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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 6th October 1857.

No. 13. From Captain C. D. CAMPBELL, R. N., Commanding H. C. S. V. "Coromandel" and Senior Naval Officer; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 1st October 1857, No. 165.

SIR,

Upon the arrival of the "Coromandel" from England in December 1856, it became requisite to provide a Crew for her in room of the Crew who were engaged in London for the voyage and as I had no instructions to guide me as her Commander, I was supplied by the Marine Department with a temporary Batta Crew for her safety while at Anchor in Madras. A native Crew was subsequently prepared with the assistance of the Master Attendant's Department and shipped on Board the "Coromandel" on the 28th December at such rates of wages as were certified by the Master Attendant to be just and the usual rates of the Port. These men proved to be very different and as the rates of wages they demanded were considerably in excess of the established rates laid down in the Indian Naval Scale forwarded to me on the Vessel becoming incorporated in the rest of the Indian Navy; on 3rd February last, every effort was made to enter Europeans and Natives at Calcutta in accordance with such scale, but I was only able to obtain Native Seamen and Stokers and reduce the pay of the respective grades from the larger to the lesser sums shewn in the subjoined Schedule and these men are now serving on Board and are found more adapted to the duties of a Troop Ship in India, than a European Crew, more especially as sufficient European Seamen cannot be induced to enlist for the Indian Navy at the rates of pay fixed by Government. These circumstances were duly reported to the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy and I have been directed in the first place to report the matter for the consideration and approval of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, under whose orders the "Coromandel" is placed, and who must be the best Judge of the necessity of the proceedings under report and although the above arrangements were strictly effected in constant communication and with the verbal approbation of the respective Officers of Government, I find that I have in the extreme pressure of duty neglected hitherto making the proper report officially, which I respectfully trust may be pardoned as it has been my constant desire to do nothing without the concurrence of the local Government which I have had the honor to serve in this Vessel.

(Signed) C. D. CAMPBELL,

Captain Indian Navy.

Schedule of the Rates of Pay to the Crew of the "Coromandel" H. C. S. Troop Ship.

	Former rate of pay at Madras.	Present rate of the Crew shipped in Bengal.
Gunner.....	Rupees 65	0
Boatswain.....	" 65	0
Carpenter.....	" 60	0
Secunnies.....	" 30	0
Syrang.....	" 40	Rupees 30
Tindals of Lascars....	" 25	" 21
Lascars.....	" 18	" 15
Bundarees.....	" 18	" 15
Topasses.....	" 12	" 10
Tindal of Coal Trimmers.....	" 22	" 22
Coal Trimmers.....	" 18	" 15
Stokers Tindal.....	" 28	" 28
1st Class.....	" 25	" 0
" 2nd	" 0	" 22
" 3rd	" 0	" 20
" Bundaree.....	" 0	" 20

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I hereby certify that the Rates of Pay as below specified are the usual wages of this Port and that a Native Crew could not be shipped for the "Coromandel" at lower wages at the time.

Gunner.....	Rupees	65
Boatswain.....	"	65
Carpenter.....	"	60
Secunnies.....	"	30
Syrang.....	"	40
Tindals of Lascars.....	"	25
Lascars.....	"	18
Bundarees.....	"	18
Topasses.....	"	12
Tindal of Coal Trimmers.....	"	22
Coal Trimmers.....	"	18
Stokers Tindal.....	"	28
" 1st Class.....	"	25
" 2nd ".....	"	0
" 3rd ".....	"	0

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN,
Secretary to the Marine Board.

No. 14.

ORDER THEREON, No. 423; dated 5th October 1857.

The Government approve of the proceedings reported in the foregoing letter in regard to the Crew engaged by Captain Campbell for the Steamer "Coromandel."

No. 423

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the proceedings reported in the
foregoing letter in regard to the
Crew engaged by Capt. Campbell
for the Steamer "Coromandel."*

*Fort St George, I,
5th October, 1857-3*

J. M.

(J. E. and others)

W. C. S.

*To Capt. Campbell
Comd. H. C. S. Coromandel } Dispd 5th
Marine Board.
" Account General } Dispd 10th
" Civil Auditor }*