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2	17th Jan.	40-42	17th Jan.	*Basses Rock Light Dues.*—Forwarding account-current with vouchers for the 3rd quarter of 1877.
3	22nd Jan.	..	..	*Board of Trade.*—Duplicate accounts-current received from the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, the Deputy Master Attendant, Madras, and the Superintendent of Mercantile Marine, Cocanada, forwarded.
4	23rd Jan.	47-50	23rd Jan.	*Seamen.*—Report from Master Attendant, Madras, that no trace can be found in his records of any seaman named John Williams, a native of Madras, having been shipped on board the *Lydia*, forwarded.
5	24th Jan.	51-53	24th Jan.	*Deceased Seamen.*—Forwarding copy of letter from the Master Attendant, Madras, with four packets containing the property of certain —.
6	25th Jan.	59-61	25th Jan.	"*Albuquerque.*"—Further report of the non-receipt of the plans of the —, forwarded with the request that they may be sent direct to the Master Attendant, Madras.
7	28th Jan.	69-71	28th Jan.	*Wrecks.*—Copy of the deposition taken from the Second Officer of the Ship *Glenricht* forwarded, and attention drawn to the services rendered by the Masters of the ships *Cheviot* and *British Sceptre*.
8	2nd Feb.	..	..	*Board of Trade.*—Duplicate accounts-current received from the Deputy Master Attendant, Madras, forwarded.
9	4th Feb.	8-10	4th Feb.	"*Tenasserim*," *Steamer.*—Intimating that the amount of messing money to be recovered from Major Porteous is Rs. 40 and not 78-12-0.
10	5th Feb.	11-14	5th Feb.	*Query Papers* received from Board of Trade relating to the balance of wages due to the estate of the late T. Richardson, retransmitted with the necessary explanation.

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12	27th Feb.	49-54	27th Feb.	*Quarantine Rules.*—Forwarding copy of Proceedings regarding the proposed revision of the — in force in the Madras Presidency, and asking for copies of the rules in force in England, in Italy, and in Egypt.
13	22nd Mar.	1-3	2nd Mar.	*Wrecks.*—The report of the Special Court appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the wreck of the Ship *Sarah Watson*, forwarded.
14	2nd Mar.	4-7	2nd Mar.	*Query Paper* containing observations upon the account-current of the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, dated 16th August 1877, retransmitted with the Collector's explanation.
15	7th Mar.	14-16	7th Mar.	*Basses Rock Light Dues.*—Account-current with vouchers for 4th quarter of 1877, forwarded.
16	12th Mar.	..	..	*Board of Trade.*—Duplicate accounts-current, dated 11th and 17th January 1878, received from the Deputy Master Attendant, Madras and, Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, forwarded.
17	23rd Mar.	43-45	23rd Mar.	———— Duplicate accounts-current received from the Superintendent of Mercantile Marine, Cochin, with explanation of delay, forwarded.
18	28th Mar.	60-62	18th Mar.	*Basses Rock Light Dues.*—Forwarding counterfoil of the receipt issued for dues collected per Barque *Aleith Rahiman.*
19	9th Apr.	..	..	*Board of Trade.*—Duplicate accounts-current received from the Deputy Master Attendant and the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras; the Superintendent of Mercantile Marine, Cochin; and the Master Attendant Tuticorin, forwarded.
20	24th Apr.	29-31	24th Apr.	*Stores.*—Forwarding papers relating to the refusal of the Agent, Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, to refund Rs. 22-6-8, being portion of the freight paid in India on account of the — shipped per *S.S. Indus.*
21	13th May.	..	..	*Board of Trade.*—Duplicate account-current received from the Deputy Master Attendant, Madras, forwarded.
22	14th May.	19-21	14th May.	*Query Paper* received with Despatch, No. 3, Financial, dated 17th January 1878, retransmitted with a letter from Master Attendant, Madras, affording certain information on the subject.
23	14th May.	26-28	14th May.	*Deceased Seamen.*—Five packets containing the property of —, forwarded.

