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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 25. 9. 1857

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No. 28. Read again letter from Captain CAMPBELL, Commanding H. C. Steamer Transport "Coromandel," dated 1st May, and recorded in Consultation of the 16th June 1857.

Read also letter

From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Secretary Marine Board; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 25th September 1857, No. 3140.

SIR,

With reference to the 2nd para: of the order of Government on Captain Campbell's report on the Honorable Company's Steamer "Coromandel" of the 1st May last, I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to state that they concur with that Officer in the remarks he has submitted regarding the Vessel under his Command, with the one exception that they think she should be barque rigged, with a square Main Topsail and Topgallant Sail. She would then be more manageable under Sail alone than she now is.

Extract Minutes Consultation, 12th June 1857, *No.* 237.

2. With respect to the size of the other Vessels recommended for the service of this Presidency, it is rather late to offer an opinion, as two Vessels, the "Dalhousie" and "Prince Arthur," have already been purchased for general service in the Bay of Bengal; but as the present condition of the Vessels in the Indian Navy is such that more Steamers must soon be supplied, they desire me state that if other Steamers are built, it would be conducive to economy and efficiency if they were constructed precisely similar, as regards size and engines, to the "Coromandel," with the alterations and improvements suggested in Captain Campbell's letter now under consideration, and in the report from their Secretary of the 5th January last.

Vide Extract Minutes Consultation, 23rd February 1857, *No* 605, *Military Department.*

3. A fourth Vessel of from 5 to 700 Tons gross Tonnage would however be of great advantage, provided she drew no more than ten feet when laden, as she could be employed in moving detachments and treasure to and from the Tinnevelly Coast through the Paumben Channel.

4. I am further desired to add that the Steamers "Dalhousie" and "Prince Arthur" are scarcely adapted from their horsepower to tow Vessels of any size, a point which the Board cannot too strongly urge on the consideration of Government.

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN,
Secretary.

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, No. 402; dated 25th September 1857.

By their orders noted in the margin this Government authorised the several minor alterations and improvements recommended by Mr. Franklin, to add to the efficiency of the "Coromandel" as a Transport Ship, being carried out at once without reference to the Government of Bombay, if they were considered advisable by the Marine Board.

Extract Minutes of Consultation 14th March 1857, *No.* 104, *and 27th April* 1837, *No.* 160.

2. In the letter above recorded the Marine Board submit their remarks on the report forwarded by Captain Campbell under date the 1st May 1857, on the construction, equipment and general efficiency of the Steamer "Coromandel." They concur in his observations regarding the Vessel, except that they think she should be Barque rigged, with a square main Topsail and Topgallant sail.

3. The Government would leave it to Captain Campbell to carry out such minor alterations or additions as might be requisite for the improvement of the Vessel and will not involve any large outlay; but on the more important suggestions submitted in his Report he will, if he thinks it desirable, communicate with the Commander in Chief of the Indian Navy, to whom a copy of the correspondence will be furnished through the Bombay Government.

4. The question of having a fourth and smaller Vessel to be employed in moving Detachments, &c., through the Paumben Channel will be considered in the Military Department, in reference to the letter addressed in that Department to the Government of India under date 23rd

February 1857, No. 606, on the urgent want of additional Steamers for the Transport Service of this Presidency.

5. The Governor in Council resolves to forward copy of these proceedings and the Reports considered in them, as well as of the previous correspondence on the subject, for the information of the Government of Bombay and for communication to the Commander in Chief of Indian Navy ; and to draw their attention to the remarks of the Marine Board contained in para : 2 of their letter of the 14th Instant, on the construction of Steam Vessels for the Indian Navy.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

No. 30. *To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Military Department, dated Fort Saint George, 25th September 1857, No. 403.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit, for the information of the Government of Bombay, and for communication to the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, copy of the correspondence noted in the Margin, on the subject of the several alterations and additions suggested by Captain C. D. Campbell, I. N., and Mr. J. J. Franklin, Secretary to the Marine Board at this Presidency, for the improvement of the H. C. Steam Troop Ship " Coromandel."

From the Marine Board, dated 27th January 1857, *No.* 316, *with enclosure.*
Extract Minutes of Consultation, 14th March 1857, *No.* 104.
From Captain Campbell, Commanding the Steamer " Coromandel," dated 1st May 1857, *No.* 71.
Extract Minutes of Consultation, 12th June 1857, *No.* 237.
From Marine Board, 14th April 1857, *No.* 1462.
Order thereon, 27th April 1857, *No.* 160.
From Marine Board, 14th September 1857, *No.* 3140.
Extract Minutes of Consultation, 25th September 1857, *No.* 402.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Marine Department.

No. 4112.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
under date 25th September 1857.

Read again letter from
Captain Campbell, Com-
manding H. C. Steam Vessel
"Port Commandel," dated 1st
May and recorded in Con-
sultation of the 15th June 1857.

Read also letter from
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(Dated 14th Sept. 1857. No 3140.)

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Ordered that the following letter be despatched

To the Marine Board
" Comdr C. D Campbell R.N.
Comg H.C.S. Commander-
" Military Depart.
} Dispd 3rd

To
The Secretary to the
Govt of Bombay
Military Dept

Disp.d 7th

Marine Dep.t

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Ct: Mar. Bd Cor 14th March 57. No 104.
From Capt.n Campbell, Comg the Steamer "Coromandel" dated 1st May 1857. No 71.
Ct: Mar. Bd Cor. 12th June 1857 No 387.
From Mar. Bd 14th April — 1462
Rder thereon 27th — — 166
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Fort St George,
25th September, 1857.

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Marine Letter to Bo.y
Dated 25th Sept.r 1857
Rec.d 6th Nov.r Do.

Marine Bd Cor. 25 Sept.r 1857
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Abstract of Minutes of Govt

Dated 31st Oct.r 1857

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In Dft to Cons: 29th Sept/57
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To
The Secy: to the Govt of
Bombay

Dated 25th Sept/57

Replied to 17th Decr/57
№ 526

In Cons 8th Jany/58 № 30/31

Reporting on the
Steamer "Coromandel" and
the alterations suggested
for the improvement of
that Vessel.

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