

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 29th September 1857.

No. 7. Read the following letters:—

From Captain C. D. CAMPBELL, I. N., Commanding H. C. S. V. "Coromandel;" to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 19th September 1857, No. 158.

SIR,

Having had the honor to forward the report of the Committee of which I was President upon the "Dalhousie," I feel it my duty to state that I have found that Vessel, so very insufficiently supplied with Stores and fittings, according to the rules of the Service, that I feel myself unable to comply with the desire of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that I should take charge of the said Vessel on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, having no adequate means at my disposal to secure her safety.

I would further beg to report that the "Dalhousie" is so very incomplete and wanting in Stores and fittings that I would most urgently recommend she should be at once despatched to Bombay for the purpose of being Docked and fitted out in a proper manner for the duties for which she is required.

(Signed) CHAS. D. CAMPBELL,
Captain Indian Navy.

No. 8. From the Committee appointed to survey and report upon the Steam Vessel "Dalhousie"; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 21st September 1857.

SIR,

We, the undersigned, beg to report that in compliance with the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that we have surveyed the Screw Steam Vessel "Dalhousie" with her Machinery and fittings and tried her Engines under Steam and after examining the log book of the voyage out and making every investigation in our power, without her being put into Dock, we are of opinion that she is sound and uninjured by the voyage from England, fair wear and tear excepted.

Having thus reported upon the state of the "Dalhousie" we deem it to be our further duty to submit a few observations which have occurred to us as being important to be known. We observe that the Vessel's fittings and Ventilations are very imperfect and unadapted for Troops service in an Indian Climate. The Troop Deck is nothing more than the holds of the Vessel with platforms and with small side scuttles close under the Deck without any other adequate Ventilation for the Troops to be berthed there. There are no Store-rooms or Magazine whatever in any part of the Vessel and the tanks for the stowage of water are only sufficient for five days' consumption.

We also observe that the Saloon in the Poop is equally ill-adapted as regards Ventilation and the fittings of the Cabins which will require immediate attention.

With regard to Stores and awnings she is incomplete, although corresponding with the Schedules of the Contract, and we consider the anchors too light for the safety of the Vessel in the Navigation in which she will be employed.

We find a quantity of surplus Coal and Engine Room Stores remaining on board and we would recommend this being purchased by Government from the Owners of the Vessel as they are of good quality and are requisite articles.

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No. 12. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Secretary Marine Board; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 23rd September 1857, No. 3274.

SIR,

With reference to the concluding portion of the Extract from Minutes of Consultation of the 16th Instant, No. 376, I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to forward the accompanying copy of a letter they have received from the Chief Engineer of the "Dalhousie," offering to serve for a year, or longer if required, at a Salary of (£30) thirty Pounds a Month, with the usual additions of Steam and Apprentice Money, provided he is, at the expiration of his term of agreement, furnished with a free Overland Passage to England.

2. Mr. Cameron is a steady respectable man, and would doubtless be a valuable acquisition to the Service at the present time.

3. The second and third Engineers of the "Dalhousie" decline to remain out longer than 2 or 3 months.

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN,
Secretary.

From JOHN G. CAMERON; to the Secretary of the Marine Board of the Honorable East India Company, Madras, dated 23rd September 1857.

SIR,

I am prepared to sign agreement to serve under the Honorable East India Company on Board their Steam Ship "Dalhousie" as Chief Engineer for a period of twelve months or longer if required at a Salary of £30 per month, with Steam money at the rate of Rupees 2 per day and Apprentice money at the usual rate: together with a free overland passage to England at the termination of my agreement. We will also require another Assistant Engineer as previously spoken of at your last visit.

(Signed) JOHN G. CAMERON.
(True Copy.)
(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN,
Secretary.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON 392; dated 24th September 1857.

1. The Committee appointed to survey the Screw Steam Vessel "Dalhousie," having reported that she is sound and uninjured by the Voyage from England, fair wear and tear excepted, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council instructs Captain Campbell, as the Senior Officer of the Indian Navy now present, to receive formal charge of the Vessel on behalf of the Government, and then make her over, with all her Stores, to Captain Tait, her present Commander, who has agreed to retain Command of her, under the orders of this Government, for such period as may be wished not exceeding three months.

2. The Government authorise the services of Captain Tait being engaged on the terms specified in para: 3 of the Marine Board's letter of the 22nd Instant, and also those of the two Officers on Board and the Chief and 2nd Engineers at the proposed rates of Salary. The Board will also engage as many of the Crew as may be required and are disposed to serve, at monthly wages.

	Per Mensem.
Commander.....	Rupees 1,200
1st Officer.....	" 175
2nd do.	" 150
Chief Engineer.....	" 250
2nd do.	" 200

3. The Marine Board will report the actual date of delivery of the Vessel, and prepare and forward the requisite Certificate of Receipt in Duplicate for signature. The original will be given to Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., the Agents of the late Owners of the "Dalhousie," and the Duplicate will be forwarded to the Honorable the Court of Directors, as directed in their Despatch of the 8th July, No. 16 of 1857.

4. The Government approve of the "Dalhousie" being sent to Masulipatam as proposed by the Board, for the transport of the two Rifle Companies about to proceed from thence to Cal-

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cutta. On her arrival at the latter place, they desire that Capt. Campbell, who is stated to be on the point of proceeding there, will take charge of the Vessel, and dispense with the services of such of the Officers and Crew as may not be absolutely required, while she is moored in the river. He will at the same time give his attention to such repairs, alterations and additions as may be urgently required to render the "Dalhousie" serviceable as a Transport, and also to the supply of the Stores in which she is said to be deficient. Captain Campbell will place himself in communication with the Superintendent of Marine, regarding these matters, and the Government of India will be requested to instruct that Officer to afford his assistance.

5. The Marine Board will arrange with the Agents, Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., for the purchase, on account of Government, of the Surplus Coal and Engine Room Stores, remaining on Board the "Dalhousie," which the Committee of Survey describe as being of good quality and requisite Articles.

6. Should any advance be urgently needed for the immediate expenses of the Vessel, the Accountant General will, on the application of the Marine Board, at once issue instructions for its disbursement and report the same for the sanction of Government.

No 392

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
under date 24 Sept/87

Read the following
letters:

From Capt. Campbell
Comdg. H. C. Steamer "Cora."
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(Dated 19 Sep. 1887 No 158)

From the Committee appoint-
ed to survey and report
upon the Steam Vessel
"Delhousie."

(— 21st — 1887)

From the Marine Board

(— 16th of 22nd 1887 —)
Nos 3179, 3188 and 3242 & 3274

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15 Feb 1842

appoints & speaks for the first time

To the Committee of Survey —
" Marine Board — } Disp^d 24th
" ^{with copy of the Committee's Report &} Captain Campbell }
" Comd^g W.C. Steamer "Comandant" }
" Asst^t General — }
" Sub Treasurer, } Disp^d 24th ^{Copies}
" Military Department } ^{with copy of Report}
" Civil Auditor — Disp^d 24th

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Oct 24th Sept 1857.

Incumbent Captain Com.
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