

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. *442* Press
~~Mis.~~

Dated *17. 10. 1857*

Not to be folded or roughly handled

I

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 20th October 1857.

No. 16. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Secretary Marine Board; to E. MALTBY, Esq.,
Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 15th October 1857,
No. 3538.

SIR,

I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to inform you that they convened a Committee composed of the following Members for the examination of the Steamer "Prince Arthur" and that their report,* herewith forwarded, being favorable, they consider that the Vessel may at once be taken charge of on behalf of Government.

* Original.

Mr. McKennie.....Assistant Master Attendant.
Mr. Burton.....Acting Surveyor for Lloyds.

Mr. Kennedy..... } Chief Engineer's Department.
Mr. Thompson..... }

2. The Certificate † of delivery is herewith enclosed for the Signature
† In Duplicate. of Government.

3. As no establishment has been sent by the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy to take charge of the "Prince Arthur," I am to state that the Board are in communication with Commander who brought the Vessel out, with the view to his taking her round to Bombay with the establishment he has on Board, all composing which, with the exception of the Engineers, have signed Articles for three years. As their Commander will not be changed, it is expected, therefore, that there will be no difficulty regarding the continuance of the Officers and Crew at their existing rates of Pay. The Engineers having engaged for the run only, fresh agreements must be entered into regarding them, which the Board will effect with as little delay as possible, and when all the arrangements have been completed, will report to Government on the subject.

4. The date of delivery of the "Prince Arthur" is rather beyond that by which the late Owners were bound by their Contract, namely the 10th October, but as she actually did arrive on that day, the Board think that no penalty should be enforced.

*Extract Minutes of Consultation, 8th October
1857, No. 631, Financial Department.*

(5) five lacs of Treasure for Bombay. It is expected

*Extract from a letter from the Honorable Court
of Directors, dated 8th July 1857, No. 16.
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 "Dal-
housie" and the "Prince Arthur," and of our
having determined to send them hence in the
first instance for employment at your Presi-
dency where they appear to be so urgently re-
quired for the Transport of Troops and Stores
as noted in your Despatches noted in the mar-
gin.*

5. The Government in their order marginally noted have decided that the "Prince Arthur" should proceed to Tuticoreen to take in Instant. The Board believe that by sending her to Bombay she will be sooner placed in a state of efficiency as regards Establishment than if she were retained on this Coast or sent to Calcutta; but they trust that the fact will not be lost sight of that the "Prince Arthur" and "Dalhousie," although to be incorporated in the Indian Navy, were purchased for service in the Bay of Bengal, and more particularly for the Madras Presidency. They solicit therefore that a representation may be made to the Government of Bombay on the subject, and that they be requested to dispatch the "Prince Arthur" back to this Presidency with the least practicable delay, as her services will shortly be most urgently required.

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN,
Secretary.

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 20th October 1857.

To the Secretary to the Marine Board, dated 13th October 1857.

SIR,

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of instructions conveyed in your letter of yesterday's date, in pursuance of which, we this morning proceeded on Board the Steamer "Prince Arthur," which Vessel was got under weigh between eleven and twelve o'clock, and steamed out with the wind E. N. E. about thirteen miles on an East South East course, at a rate as per Massey's Patent Log of nine knots per hour.

We would here beg to remark that the Steamer is out of trim and her bottom foul from Barnacles and grass. No sail has been made to aid the Engines nor the yards trimmed.

So far as the Engines are concerned it is our opinion that they are in excellent order, and work free, steady and well, in fact they are evidently in as good condition as when they left England and the state in which they appear to have been kept and now are, is very creditable to the Engineer* in charge.

In conclusion it is our opinion after close examination as far as practicable in these Roads and under Steam, that she is perfectly sound and uninjured, fair wear and tear during the voyage excepted.

With reference to the 2nd and last paras : of your letter under reply our report being favourable we will proceed to take an inventory of Stores and Surplus Stores tomorrow.

(Signed) J. McKENNIE,
(") H. BURTON,
Acting Surveyor for Lloyds.
(") R. KENNEDY,
(") D. THOMPSON.

No. 17.

ORDER THEREON, No. 442; dated 17th October 1857.

Ordered that the Certificates of delivery be Signed on the part of Government and that one be forwarded to the Honorable Court and the other be sent to the Marine Board for delivery to the Commander of the "Prince Arthur."

2. Government concur in the opinion of the Marine Board that, under all the circumstances, including that of the Commander and Crew engaging to take the Steamer round to Bombay, it is unnecessary to enforce a penalty for her Non-delivery within the prescribed time.

3. The Bombay Government will be urged to supply a Crew, and send the "Prince Arthur" back to Madras as soon as practicable.

Exd. J. A. Wilson,

No. 442

Ordered that the Certificates of delivery be signed on the part of Government and that one be forwarded to the Honorable Court and the other be sent to the Marine Board for delivery to the Commander of the "Prince Arthur"

2—Government concur in the opinion of the Marine Board that, under all the circumstances, including that of the Commander and Crew engaging to take the Steamer round to Bombay, it is unnecessary to enforce a penalty for her non-delivery within the prescribed time.

3—The Bombay Government will be urged to supply a Crew, and send the "Prince Arthur" back to Madras as soon as practicable.

To the Marine Board with a Certificate of delivery 17/10/57

Fort St George 17 Oct 57