

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 8th September 1857.

No. 43. From the Secretary to the Government of Bombay; to the Secretary to the Government, Fort Saint George, dated Bombay Castle, 26th August 1857. No. 1351.

SIR,

In transmitting to the accompanying copies of a Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated the 8th Ultimo, and of a letter from the Commander in Chief of the Indian Navy, dated the 18th Instant, I am directed to state that it would facilitate the Service much, if the Steamers therein alluded to could be sent round to Bombay, immediately on their arrival.

In Bombay, their ratings and establishments may be fixed with certainty and facility; and if the Vessels are otherwise to be retained at Madras until the Officers, &c., required for them are to be sent round from Bombay, there will be no time lost in the arrangement now proposed.

(Signed) P. M. MELVILL, Colonel,

Secretary to Government.

COPIES OF A DESPATCH FROM THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS, No. 60, DATED 8TH JULY 1857.

We transmit for your information copy of a despatch we have this day addressed to the Government of India on the subject of our having purchased for the Indian Navy two Screw Steam Vessels of Iron, named the "Dalhousie" and the "Prince Arthur," and of our having determined to send them hence in the first Instance for employment under the Government of Madras where they are urgently required for the transport of Troops and Stores.

These Vessels are to be incorporated with the Indian Navy.

No. 29 of 1857.

OUR GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

Para: 1. Referring to our despatch, No. 17, in this Department, dated 17th April 1857, we now advise you of our having purchased for the Indian Navy two Screw Steam Vessels of Iron, named respectively the "Dalhousie" and the "Prince Arthur."

2. These Vessels are adapted for employment in the Transport of Troops and Stores for the Madras Government, and for general Service in the Bay of Bengal, instead, however of sending "one of them to Bombay and the other direct to Madras," as intimated in the 2nd paragraph of our despatch above noticed, we have determined upon sending them both, in the first instance to Madras, where their Services appear to be most urgently required, and we have accordingly concluded our purchase of the Vessels with the specific condition that they shall be delivered to the Government of Madras, by and at the expence of the Vendors, within a certain time under a penalty.

3. One copy of each of the Contracts will be transmitted to the Government of Madras, in order that they may receive delivery of the Vessels there, and furnish in duplicate (forwarding one copy direct to us) a proper Certificate of such delivery to enable us to make the final payment of purchase * money as agreed; no part thereof being payable in India.

4. We are advised that the "Dalhousie," which is to be delivered at Madras "in all the month of September," left Greenock on Wednesday the 17th June, and proceeded on her voyage for that Presidency, also that the "Prince Arthur" is to leave Liverpool * June, for Madras, after a few alterations which will be completed by the end of this month.*

5. You will immediately communicate with the Government of Bombay and of Madras (to whom we forward copies of this Despatch), so that the establishment of Officers and Crews for

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these Vessels subject to the Articles of War and General Regulations of the Indian Navy, may be provided and in readiness having especial reference to the service on which you may think proper to direct the employment of each Vessel.

LONDON,

8th July 1857.

(Signed) R. D. MANGLES,

(") F. CURRIE,

&c., &c., &c.

No. 974 of 1857.

To the Right Honorable LORD ELPHINSTONE, G. C. H., Governor and President in Council.

MY LORD,

With reference to the 5th Para : of the Honorable Court's Despatch, No. 60 of the 8th July last, copy of which accompanied Secretary Colonel Melvill's letter, No. 1269 of the 12th Instant, I do myself the honor to request I may be informed of the Tonnage and Horse Power of each of the Screw Steam Transports "Dalhousie" and "Prince Arthur," in order that a suitable scale of Establishment may be made out and submitted for the approval of Government.

2. I would also take leave to suggest that as the Frigate now being built has been named the "Dalhousie," it would be better to change the name of the Transport on the day she is delivered over at Madras, to avoid the inconvenience which would attend its having to be done at some future period.

Office of the Commander-in-Chief Indian Navy.
Bombay, 18th August 1857.

(Signed) G. G. WELLESLEY,

Commander-in-Chief Indian Navy.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) P. M. MELVILL, Colonel.

Secretary to Government.

No. 44. From R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to Government of India; to Lieutenant Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government of Fort Saint George, dated the 25th August 1857, No. 1392.

Home Department,
Marine,

SIR,

The Honorable the Court of Directors have communicated to the Government of Fort Saint George, a copy of their Despatch to this Government, No. 29 of 1857, dated the 8th July, respecting the purchase of two Iron Screw Steamers, the "Dalhousie" and the "Prince Arthur" for general Service in the Bay of Bengal, I am directed to request that you will be so good as to draw the attention of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to that Despatch with a view to the necessary arrangements being made in communication with the Government of Bombay (to whom a communication on the subject will be made) for providing the necessary establishments of Officers and Crews for those Vessels, both of which should be fitted out as Transports.

