

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. *252*

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 30th June 1857.

No. 7. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Secretary Marine Board; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 26th June 1857, No. 2233,
SIR,

I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to acknowledge receipt of Extract from Minutes of Consultation of the 23rd Instant, No. 248, communicating a letter from the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, reporting the loss of the Boiler of the Bullet making Machine in $4\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms water; and directing the Board to make renewed efforts and to adopt all the means and appliances at their disposal for its recovery, and also to have recourse to the large Steamers touching at the Port to effect this object.

2. This is the boiler which formed the subject of their letter of the 16th Ultimo, No. 1861, on the receipt of which the Government directed the Commander of the Steam Frigate "Zenobia" to afford such assistance as was in his power towards raising it. The "Zenobia" stood in to where the boiler was sunk, but being ordered away suddenly with the Madras Fusiliers to Calcutta, her assistance was lost without any thing having been effected.

3. Subsequently attempts were made to weigh the Boiler with a large Raft; and the Steamer "Manilla" was brought over it on several occasions, and endeavours were made to raise it by tackles brought to her Capstern which was at last broken. This repaired, preparation were again made to renew the attempt with more powerful purchases, and the "Manilla" was about to make a fresh trial on the morning of the 15th, but a letter received by the Commander from Government the evening before regarding her dispatch for Treasure, induced him to postpone the attempt and hold his Vessel ready for immediate departure. During the 16th she was engaged in receiving Treasure in small Coins for the Northern Districts and on that evening she left.

4. Preparations were then made for constructing a much more powerful raft which would have been completed before this had not a heavy surf set in during the last few days, stopping the work. This surf is now abating and as soon as it is sufficiently smooth fresh efforts will be made, and if the Government do not object the Board will employ the "Manilla" on her return to assist prior to sending her to the South for Treasure.

5. With regard to aid from large Steamers, the Board fear that their Commanders will hardly venture such Vessels into shallow water.

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN,
Secretary.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 252; dated 29th June 1857.

Before passing Orders Government wish to be informed how many days' detention the "Manilla" would be like to undergo for the purpose in question.

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Fort St. George

29 June 1892.

To the Marine Board - Dispt. 29th

To the Sup. General of Arima
& Magazines } Dispt. 30th
for information }

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Madras.

Marine Board Office }
26th June, 1837. }

Have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours obedient servant

Amthorpe

Secretary

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