

From Mr. Martin Altemus, 1-
to the Secretary - Marine Board
dated 16 May 1857

Sir Having had the misfortune
to lose a Boiler from the
Ship Astoria from the large
Catalamaran when in port
and half a fathom about
midway between Pt. G. Steamer
and the Beach at 4 PM yesterday.
I enclose herewith the Honor
to solicit the immediate
assistance of the Commanders
of the Columbia in our
themselves endeavours to
recover the Boiler.

The Boiler weighs about
four and half tons, and
has the same chain Slings
on by which it was hoisted

out of the British,
to that Hope, with the
aid of a Diver, a Lawson
and a premier purchase
may without much difficulty
be sent on, and if the
Lewin can, under steam
and with a good scope
of Cable, be warped to
a suitable position, I am,
of opinion that with
assistance the Boiler may
be recovered.

The whole of the Catamaran
men and Boatmen together
with every man belonging
to my Establishment have
been at work in the
most anxious operation for

2-
the recovery of the Boiler
and dismantling the Raff
ever since 5 A.M. which
was upset when the
Boiler fetched way, and
is with Blocks and much
lacking bottom up -
I regret exceedingly the
occurrence of so untoward
an event, and every possible
protection shall be made
to prevent so serious a loss
as would be occasioned
to the public Service if
our arduous endeavours
should unfortunately fail;
The Boiler is in length - about
18 feet, and in diameter
about 6 feet

Lawson

Have the honor to be

Sir, your most obedt servant

Chas. Bidder
Master Attendant

Master Attendants Office
May 16th 1857

Mr. J. J. Franklin Esq.
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From

J. J. Franklin Esq.
Secretary Marine Board

To

E. Malby Esq.
Acting Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir, dated 16 May 1857

1. I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to forward the accompanying original letter from the Master Attendant, reporting the loss of a boiler weighing about 4 1/2 tons while being brought from the "Ostrich" towards the shore, and requesting that aid from the H.C. Steamer "Zenobia" might be obtained for its recovery.

2. The boiler is now in 4 1/2 fathoms water, and as the weather is fine and the sea smooth, the Board anticipate no danger to the "Zenobia" should she warp close to it. The means and appliances of the Master Attendant are hardly adequate for the recovery of so heavy an article. The Board would therefore solicit that instructions should be issued to the Commander of the "Zenobia" to render all assistance

in his power for the recovery of the
boiler in communication with the
Master Attendant; and as the risk
of loss increases with every hour's
delay, that the orders on the subject
should be immediate.-

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Madras
Municipal Board Office }
15th May 1837. } Your most Obedient
S^t Servant
Secy to the

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Extract Mins of Comd:

Dated 16 May 1857.

Read the following letter
from the Marine Board

(See entry 16 May/57. N^o 1861.

From the letter above
recorded the fact -
learned that a boiler
had slipped from
the large catamaran
then being conveyed
on shore from the
ship's deck, and
that it was lying in
four and a half
fathoms water,
mid way between
the shipping & the
shore - The Master

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any effort in vain
recover the boiler, &
he and requests that
the Commander of the
Steamer Georgia may
be ordered to render
his assistance, &
the Marine Troop and all
of them that, as the
weather is now fine, she
may, with safety, take
up a position sufficiently
near to the place where
the boiler lies, and
but with her aid it
may be recovered.

Neither the Marine
Attendunt nor the
Marine Troop say to
run the boiler below,
but even supposing
that it is not the
purpose of Gov. it
is advisable for the
public advantage
that to raise a mass
of metal stuck in
position between the
cannon & the
shore.
The Marine therefore
resolve to attempt

the crew members of
the Rebecca to afford
a cat: Bidder every
accident in his
power, imparable
with the safety of his
ship -

The New York Ad
vise he is now at
tributed to go. The
revel of the sea.

Season. That will
and be made to be -
with the last

boiler. *Handwritten signature*

Handwritten signature

Copy to the Comd^g of the
Steamer *Handwritten* Disch^d 16

To the Marine Board - Disch^d 16
J. E. 1857 18 May 1857 *Handwritten*

N^o 205

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 16th May 1857.

Read the following letter
from the Marine Board.

Here Enter 16th May 1857. N^o 1861

Handwritten N^o 205, dated 16 May 1857

Handwritten initials

From the letter
above recorded the Government
learn that a boiler has
slipped from the large Ca-
tamaran when being conveyed
on shore from the ship
"Ostrich," and that it now
lies in four and a half
fathoms water midway
between the shipping and
the shore. The Master
attendant

Attendant has made every effort in vain to recover the boiler, and he now requests that the Commander of the Steamer "Zenobia" may be ordered to render him assistance, and the Marine Board are of opinion that, as the weather is now fair, she may, with safety, take up a position sufficiently near to the place where the boiler lies, and that with her aid it may be removed. Neither the Master Attendant nor the Marine Board say to whom the boiler belongs, but even supposing that it

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it is not the property of Government, it is obviously for the public advantage that so large a mass of metal should not remain between the anchorage and the shore.

2. The Government therefore resolve to request the Commander of the "Zenobia" to afford to Captain Riden every assistance in his power compatible with the safety of his ship.

3. The Marine Board will be so good as to report to Government the result of the endeavour that will now be

be made to recover the
lost boiler -

J. M. Maltby

Capt. to the Comd. of the Steamer
Tender - Disch. 16

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