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9	7th Mar.	32—34	7th Mar.	<i>Deceased Seaman.</i> —A letter and packet containing the property of — J. Fletcher, forwarded.
10	12th Mar.	46—48	10th Mar.	<i>Query Paper</i> received by Master Attendant, Madras, direct from Board of Trade, together with the explanation already furnished, forwarded.
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12	12th Mar.	52—54	12th Mar.	<i>Screw Dredger "Albuquerque."</i> —Plans of the — asked for.
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19	18th July.	19—21	18th July.	— (two duplicates) received from Superintendent, Mercantile Marine, Cochin, forwarded.
20	23rd July.	26—28	23rd July.	<i>Barque Phaeton.</i> —Report of Court of Inquiry into the circumstances attending the wreck of the — near Mahé forwarded.
21	31st July.	..	4th Aug.	<i>Accounts Current</i> (two duplicates) received from Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, and Superintendent of Mercantile Marine, Cochin, forwarded.
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23	8th Aug.	4—6	8th Aug.	<i>Barque "Phaeton."</i> —Representation of late Master, Mr. Brown, in reference to his suspension, forwarded.
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25	24th Aug.	..	..	<i>Accounts Current.</i> — (Four duplicates) received from certain officers, forwarded.
26	17th Sept.	9—11	17th Sept.	<i>Basses Rock Light Vessel.</i> —Account current of light dues collected in second quarter of 1877, forwarded.
27	29th Oct.	56—58	29th Oct.	<i>Deceased Seaman.</i> —Letter and packet containing property of — M. Nossowich, forwarded.
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29	6th Nov.	28—30	6th Nov.	<i>Barque "Phaeton."</i> —Stating that there is no ground for disturbing the Court's decision respecting the wreck of the —.
30	18th Nov.	50—53	18th Nov.	<i>"Her Majesty."</i> —Intimating that there was no delay in landing the stores by the ship — to justify the claim to demurrage put in by the owners.

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34	19th Dec.	46	19th Dec.	Screw Dredger "Albuquerque."—Plans of the — again called for.

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