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submitted. Recorded	23rd ,,	14, 15
superintending operations Improvement of the Paumben channel and rendering it navigable by large vessels.—Secretary to the Marine Board and the Master Attendant submit their views on the proposed —,	ard "	-, ,
communicated to the Court	30th ,,	7 - 9
India Pilotage.—The levy of — on draft of water instead of description of vessel, recommended by the Marine Board. Information called for as to the probable result of the measure,	6th June	4, 5
as well as its effects on the common coasting dhonies Do.—Marine Board report that they will submit the information relative to the draught of vessels passing through— in view to the framing of a scale for—. The port dues levied	6th "	23 23
at —, abolished. The Marine Board to submit a notification for publication in the Official Gazette. The measure to be reported to the Government of India Expenditure account for April 1854, submitted. Recorded Part dues — Notification abolishing — at —, submitted for	4th July 4th "	5, 6 9, 10
publication in the Gazette, with recommendation that it be also inserted in Tamil. The Board to consider and report whether any valid objections exist to ships loading and unloading at — being excluded from the notification	18th "	>> >>

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ments in the way of obtaining a re-hearing of the case.

Brought to the notice of the Government of India

Act enabling the Supreme Court to exercise admiralty
jurisdiction in civil matters. See "Acts"

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POLICE, MARINE. Regulations.—The Judges of Her Majesty's Supreme Court submit presentment of the Grand Jury relative to the increase of the — and for modifying and improving the —. Chamber of Commerce urge the necessity for a well arranged and efficient—to be under the Chief Magistrate and Superintendent of Police. Forwarded to the Superintendent of Police and to the Marine Board with instructions	22nd Aug.	5 - 8
PORT DUES. Refund of — paid in excess by the dhoney Stree Vencata- kistnooloo, authorized Paumben.—Abolishment of — at —. See "Paumben Channel".	21st April 4th July	2, 3 5, 6
PORTS AND HARBOURS. Cochin Harbour.—Correspondence on the subject of improving the entrance, submitted. Minute thereon by the President. Does not think the proposed measure practicable. Project abandoned Cuddalore Harbour.—Minutes of Consultation, Revenue De-	7th Feb.	2 - 4
partment, relative to the improvements to—. Papers on the subject forwarded to the Government of India, and sanction solicited to the required outlay Do.—Government of India call for more detailed information respecting the proposed improvements. The Board of Revenue to furnish it. A committee of certain gentlemen	24th April	5, 6
formed for reporting on the plans and on the project Cochin — The Collector of Malabar authorized to have two coir	13th June	13, 14
hawsers made for use at — Cocanada.—Indent for thirty water casks for supplying Gov-	27th "	15, 16
ernment vessels at —, submitted. Sanctioned	11th July	1, 2
renewing the rigging of the - and of his to for purchasing	1st Aug.	3, 4
complied with Coringa and Cocanada. Improvement of the Harbours of —. Board of Revenue Public Works Department request inform-		11, 12
the budget on an hanttad separatory.		9, 10
included in the budget Act for the conservancy of — See "Acts" Cuddatore and Porto Novo.—Chief Engineer's report on the projects for improving the harbours of —, submitted by the		7, 8
mend that the construction of the pier may be authorized. The Government of India again applied to for sanction for the proposed pier. The Board of Revenue's suggestion that Major Lawford be allowed to use this discretion in determining the manner in which the requisite operations should mining the manner in which the requisite operations should		
allowance while employed on this duty Cochin.—Sanction to a trial being made to the confining by means of cocoanut posts driven into the sand on both sides means of cocoanut posts driven into the sand on both sides	31st Oct.	. 1 - 3
sanctioning the expenditure to be incurred	28th Nov.	16, 17
Board of Revenue Public Works Department, to the Marine Board and to the offices of Account and Audit	12th Dec.	9, 10

