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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 2nd June 1857.

No. 3. Read the following letter from Sir JAMES C. MELVILL, K. C. B., Secretary at the East India House; to Chief Secretary to the Government at Fort Saint George, dated 18th April 1857.

SIR,

I am commanded by the Court of Directors of the East India Company to transmit to you Bills of Lading of Coal dispatched on the undermentioned Ships for delivery at Madras by Mr. James Burness, on the Company's Account, *viz.*

Per "Sarah Kay," sailed 12th March, 517 tons of Merthyr Steam Coal.

Per "Birchgrove," sailed 2nd April, 705 Tons of Brymbo' Steam Coal, and I am directed to state that upon its being represented by the Contractor, that tonnage could hardly be procured at those Ports, from whence the Hartley* and Glasgow **The sorts of Coal named in Contract.* Hard Splint Coals, are generally shipped, the Court acceded to the application of Mr. Burness for permission to substitute Cargoes of Welsh Coal, of certain descriptions, in place of the particular sorts of English and Scottish Coals, which are named in his Contract of the 30th December 1856, it being understood that payment for the Coals per "Sarah Kay," and "Birchgrove" is to be made at the price and on the conditions expressed in that Deed.

(Signed) JAMES C. MELVILL,

No. 3.A.

ORDER THEREON, No. 219; dated 18th April 1857.

Ordered that a Copy of this letter and the Bills of Lading received with it, be forwarded to the Marine Board.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Marine Department

No. 219

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date 30th May 1857.

Read letter from the
Sergt at the East India House

(Dated 18th April 1857)

Transmit Rules of Loading of
Coal despatched to ships
by Messrs. Bruner per ships
"Black Bay" & "Richmond", & state
that on the representation of the
Contractor, Mr. W. C. Court, was
accorded to the application for per-
mission to substitute cargoes
of Welsh coal for the particular
sorts of English & Scotch Coals
named in his Contract.

Ordered that a copy
of this letter and the Rules
of Loading received with
it be forwarded to the
Marine Board.

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