mis.

	Date of Proceed- ings.	Nos.	Pages.
	1872.		
STORES.—(Continued.)			
<i>Payment of Stores supplied Ships of War.</i> —Ruled by the Government of India that in future not receipts but Navy bills should be asked for in — placed at the disposal of the Government of India, by the Agreement with the Admiralty, for employment in the Indian Seas, excepting in regard to the three employed exclusively in the Persian Gulf and adjacent waters	13th Sept.	14-15	291
WRECKS.			
<i>Harkaru.</i> —Captain Lys, a Magistrate of the Town Police, and the Deputy Master Attendant appointed to investigate and report on the circumstances under which the British Ship — stranded at Alumparva, 55 miles south of Madras.	10th Dec.	12-13A	364
<i>Wreck Returns.</i> —The printed Abstracts of the — &c., expected from the Secretary of State, to be forwarded to the Marine Office for use and distribution	20th Dec.	28-29	875
<i>Deposits of Specimens — See Miscellaneous</i>			
CYCLONE OF 2ND MAY 1872.—(vide also PORTS, MADRAS.)			
<i>Court of Inquiry.</i> —Captain T. Weldon, a Magistrate of Police for the Town of Madras, and Lieutenant H. Morland of the Indian Navy, directed to hold a — in respect of the several vessels which were wrecked at Madras on the occasion of the Cyclone of the 2nd May last.	31st May. 5th June.	36-37 15-16	102 111
— The Master Attendant, Madras, authorized to award compensation to Commanders and Officers of wrecked vessels detained to give evidence at the Court	12th June.	23-24	118
— The above sanction confirmed by the Supreme Government	1st Nov.	1-2	337
— Proceedings of the Court transmitted to the Secretary of State for delivery to the Board of Trade, with a petition from Captain Charles of the <i>Armenian</i> appealing against the Court's decision; and with the intimation that the other Captains have notified their intention to appeal direct to the Board	30th July.	30-34	211
<i>Expenditure</i> incurred by the Commissioner of Police for ropes, &c., sanctioned	19th Aug.	20-21	Mis.
<i>Native Vessels.</i> —The loss of several — reported by the Master Attendant, Madras, and the Collector of South Canara	4th June.	9-11	108
<i>Papers</i> furnished the Supreme Government	9th Aug.	16	268
<i>Punch.</i> —The brig — and her crew supposed to be lost during the Cyclone	16th Oct.	12-13	327
<i>Streemootoo Comarasatchmi.</i> —Orders issued for the — being blown up as the best means of abating the nuisance arising from the decomposed rice in the hold	3rd Jan.	1-4	105
— The expenditure for blowing up sanctioned.	25th July. 26th Nov.	15-16 28-29	200 345

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1872.			
WRECKS.—(Continued.)			
CYCLONE OF 2ND MAY 1872.—(vide also PORTS, MADRAS.)— (Continued.)			
Wrecks affecting the Shipping.—The Master Attendant requested to report as to the effect of the present position of the wrecks on the safety of the shipping in the Madras Roads	5th Nov.	7-8	342
— Reported that, with the exception of the <i>Hotspur</i> , which has been much shattered by the last sub-marine explosion and is likely to break up entirely during the monsoon, there is no other wreck which would be in the way of a ship coming on shore	26th Nov.	26-27	354

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Despatches from the Secretary of State for India during 1872, received in the Marine Department.

Nos. and dates of Despatches received.		Nos. and dates of Despatches replied to therein.		Subject.	Nos. and dates of Government Proceedings thereon.	
	1872.		1872.			1872.
1	31st July.	19	29th May.	<i>Cyclone of 2nd May last.</i> —Receipt of the Proceedings relating to the disastrous results of the — on the Madras coast and in the neighbouring districts, more especially Vellore, acknowledged. Intimated that on receipt of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry appointed by Government, and of information relative to the Madras coast, surf and boats, he will express an opinion on the sufficiency of the arrangements made for meeting the emergency of the occasion, and determine on what life-saving apparatus will be requisite	38-39	29th Aug.
2	16th Oct.	23	29th July.	— Remarks offered on the Committee's Report and the papers received with it	6-7	1873. 10th Jan.
4	28th Nov.	29 32	31st Aug. 27th Sept.	— Receipt of the further Proceedings on the Committee's Report, and the Memorandum of the Master Attendant relative to the peculiarities of the Madras coast, &c., acknowledged. Observed that, through an error of judgment, Mr. Dalrymple incurred the censure of the Committee, and testimony borne to the energy and activity with which he has performed his duties during a long and honourable career	8-9	10th Jan.

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	1872.		1872.			1872.
7	30th Apr.	11	23rd Mar.	<i>Masulipatam Light-house.</i> —Intima- ted that the indent for red chimneys has been sanctioned; but that as they cost eight times those of white flint glass only a limited supply will be despatched for trial, and report whether the less costly will not suit for future use	38-39	31st May.
8	9th May.	...		<i>Ship Canal between India and Ceylon.</i> —Copies of a Report by Commander Taylor of the late Indian Navy on the question of a Ship Canal from the Gulf of Manaar to Palk Strait, for- warded	21-22	10th June.
14	31st July.	4	16th Feb.	<i>Lights at the extreme south of the Indian Peninsula.</i> —The opinions of several authorities on the question forwarded... ..	40-41	29th Aug.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Despatches to the Secretary of State for India during 1872.

