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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Dated *30.5.* 18*57*

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

No. 4. Read the following letter from Captain CHRISTOPHER BIDEN, Master Attendant; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 29th May 1857,

SIR,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that at 1-30 A. M. I received the following Telegraph Message from the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, dated "Bombay Thursday, 28th May, 5 evening."

"Please prepare Four hundred Tons of Coal in bags to be sent off to the Honorable Company's Steam Frigate 'Assaye' on her heaving in sight, and the same quantity to the Honorable Company's Steam Frigate 'Punjaub,'

I dispatched the message forthwith to the Secretary to the Marine Board and at the same time sent orders to fill all the Coal in Store. The Agent to the Steam Company has declared his readiness to supply the Coal and the Commissary General is preparing a large supply of Gunny bags, so that no time will be lost in the preparation and no time shall be lost in shipping off Coal to the first of H. C. Steam Frigates referred to.

I have not replied to the Message, but if you are of opinion I should do so, will you please to authorize the Manager at the Electric Telegraph Office to telegraph my answer.

(Signed) CHRISTOPHER BIDEN,

Master Attendant.

No. 5.

ORDER THEREON, No. 220; dated 30th May 1857.

Government approve the active measures taken by Captain Biden, to have Coal in readiness for the Steam Frigates "Assaye" and "Punjaub" on their voyage from Bombay to Calcutta. Any communication which Captain Biden wishes to hold with the Bombay Authorities on this subject can be made by Telegraph through the Chief Secretary's Office.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,

Acting Chief Secretary.

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- At - Govt approve the active measures taken
by Capt. Biden to have coal in readiness
for the Steam Frigates "Sparg" & "Punjab"
on their voyage from Bombay to Calcutta.
- Cl
- M.C. - Any communication which Capt. Biden
wishes to hold with the Bombay
authorities on this subject can
be made by Telegraph through the
Chief Secretary's Office -

For Secy
31 May/57.

W.C.

Copy to Master Mendant } Dispt. 30th
Madras }

Understand: 22nd Feb
1859 / 28 / 17

June

The North Atlantic

24th May 1859
2/25

May 21st

What that he received
a letter from the
from the Captain of the ship
sailing by New York Thursday
28th May / 1859
reaching for the 1859
"Cape of Good Hope" as seen
in the house as right -
Regent's Humour
between the two pages

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With an Order