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J. I. Franklin Esq^r
Secretary & Marine Board.

To
T. Dyce Esq^r
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir, dated 23^d April 1857 N^o 1582.

Board's letter 9th April
1857 N^o 450.

1 Since addressing Government
on the subject of the failure of the
"Commander's" engines which were partly
attributed by Captain Campbell to
his having towed the "Statesman" of
874 tons, the Steam transport "Oriental" has
returned from Bombay having towed
the "Tasmania" of 1207 tons there
and back, and for a short time had
a second vessel the "Eastern Monarch"
of 1600 tons in tow also.

2 The Board have made
inquiries as to the speed obtained by the
"Oriental" as well with one, as with
both vessels in tow. With the
"Tasmania" in fine weather and smooth
water she averaged 5 to 5½ knots. With
the two under similar circumstances her speed
was 3½ or perhaps 4. Against a moderately
stiff

stiff breeze and head sea she might have progressed 3 knots with one vessel, but could have done nothing with both. The "Oriental" is 1800 tons gross register, and of 420 horse power, worked generally at a pressure of 9 lb, which gives her an average speed when unencumbered of 9 knots.

3 The "Coromandel" made the passage from Masulipatam to Rangoon with the "Stateman" in tow in 6 days. The performance was therefore fully equal to that of the "Oriental", and the fault lay in the machinery not in the vessel.

4 The Government are aware that on a late occasion when the Government of India wished that Troops might be dispatched with all expedition, suggested that the Steamer "Coromandel" should take a sailing vessel in tow, and looking at the nature of the transport service, and the great importance of effecting reliefs within that limited portion of the year most suitable for the movements of the troops, the Marine Board attach the greatest importance to having steamers fit in all respects for towing, and therefore recommend that

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that the defects in the machinery of the "Coromandel" now stated to have arisen from the towing of a sailing vessel of 874 tons, be specially pointed out to the designer of the vessel Mr. Morgan, and to Messrs. Napier and Co. of Glasgow the Engineers who supplied the machinery.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant,

Madras
Marine Board Office
23rd April 1857.
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