Nos. and dates of Despatches.		Nos. and dates of papers reported therein.		Subject.
	1872.		1871.	
1	6th Jan.	10-13	12th Dec.	<i>Basses Light dues.</i> —Explained that from an oversight on the part of the officer entrusted with the duty, the collection of the — at Negapatam, for the third quarter of 1870, was made at 1d. instead of at 1½d. per ton.
2	13th Jan.	25-26 (Mis.)	18th Dec.	<i>Deceased Seaman.</i> —A letter from the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, together with the packet received with it, containing the property of a —, Charles York, transmitted for delivery to the Board of Trade.
3	31st Jan.	19-20 (Mis.)	24th Jan. 1872.	— Papers relating to the sum of Rupees 87-14-7 realized on behalf of a —, Charles York, transmitted, with the request that the equivalent of the amount may be paid over to Her Majesty's Paymaster-General, London.
4	16th Feb.	13-18 7-9	13th Sept. 5th Feb. 1872.	<i>Lights at the extreme south of the Indian Peninsula.</i> —Proceedings on the question of — transmitted, with the request that the opinions of gentlemen in England who are competent to pronounce authoritatively on the subject, may be obtained.
5	17th Feb.	1-4	2nd Sept.	<i>Marine Surveys.</i> —Proceedings containing the views of Government on the requirements of the Presidency as regards the execution and revision of —, transmitted.
6	17th Feb.	13-14	1872. 10th Feb.	<i>Captain T. Orfew of the ship "Yarra."</i> —Proceedings containing the explanation of — for his having in May 1870 sailed from the Port of Calicut without obtaining either a Port Clearance or Manifest transmitted, with the opinion of Government that the Captain has failed to justify his conduct.
7	8th Mar.			<i>Sub-Marine Diver, R. Baker of the Engineers.</i> —His death reported, and requested that the payments hitherto made on his account to Mrs. M. Reilly may be discontinued.
8	8th Mar.	14-16 (Mis.)	5th Mar.	<i>Little Basses Rock Light Vessel, Ceylon.</i> —Account-current of light dues collected at the several ports of the Presidency on account of the —, for the fourth quarter of 1871, transmitted.

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9	8th Mar.	27-28	26th Feb.	<i>Distressed Seamen.</i> —Account of the expenses incurred at Madras in the relief of —, during the fourth quarter of 1871, transmitted.
10	8th Mar.	12-13 Mis.	5th Mar.	<i>Deceased Seamen.</i> —A letter from the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, together with the packet received with it containing the property of a — Henry Todd, transmitted for delivery to the Board of Trade.
11	23rd Mar.	13-14	14th Mar.	<i>Masulipatam Light-house.</i> —Proceedings embodying a letter from the Master Attendant, Madras, noticing that the Director-General of Stores intends supplying for the light at the — chimneys of white flint glass instead of red chimneys as indented for, transmitted with the request that the supply may be furnished according to the Indent.
12	26th Mar.	20-21	20th Mar.	<i>Deceased Seamen.</i> —A letter from the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, together with two packets, one containing the property of Thomas Andreason and the other of Alexander Scott, both, —, transmitted for delivery to the Board of Trade.
13	26th Mar.	49-50 Mis.	26th Mar.	— A letter from the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, together with a packet containing the property of a —, J. Pattison, transmitted for delivery to the Board of Trade.
14	6th Apr.	6-7 Mis.	5th Apr.	— Papers relating to the sum of Rupees 41-9-11 realised on behalf of the — Todd, Andreason, and Scott, transmitted with the request that the equivalent of the amount may be paid over to Her Majesty's Paymaster-General, London.
15	6th Apr.			<i>Gopaulpore Light-house.</i> —A statement, together with a tracing, prepared in the prescribed form, regarding the new light at the — in the Ganjam District, transmitted.
16	26th Apr.	19-20 Mis.	16th Apr.	<i>Deceased Seaman.</i> —Papers relating to the sum of Rupees 45-15-7 realised on behalf of a — T. Pattison, transmitted with the request that the equivalent of the amount may be paid over to Her Majesty's Paymaster-General, London.
17	14th May.	4-8	13 May 1872	<i>Distressed Seamen.</i> —Intimated that this Government have no further observations to offer on the subject of the relief of — serving on board British Vessels whether registered in India or not.
18	28th May.	20-21	21st May.	— Account of the expenses incurred at Madras in the relief of — during the first quarter of 1872, transmitted.
19	29th May.	22-29 34-35	21st May. 28th May.	<i>Cyclone of May last.</i> —Several papers relative to the disastrous results of the — on the Madras coast, and the neighbouring districts, more especially Vellore, transmitted.
	Telegram from Sub-Collector, Vellore. Letter from the Acting Collector North Arcot Several Govt. Procs. in the Reve. Department.		2nd May. 20th May.	

