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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 33 & 34. From J. J. FANKLIN, Esq., Secretary Marine Board; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 24th and 25th September 1857, Nos. 3293 and 3300.

Sir,

I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to inform you that Captain Tait, who was yesterday placed in Command of the H. C. Steamer "Dalhousie," as a Servant of the Madras Government, is exceedingly desirous of dispatching to her late Owners by the next Mail, the Certificate of the delivery of the Vessel, in order that they may obtain without delay payment of the balance to be due on production of that Document.

2. The "Dalhousie" arrived at Madras on the 10th Instant, and was taken charge of on the 23rd on behalf of the Madras Government.

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN,
Secretary.

Sir,

I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to inform you, in compliance with the 3rd Para: of Extract Minutes of Consultation, of the 24th Instant, No. 392, that Captain Tait does not consider that the "Dalhousie" has been delivered over to the Madras Government in terms of agreement until he receives the Certificate of delivery. This Document, which is now forwarded in Duplicate for Signature, does not, therefore, mention the day on which the transfer takes place, which is to be considered as having been made at the time of its date, which the Government will be pleased to insert.

2. Captain Tait further observes that his instructions from the late Owners of the Vessel are, to receive the Certificate himself and transmit it to them by the earliest opportunity. He moreover states that Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. are not the parties to dispose of the Surplus Stores remaining on Board. He claims the right to dispose of them himself on behalf of the late Owners.

3. Finally he begs that the Signature of Government may be attached to the Certificate with as little delay as possible, to enable him to transmit it by the coming Mail.

(Signed) J. J FRANKLIN,
Secretary.

No. 35. Order thereon, No. 405; dated 26th September 1857.

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2. The Government understood from the Marine Board's letter of the 16th Instant, No. 3179, that Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. were acting on behalf of the late Owners of the "Dalhousie," and that they were the proper parties with whom arrangement should be made for the purchase of the surplus Coal and Engine Room Stores. But, as Captain Tait objects to this, and claims the right to dispose of them himself on account of the late Owners, the Board will treat with that Officer for the purchase of the Articles.

3. The Duplicate Certificate of the delivery of the Vessel will be transmitted to the Honorable the Court of Directors by the Steamer now expected from Calcutta.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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Under date 26 Sepr. 1857

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