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REEFS AND SHOALS. Byrangore Reef.—Marine Board to report as to the accuracy of its position in the charts Do.—Master Attendant's notice regarding its position fur-	21st April	11 -	13
nished. Published. Two hundred copies struck off and distributed	28th ,,	5-	8
furnish certain information relative to their position, communicated to the Marine Board and the Collector of Canara.	27th June	1,	2
REGISTRY OF MERCHANT SEAMEN. Act No. 27 for the registry of merchant seamen.—Annulment of — recommended by the Chamber of Commerce. The Marine Board to report on the working of the Act	23rd May	3 -	5
EULES, OUTPORT BOAT. Extension of the — of April 1847 to the ports of Mootoopettah and three others, recommended. Authorized and notified Cargo boats.—Correspondence regarding the introduction in the Ganjam district of the — for the control of —.	27th June	9,	10
Recommendation of the Collector that they should be introduced into the ports of Calingapatam, Ganjam and Munscorcottah, not authorized	14th Nov.	19,	20
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ALVAGE. Statement of receipts and disbursements on account of — and catamaran establishment for 1853, submitted. Recorded Steamers' hire.—The deduction of— from the amount of sal-	28th Feb.	3,	4
by the Supreme Government. The opinion of the Marine Board on the proposition required	24th Oct.	1,	2
for deducting the — from the amount of salvage, submitted and forwarded to the Government of India	14th Nov.	17,	18
EAMEN, DISTRESSED. Bills for the subsistence, &c., of two — of the late Catherine Mitchell, sanctioned Subsistence of the seamen of the Catherine Mitchell. Vouchers	6th Jan.	4,	5
submitted. Forwarded to the Court	27th "	7,	8
Bill for the subsistence, &c., of five — of the late Banker's	16th May	4,	5
Vouchers for sums paid on account of — of the Banker's Daughter, forwarded for recovery of the amount through the Honourable Court, forwarded to that authority Subsistence.—Bill on account of — for five — of the late barque	25th July	5,	6
Lord Elphinstone on board the brig Annie, sanctioned by the Government of India. Communicated to the Accountant-General and Civil Anditor	8th Aug.	4,	5
quarter ending 30th September 1854, communicated to the Honourable Court	21st Nov.	3,	4
SEAMEN OF HER MAJESTY'S NAVY. General Hospital.—Medical Board report that none were admitted into the — during 1853, communicated to the Court	14th Feb.	1,	2

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STEAM DREDGE, PAUMBEN. Steam dredge requiring repair.—The Hugh Lindsay to tow the dredge to Coringa from Paumben, provided it can be performed without danger to the one or injury to the other. State of the steam dredge.—Coringa Master Attendant's report relative to the present unfit —, submitted with an indent. Execution of the necessary repairs authorized and the indent for copper ordered to be complied with. Marine Board to be	1854. 27th Jan.	11 - 13
for copper ordered to be complete that furnished with a list of the repairs required and an estimate furnished with a list of the repairs required and an estimate of the cost. A copy of the Master Attendant's letter forwarded to the Superintendent of Paumben works for his report Do.—Superintendent of Paumben works submits observations on the Coringa Master Attendant's report on the —, trans-	28th April	1, 2
ferred to the Chief Engineer for submission through the prescribed channel	23rd May	6, 7
rendered by the Superintendent of Paumben works relative to the — is satisfactory, communicated to the Marine Board. Repairs to steam dredge.—Estimate for —, submitted. Before sanctioning it, desire to be informed whether the repairs can	30th "	1, 2:
be properly effected at Coringa, with instructions respecting the indenting for articles required Indent.—Chief Engineer submits — with original specifications and plan for articles required for —, forwarded to	13th June	5, 6
for repairs to —, sanctioned	18th July	13, 14
amount paid to — for bringing up the —, reported. Recorded	22nd Aug.	15, 16
STORES. Civil, &c., stores per "Malabar."—Documents connected with the shipment of —, transmitted to the Marine Board with	7th April	3
certain instructions Do.—Further documents connected with the shipment of —, transmitted to the Marine Board Civil, &c., stores per "Royal Albert", "Ann" and "North	21st ,,	1
star."—Documents connected with instructions transmitted to the Marine Board with instructions	6th June	1
Marine Board connected with the shipment of	20th ,,	1
— per Affghan and Nile, forwarded to the Marine Board Do.—Documents connected with the despatch of — per North Star and Fleetwood and Frances, forwarded to the Marine		5
Board Do. per "North Star."—Documents connected with the shipment of —, transmitted to the Marine Board with	20th - 33	4
instructions Telegraph and Marine stores per "Eliza Charles" and "Earl of	1200 Bept.	9
Hardwicke. — Documents connected with instructions —, transmitted to the Marine Board with instructions Marine stores.—Bill of lading of — shipped per Earl of Hardwicke, forwarded to the Marine Board	5th Dec.	8
SULTAN OF THE MALDIVES. Present.—The Collector of Malabar instructed to forward to the — some suitable — for his kindness and attention to certain distressed seamen ——Government to have com-	7th April	9
Do.—Inability of the Bombay Government to notice by the munication with the Maldives, brought to notice by the Collector of Malabar. Desired him to wait till the communication is open. The nature of the present suggested.		5, 6