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20	12th July.	20A-20B (Mis.)	19th June.	<i>Little Basses Rock Light Vessel, Ceylon.</i> —Account-current of the light dues collected at the several ports of the Presidency on account of the — during the first quarter of 1872, transmitted.
21	12th July.	8-9 (Mis.) 25-26	2nd July.	<i>Deceased Seaman</i> —Papers relating to the sum of Rupees 115-5-9 realised on behalf of a —, John Green, transmitted, with the request that the equivalent of the amount may be paid over to Her Majesty's Paymaster-General, London.
22	20th July.	3-4	9th July.	— A letter from the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, together with the packet received with it, containing the property of a — Robert Laphorn, transmitted for delivery to the Board of Trade.
23	29th July.	22-29 11-14	21st May. 22nd July.	<i>Cyclone of May last.</i> —Proceedings of the inquiry instituted on the action of the Government Officials at Madras on the occurrence of, and during the —, transmitted.
24	5th Aug.	36-37 30-34	31st May. 30th July.	— The Proceedings of the Court of Inquiry held in Madras in respect of the several vessel which were wrecked on the Madras coast during the —, transmitted for delivery to the Board of Trade.
25	5th Aug.	24-25 (Mis.)	23rd July.	<i>Deceased Seamen.</i> —Papers relating to the sum of Rupees 171-0-6 realised on behalf of O'Rourke and Laphorn, —, transmitted with the request that the equivalent of the amount may be paid over to Her Majesty's Paymaster-General, London.
26	19th Aug.	17-19	19th Aug.	<i>Cyclone of May last.</i> —Letters from the Master Attendant at Madras with reference to the Report of the Cyclone Inquiry Committee, forwarded.
27	23rd Aug.	18-19 (Mis.)	14th Aug.	<i>Basses Light dues.</i> —Letter from the Accountant-General requesting that the printed forms therein specified may be obtained from the Board of Trade and sent to this Presidency, for use on account of Light dues for the Little and Great Basses Rock Light Vessels, Ceylon, transmitted for compliance with the requisition.
28	30th Aug.	27-28	21st Aug.	<i>Deceased Seaman.</i> —Papers relating to the sum of Rupees 51-15-3 realised in behalf of a — William Baker transmitted, with the request that the equivalent of the amount may be paid over to Her Majesty's Paymaster-General, London.
29	31st Aug.	44-45	31st Aug.	<i>Cyclone of May last.</i> —A further letter from the Committee appointed to enquire into the circumstances attending the Cyclone, forwarded.

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30	13th Sept.	3-4	2nd Sept.	<i>Distressed Seamen</i> .—Papers containing the explanations offered by the Superintendent of Mercantile Marine, Madras, on the queries put by the Board of Trade from their examination of the accounts of the sums paid into the India Office on account of —, transmitted for delivery to the Board of Trade; with letter from Master Attendant, Madras, stating that the Superintendent has not hitherto been in direct communication with the Board.
31	13th Sept.	5-6	2nd Sept.	— Accounts of the expenses incurred at Madras in the relief of — during the second quarter of 1872, transmitted.
32	27th Sept.	16-17	13th Sept.	<i>Madras coast</i> .—A Memorandum respecting the peculiarities of the — and surf, and the boats in use, transmitted.
33	27th Sept.	10-11	11th Sept.	<i>Little Basses Rock Light Vessel, Ceylon</i> .—Account-current of Light dues collected at the several ports of the Presidency on account of the —, for the second quarter of 1872, transmitted.
34	11th Oct.	22-24	17th Sept.	<i>Saunders' Patent Cable spring Buffers</i> .—Proceedings embodying letter from the Master Attendant, Madras, with enclosures condemnatory of —, and containing the opinion of Government that in face of the Captains' opinions they cannot insist on the compulsory provision of — as a condition in Government Shipping Contracts, transmitted.
35	18th Oct.	22-23 (Mis.)	19th Sept.	<i>Deceased Seamen</i> .—Papers relating to the sum of Rupees 30-9-0 realised on behalf of a — Mr. J. Hobday, transmitted with the request that the equivalent of the amount may be paid over to Her Majesty's Paymaster-General, London.
36	1st Nov.	10-11 Mis.	21st Oct.	— Papers relating to the sum of Rupees 229-5-5 realised on behalf of — Morris, Bodle, Thompson, Rabbits, and Merish, transmitted with the request that the equivalent of the amount may be paid over to Her Majesty's Paymaster-General, London.
37	20th Dec.	11-13	17th Dec.	— A letter from the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, together with the packet received with it, containing the property of a —, Culliford, transmitted for delivery to the Board of Trade.
38	31st Dec.	17-18 Mis.	20th Dec.	<i>Little Basses Rock Light Vessel, Ceylon</i> .—Account-current of light dues collected at the several ports of the Presidency on account of the —, during the third quarter of 1872, transmitted.

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