

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

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DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 25th August 1857.

No. 12. From the Colonial Secretary, at the Mauritius; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 24th July 1857, No. 310.

SIR,

I have the honor, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, to transmit herewith, for your information, a copy of a letter from the Harbour Master at Port Louis, reporting that he has purchased 558 Tons of Coal at the rate of £4 per Ton on account of the Madras Government according to the instructions which were issued by His Excellency, in compliance with your letter of the 11th Ultimo.

(Signed) HUMPHRY SANDWITH,
Colonial Secretary.

From D. WALES, Esq., Harbour Master; to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, dated Port Office, 16th July 1857.

B. No. 45. SIR,

I have the honor to report that in accordance with orders of His Excellency the Governor, dated the 13th Instant, I have purchased from Messrs. James Leishman and Co., on account of the Madras Government, 558 Tons of "Stewart's Walls end Steam Coals," subject to a reduction of 1 per cent for wastage, at the rate of £4 per Ton. I might have procured Coals at a cheaper rate, but having had all those offered to me for sale inspected by Mr. William Harrison, the Chief Engineer of this Department, I am assured by him that with the exception of those which I have purchased, and which are just arrived on board the "Daylight," and which he declares to be of the very best quality, the Coals tendered had, for the most part, lost their virtue for Engineering purposes from long exposure to the sun and weather; they were, it is true, offered at from £3 to £3-5 per Ton, to which would be added the cost of weighing and shipping, amounting probably to 4s. per Ton more, but as I am of opinion that it is far better to purchase a good article at a good price, than an inferior one at any price, however low, I have taken the Coals imported in the "Daylight" I offered the Agents £4-10, per Ton to carry them forward in the Vessel and land them at Madras, which I promised should be done at the expense and risk of the Madras Government, as the "Daylight" might have started immediately from the Bell Buoy; but it appears that my proposal did not suit the arrangements made for the Vessel; the Coals will therefore be transferred to the "James Fernie" with all possible dispatch, and ought to arrive at Madras about the middle of August.

(Signed) D. WALES,
Harbour Master.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, No. 329; dated 24th August 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Marine Board with reference to their letter of the 8th June last, No. 2050, and also to the Accountant General, with a view to the adjustment of the expense incurred by the Mauritius Government on account of the purchase of the Coal referred to.

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To Mr George, Esq
24th August 1857

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