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ULTAN OF THE MALDIVES—cont. Rincob.—The transmission of a — of the value of Rs. 250 to the —, reported; and sanction solicited to the charge. Sanctioned	1854. 28th Nov.	14, 1	5
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Cocanada.—Register of — in the river at — for the half-year	14th Mar.	1,	2
ending 30th June 1854, furnished. Forwarded to the India House	8th Aug.	6,	7
ONNAGE DUES. Statement of — levied during half-year ending 31st January 1854, furnished. Recorded Do. levied during the half-year ending 31st July 1854,	28th Feb.		2
furnished. Recorded	15th Aug.		7
mended. Sanctioned	21st Nov.	13,	14
Marine Board submit a proposal to send their Secretary to England on duty to superintend the fittings of the steamers proposed for Madras. The report reviewed. The Honourable Court again to be urged to comply with the requisition of Government for two steamers for effecting the —. The proposal to send Mr. Franklin on duty to England, not acquiesced in, but will, on the Court's determining to build the vessels, urge their adoption of the proposals Honourable Company's Steamer "Berenice."—Arrival of — with troops and treasure, reported. Commissioner reports that she will be available for the — so soon as she has coaled and watered. The treasure conveyed to the general treasury. Military Department to issue the necessary instructions for the embarkation of a company of Golundauz for Singapore. The same, communicated to the Commis-	4th July	7,	8
sioner of Singapore Steamer for the transport of troops.—Marine Board enquire whether a — is to be transferred from the Bombay to the Madras Presidency in the early part of 1855. Letter from the Government of India on the subject, forwarded to the Marine Board	29th Aug.	1,	2
"Auckland."—Marine Board enquire when they may expect the transfer of the — to the Madras Presidency. The Bom- bay Government applied to for information on the subject. Do.—Government of Bombay intimate that until the Indian	14th Nov.	6,	,
Navy has been entirely relieved of the mail service between Bombay and Suez, the — cannot be spared, communicated to the Marine Board	5th Dec.	11,	15
Do.—The information of the Government of Bombay relative to the —, communicated to the Government of India "Berenice."—Grounding of — off the mouth of the Irrawaddy river, reported. Disadvantages connected with the fact of no	12th ,,		1
steamers being available at Madras for the — pointed out. Brought to the notice of the Court	19th "	8,	

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WAR BATTA. Claim for war batta.—Order of the Government of India determining that none shall be admitted for services for which donation batta is granted, notified	24th Feb.	10, 11
the claim to war batta. Before applying to the Government of India for the information required by the Civil Auditor wish to ascertain whether a table of the corresponding ranks in the Army and Navy cannot be had in Madras Claim to war batta preferred by Lieutenant H. Frazer, Commanding the late Steamer Medusa. Bombay Government request information as to the practice obtaining in Madras in cases of similar claims being preferred by officers of Her Majest's Navy. The Civil Auditor to furnish the required	12th Sept.	5, 6
information	24th Oct.	6, 7
Madras in cases of — and to the claim of Lieutenant Frazer, communicated to that authority	28th Nov.	1, 2
Referred to a Navy List forwarded with instructions regarding the Burmah donations	28th "	7, 8
WRECKS AND ACCIDENTS. Ship "Alfred."—Assistance rendered by certain individuals on the occasion of the grounding of the — off Calingapatam, brought to notice. Thanks of Government to be tendered to them Barques "Banker's Daughter" and "Hossanah,"—Representations from the respective Commanders of the late-respecting the treatment received at the hands of the Sultan of the Maldive Islands, submitted. The attention, &c., shown to the officers, &c., of the latter vessel noticed. The Collector of Malabar to tender the thanks of Government to the Sultan and to forward to him some suitable present. The Government are inclined to think the Commander of the former	27th Jan.	3, 4
wessel expected more at the Sultan's hands than his means admitted Barque "Hamoody."—Measures taken for saving the cargo of the — recently wrecked on the Byrangore Reefs, reported, and sanction solicited to the expenses incurred. Sanctioned, the amount being recovered from the Commander or owner. A communication made to the Bombay Government	7th April	7 - 9
Barque "Wuseer" wrecked on the Cheriomian Reef.—Final	28th	
cargo, submitted. Brought to the Court's notice "Euterpe."—Loss of the—on the coast of Canara near Byndoor, reported with certain suggestions. The suggestions of the	2011 ,,	3, 4
Magistrate of Canara, concurred in. The papers and depositions submitted, forwarded for the Advocate-General's opinion. The attention of the Supreme Government soliopinion. The attention to the Madras Presidency of certain		
provisions of the Mercantile Marine Act Barque "Banker's Daughter."—Expenses incurred on account of the seamen of —. See "Seamen, Distressed"	25th July 25th "	" " 5, 6
of the seamen of —.	"	5, 6