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24	14th May.	29-32	14th May.	*Basses Light Dues.*—Intimating that the Despatch respecting the — levied on the Ship *Jeanie Louttit* has been transferred to the Government of Bengal for disposal, Balasore, the port at which they were collected, being in that Presidency.
25	29th May.	..	..	*Board of Trade.*—Duplicate accounts-current received from the Deputy Master Attendant and Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, forwarded.
26	10th June.	7-9	10th June.	*Query Papers.*—Certain — retransmitted with the required information, furnished.
27	11th June.	13-16	11th June.	*Albuquerque.*—Report from Master Attendant, Madras, specifying the quantity of coal and stores taken over by his department with the Seam Dredger, forwarded.
28	12th June.	17-20	12th June.	*Seamen.*—Intimating that no trace can be found of John Williams of the Ship *Lydia.*
29	17th June.	31-33	17th June.	*Basses Light Dues.*—Duplicate account-current with vouchers for 1st quarter of 1878, forwarded.
30	20th June.	39-41	20th June.	*Query Paper* received with despatch, dated 18th April 1878, No. 26 (Financial), retransmitted with the needed explanation.
31	29th June.	..	..	*Board of Trade.*—Duplicate accounts-current received from Deputy Master Attendant and Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, forwarded.
32	9th July.	19-21 42-44	22nd June. 9th July.	*Wreck.*—Report of the Special Court appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the wreck of the Barque *Joshua*, forwarded.
33	24th July.	47-49	24th July.	*Board of Trade.*—Copy of a letter from the Accountant-General with enclosures, forwarded for delivery to the —.
34	10th Aug.	..	..	——— Duplicate accounts-current received from Superintendent of Mercantile Marine, Cochin, and Deputy Master Attendant, Madras, forwarded.
35	24th Aug.	32-34	24th Aug.	*Stores.*—The invoices relating to the — per Ship *British India*, called for.
36	30th Aug.	64-66	30th Aug.	*Deceased Seaman.*—A packet containing the property of a —, forwarded.
37	3rd Sept.	3-5	3rd Sept.	*Basses Light Dues.*—Account-current with vouchers, for 2nd quarter of 1878, forwarded.
38	14th Sept.	27-29	14th Sept.	*Board of Trade.*—Duplicate accounts-current received from the Shipping Masters at Tellicherry and Calicut and the Superintendent of Mercantile Marine, Cochin, forwarded with explanation of delay.

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39	16th Sept.	32c-34A	16th Sept.	*Deceased Seamen.*—Reporting that the money and coins belonging to the effects of the late J. Burrows were safely put up in the packet by a trustworthy subordinate of the Sea Customs office.
40	21st Sept.	..	..	*Query Paper* relative to the accounts of the Deputy Master Attendant, Madras, for November 1876, returned with the required explanation.
41	23rd Sept.	62-64	23rd Sep.	*Tidal Observations.*—Indent for two complete sets of instruments for — at the ports of Vizagapatam, Madras, Paumben and Beypore, forwarded.
42	23rd Sept.	..	..	*Board of Trade.*—Duplicate accounts-current received from the Master Attendant and Shipping Master at Calicut and the Deputy Master Attendant and Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, forwarded.
43	12th Oct.	..	..	——— Duplicate accounts-current received from the Superintendent of Mercantile Marine, Cochin and Deputy Master Attendant, Madras, forwarded.
44	29th Oct.	..	..	——— Depute Accounts Current received from the Deputy Master Attendant, Madras, and Superintendent of Mercantile Marine, Cochin, forwarded.
45	28th Nov.	..	..	——— Duplicate accounts-current received from Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, and Superintendent of Mercantile Marine, Cochin, forwarded.
46	2nd Dec.	43-46 1-3	28th Aug. 2nd Dec.	*Seamen.*—Reporting with reference to the arrangements in force for rendering the accounts of distressed and deceased —, and on the expediency of altering them as desired by the Board of Trade.
47	6th Dec.	7-8 10-12	16th Nov. 6th Dec.	*Wrecks.*—Report of the Special Court appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the wreck of the Barque *Olive Branch*, forwarded.
48	23rd Dec.	..	..	*Board of Trade.*—Duplicate accounts-current received from the Collector of Sea Customs and Deputy Master Attendant, Madras, forwarded.
49	31st Dec.	37-38	27th Nov.	*Deceased Seamen.*—Reporting on the misappropriation of certain moneys belonging to — by a clerk in the office of Collector of Sea Customs, Madras; and intimating that instructions have been issued to remit the amount (Rs. 205-12-8) due on account of Harry Fountain.
50	31st Dec.	,,	,,	——— Forwarding Proceedings, dated 26th November 1878, with reference to the missing money belonging to the estate of the late J. Burrows.
51	31st Dec.	110-112	31st Dec.	*Collision.*—Report of the Special Court appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the — of the British Indian Steam Navigation Company's Steamer *Madura* with the Brig *Emerald*, forwarded.