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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 14th July 1857.

No. 25. From R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Officiating under Secretary to the Government of India; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 23rd June 1857, No. 896.

Home Department.
Marine. SIR,

With reference to your letter, No. 65, dated the 10th February last, relative to the claim preferred by the Officers and Crew of the Steamer "Hugh Lindsay" to the Burmah Medal, I am directed to transmit for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, a Copy of the correspondence noted in the margin, which will be forwarded by the next Mail for the consideration and Orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors.

To Officiating Superintendent of Marine, No. 491,
dated 10th March 1857.

From Do. No. 1433, dated 14th do.

To Do. No. 686, dated 3rd April 1857.

From Do. No. 2960, dated 2nd June 1857,
and Enclosure.

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India; to Captain D. ROBERTSON, Officiating Superintendent of Marine, dated Council Chamber, the 10th March 1857, No. 491.

Home Department.
Marine. SIR,

I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of a letter, No. 65, dated the 10th Ultimo, from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George and its enclosure, and to request that you will report, whether the Officers and Crew of the Steamer "Hugh Lindsay" are entitled to the Medal awarded for Service in the late Burmese War.

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From Captain D. ROBERTSON, Officiating Superintendent of Marine; to R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq. Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort William, the 14th March 1857, No. 1433.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 491, of the 10th Instant, and its enclosures, and in reply to state for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council that, as the Officers and Crew of the Honorable Company's Steamer "Hugh Lindsay" have received their shares of Burmah Donations Batta, for their Services during the late Burmese War, they would appear to be also entitled to the Medal.

(Signed) DIVIE ROBERTSON,
Officiating Superintendent of Marine.

From R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Officiating under Secretary to the Government of India; to Captain D. ROBERTSON, Officiating Superintendent of Marine, dated Council Chamber, the 3rd April 1857, No. 686.

Home Department.
Marine. SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1433, dated the 14th Ultimo, reporting on the claim of the Officers and Crew of the Steamer "Hugh Lindsay" to the Medal awarded for Service in the last Burmese War.

2. To enable the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to judge whether the claim is admissible, you are requested to report the nature of the Services rendered by the "Hugh

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Lindsay" for which the Medal is claimed, and whether the grant of Donation Batta has always been accompanied by a Medal.

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From Captain D. ROBERTSON, Officiating Superintendent of Marine; to R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort William, the 2nd June 1857, No., 960.

SIR,

In reply to your letter, No. 686, dated the 3rd of April last, I have the honor to submit herewith for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, a copy of a letter, No. 1885, dated the 19th Ultimo, from the Secretary to the Marine Board at Madras, with annexed Abstract shewing the nature of the Services performed by the Officers and Crew of the Steamer "Hugh Lindsay" during the last Burmese War.

2. With reference to the latter part of the last para: of your letter above quoted in which I am directed to report whether the grant of Donation Batta has always been accompanied by a Medal. I beg respectfully to state that I have not sufficient information at my disposal regarding the principle upon which claims of this nature are decided, but I should presume that there may have been cases where batta may have been awarded for services rendered in connection with an expedition, but where parties have not actually been present at an attack or exposed to fire in which case a Medal would not, I should suppose be granted such being a reward for danger encountered, or for being actually in the presence of an enemy.

3. In the instance of the "Hugh Lindsay" it appears that she was made use of temporarily as a Guard Ship at Kemmedine, where her Officers and Crew were exposed to danger and prepared to repel an attack and under such circumstances it may appear that their claim to the Medal may be viewed by the Government with favorable consideration.

(Signed) DIVIE ROBERTSON,
Officiating Superintendent of Marine.

From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Secretary Marine Board; to the Secretary to the Superintendent of Marine, Calcutta, dated Madras, 15th May 1857, No., 1885.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 17th Ultimo, No. 2052, requesting to be furnished with information regarding the services of the Honorable Company's Steamer "Hugh Lindsay" during the Burmese War, with the view to decide the question regarding the claim of the Commander, Officers and Crew to the Medal granted to those engaged in the expedition, I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to annex portion of an Abstract which they submitted when applying for Donation Batta to the same parties, together with an Extract (para: 3) from a letter addressed by the Military Auditor General at Bengal, to the Secretary to the Government of India in Council on the subject.

(Signed) JOHN FRANKLIN,
Secretary.

ABSTRACT of the Services of the Honorable Company's Steamer "Hugh Lindsay" while employed in the Burmese expedition.

1852, October 12th.—Left Madras for Rangoon with Officers and Details from different Regiments (about 150 or 160), Captain Newman again in Command who was ordered to place himself at the disposal of the Senior Naval authority in Burmah till the 1st of December.

20th.—Anchored off Rangoon.

21st.—Left for Moulmein.

22nd.—Anchored there.

26th.—Commodore "Lambert" embarked and hoisted his broad pendant, the Vessel then left Moulmein, &c.,

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27th.—Anchored off Rangoon when the Passengers were landed and of course the Commodore's pendant was struck although this is not mentioned in the Log.

29th.—Left Rangoon for the mouth of the River.

30th.—Her Majesty's Ship "Hastings" having grounded on the Eastern Bank anchored near her to be ready to afford assistance. The "Feroze" having towed her off, stood up the River again.

31st.—Having anchored at Rangoon for an hour, was ordered down the River to look after the "Futty Allam" transport which was outside full of Troops and short of water, at 10—50 took her in tow.

November 1st.—At 6 A. M., the intermediate shaft broke, proceeded to Rangoon with one Engine.

3rd.—Proceeded to Kemmedine as Guard Ship under order from Commodore "Lambert."

19th.—Returned to Rangoon under orders as above.

22nd.—Left Rangoon, and,

27th.—Cleared the River in tow of the "Zenobia."

December 3rd.—Anchored off Calcutta.

Extract from a letter addressed by the Military Auditor General at Bengal, to the Governor General of India in Council, dated 10th February 1854, Para: 3.

"In like manner, the Madras Steamer "Hugh Lindsay" had no claim whatever, to Donation Batta for employment as a transport on the Coast, or in Rangoon waters but as it is shewn that she was used as a Guard Ship from 3rd to 19th November in those waters, in pursuance of an order placing her at the disposal of the Commodore Commanding the Naval expeditionary Forces, her title to Donation Batta is thereby fully established."

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) JOHN FRANKLIN,
Secretary Marine Board.

FORT WILLIAM,
Marine Superintendents Office,
The 2nd June 1875.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) H. HOWE,
Secretary.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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ORDER THEREON, No. 273; dated 14th July 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Marine Board for their information.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

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To the Marine Board, Sept. 22^d

and enclosures.

Consideration and orders of the Board of
the Court of Directors.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JM Chapman

Off Under Secy to the Govt of India

For William
The 23^d June
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