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WRECKS AND ACCIDENTS—cont.	1854.	
"Euterpe."—Advocate-General's opinion on the instituting a charge of mutiny against the crew of —, forwarded to the Marine Board with instructions. The documents forwarded		
to the Government of India and their attention drawn to the subject above referred to "Barque Hamoody."—Further correspondence regarding the wreck of the —. The Marine Board to report whether it	25th July	7 - 9
would be feasible to erect a light-house on some of the Laccadive Islands	1st Aug.	5, 6
mitted. Correspondence connected with the loss of the —, forwarded to the Bombay Government for communication to the Agents "Lady Nuyent."—Search for the missing — unsuccessful. Fur-	1st ,,	15, 16
ther suggestions regarding that vessel. Necessity for keeping up the communication by means of steamers urged. Result of the expedition in search of — per Nemesis and Sesostris. The Government of India applied to, to have the Preparis and Cocos Islands searched for the missing —. The results of the search after the — by the steamers Sesostris and		1 - 5
Nemesis, communicated to the Marine Board "Euterpe."—Register of property saved from the — submitted	5th Sept.	1 - 5
with a request that it may be forwarded to the Bombay Government for insertion in their Official Gazette. Requested accordingly	5th "	16, 17
Marine Board to despatch the Hugh Lindsay in search of—. Results of the search made for—by the Sesostris, Nemesis and Zenobia, communicated by the Government of India with an intimation that the latter would again proceed to Preparis. The employment of the Hugh Lindsay in the search after the—, authorized. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief applied to for a detachment of Europeans		
to accompany the Hugh Lindsay, the same communicated to the Government of India	3rd Oct.	7 - 11
the Marine Boa d with a request to be informed if they still wish the Hugh Lindsay to be sent after the —	17th "	3, 4
Do.—Reply of the Board in the affirmative. The arrangements proposed, not disturbed	17th "	5, *6
attempt to examine minutely the wreck reported to be on —, reported by the Government of India, recorded	31st "	7, 8
"Lady Nugent."—Marine Board report with reference to the despatch of the Hugh Lindsay after the missing — that they have forwarded certain presents with a view to conciliating		
natives of the Andaman Islands and solicits sanction to the amount incurred in purchasing these, sanctioned Do.—The Hugh Lindsay compelled to put back into Coringa harbour by stress of weather when proceeding in search of	14th Nov.	15, 16 25, 26
Do.—Government of India approve of the despatch of the Hugh Lindsay in search of — and consent to the Pluto's being as-	14th ,,	20, 20
sociated with her. The abandonment of the expedition for the present, reported by the Marine Board. Communicated to the Government of India	21st "	7 - 9

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WRECKS AND ACCIDENTS—cont. Dhonies.—The wrecks of two — stranded in the Porto Novo river, reported. Permission for their removal, solicited. Suggestion for representation to the Legislative Council of the inconvenience experienced from a want of sufficient authority to remove obstructions of such a nature. Remarked that the Harbour Conservancy Act has not yet become law, but that the subject is now engaging the attention of the Legislative Council. Observed that the principle of Act XXI of 1841 empowers a Magistrate to act in removing unlawful obstructions from thoroughfares and public places	1854. 5th Dec.	1, 2
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