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,

Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 45. TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY, Marine Department, dated Fort Saint George, 8th September 1857, No. 366.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th Ultimo, No. 1351, and to state that in consequence of the great and urgent need of the two new Steamers expected from England for the service of this Presidency, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council does not consider it desirable that they should be sent round to Bombay, it being of importance that they should immediately on their arrival be available for the Transport of Troops and Stores and

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the maintenance of a regular communication with the Coast of Burmah. He would deprecate any delay in these important objects, and requests that the proper Establishment of Officers and Crew may therefore be provided and arrangements made for their being in readiness here to take charge of the Vessels on arrival.

2. It is moreover to be observed that the Honorable Court have concluded the purchase of the two Steamers on the specific condition that they shall be delivered to the Madras Government by and at the expense of the Vendors, within a certain time under a penalty; immediately therefore on their arrival they are to be surveyed, if reported sound and uninjured by the Voyage, this Government is to receive charge of them at once and furnish the requisite Certificate of receipt of each Vessel. You will have learnt from my

* Dated 2nd September 1857, No. 345. late letter* to the Government of India on this subject, copy of which was forwarded to the Government of

Bombay, that the Marine Board are not in a condition to undertake the Survey of these Vessels, and wish that this should be done by the Officers who may be appointed to command them, I am accordingly desired to request the attention of the Government of Bombay to this communication.

3. To enable the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy to fix a suitable Scale of Establishment of Officers, &c., for the Steam Transports, the information required in the 1st para: of his letter to your address, respecting the Tonnage and Horse Power of each of the Vessels, is given in the margin.

"Dalhousie," Tonnage 1022 Tons, Builder's measurement, or $796 \frac{83}{100}$ Tons, Register including Engine space. Her Horse power is set down at about 180.

"Prince Arthur," Tonnage about 1166 Tons, and 150 Horse power according to Admiralty Rule.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,

Acting Chief Secretary.

J. A. Wilson.

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No 366
To The Secy to Govt
Bombay
8th September 1857

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Marine Dept
No 345
From the Secretary to the Government of
Bombay
Dated 26 August 1857

In orders

It is thought the Subalterns
might be sent to hunt round here
previous to the arrival of the ships.

If they are sent round Bombay
I think it is very doubtful whether
we shall see her again.

immediately on their ar-
rival be available for
the transport of troops
and stores and for the
ing of a regular com-
munication with the
Coast

I think it very undesirable
that these vessels should be
sent to Bombay - we should
never get them back I fear. It
seems strange that any difficulty
should be experienced in sending
all that is requisite to Madras.

The application was made for the
purpose of keeping up a regular communication
with the opposite coast. The vessels of
the division of the Madras Army employed
are dependent for the means of returning
on chance opportunities and are rare & often
in the want of them. Accommodation which
they are subjected to the greatest privations
suffering. It is in brief & fully told
such a state.

of complaints to the ground of
dissatisfaction already existing
among the troops on for service
and that more especially about
a time when every means should
be taken to preserve their fidelity.
Any delay therefore in establishing
a regular communication is greatly
to be deprecated. All arrangements
for the new office should be made subservient
to this principal object.

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Marine Department

No 366

To The ~~Chief~~ Secretary to the Govt of Bombay
Marine Department

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I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo No 1351, and to state that in consequence of the great and urgent need of the ~~two~~ ^{two} steamers expected from England for the service of this Presidency, the P. H. the Governor in Council does not consider it desirable that they should be sent round to Bombay, ~~it being~~ ^{it being} ~~impossible~~ ^{impossible} that they should immediately on their arrival be available for the transport of troops and stores and ~~for~~ ^{the maintenance of} a regular communication with the Coast

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-tain time under a penalty;
~~and that~~ ^{therefore} immediately
on their arrival they are
to be surveyed and if
reported sound and un-
-injured

* Dated 2^d Sep: 1857. R.D. 115.

uninjured by the Voyage,
this Govt. is to receive charge
of them at once and fur-
-nish the requisite Certifi-
-cate of Receipt of each Vess.
-el. You will have
learned from my late let-
-ter to the Govt. of India
on this subject, copy of
which was forwarded
to the Govt. of Bombay,
that the Marine Board
are not in a condition
to undertake the survey
of these Vessels, and ~~that~~
~~it is wished~~ ^{wish} that
~~they should be~~ ^{the} Officers who may
be appointed to ~~the~~ ^{their}
Command of ~~these~~ ^{these}
~~should receive in-~~
~~structions to that effect.~~
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-munication.

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 -mander in Chief of the In-
 -dian Navy to fix a suit-
 -able Scale of Establishment
 of Officers See for the Steam

"Salmonie". Tonnage 1022
 Tons Builder's measurement,
 or $790\frac{3}{4}$ Tons Register, in-
 -cluding Engine & space. Her
 Horse Power is set down at
 about 180, with ~~dist~~ rating
 of 15 inches in dia-
 -meter & 15 feet stroke.
 "Prince Arthur". Tonnage about
 1100 Tons, and 150 Horse,
 power according to Admi-
 -rality Rule.

Fort St George,
 8 September, 1857

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 Copy to the Marine Board. Dated 11th

Received on 8th Sept^r
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 To the Secy to the Govt
 of Bombay dated
 8th September 1857.

Replied to 29th September
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 Replying to their
 letter of the 26th Sept^r
 1857 regarding the
 service of the 2
 steamers expected
 from England.