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

No. 39. From Lieutenant A. D. TAYLOR, I. N., Commanding Honorable Company's Surveying Vessel "Pownah"; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Cocanada, 5th October, No. 31 of 1857.

SIR,

1. Adverting to para: 5 of my letter to the Chief Secretary to Government, No. 9 of 5th May 1857, I have the honor to state that the reports of a Committee of Survey held upon the Cutter "Cardiva," together with Estimates for her repairs, were sent to the Assistant Superintendent, Indian Navy, with a request that sanction might be given to such repairs as were absolutely necessary to render her sea-worthy.

2. In answer to my application, I have received a letter, copy of which is herewith sent directing me to send the Vessel up to Bombay on the first favorable opening of the fine season. Permission to repair her is not given, and I cannot take upon myself, the responsibility of sending her up till early in November, as during the unsettled weather prevalent in October, it would not be prudent trusting her at sea. I have directed the Officer now in charge of the "Pownah" to proceed at once to Cochin, and execute such repairs as the safety of the Vessel needs, with our own Carpenter, and when she is ready for Sea the "Pownah" is to escort her up to Sedashigur where the Vessel will remain until I can rejoin them, as it is imperative on me to be present when the Crew are paid up, and their papers made out, having no person on Board who is responsible for their correctness.

3. The two Officers at present with the Vessel will be directed to carry on the examination of the River above Malapore, as proposed in para: 42 of my report upon the Rivers of Canara, dated 27th July 1857. This duty will keep these Officers employed until my arrival.

4. The work I am at present engaged upon will if all goes on favorably be finished early in November, and then with the sanction of Government I propose, with Mr. May, returning to Madras and proceeding overland to Sedashigur, *via* Bangalore and Sheemoga to Sicey, through Yellapore, and down the bed of the Kalu Nuddu when I shall see at a glance the capabilities of the River, and meet my Officers who will be there at work. I have to solicit therefore that you will endeavour to obtain the Government sanction to our proceeding at the public expense from Coconada, *via* Madras and Bangalore to Sedashigur, a route which will be performed in less than a fortnight, whereas by the only other available one, *via* Galle and Cochin by Steamer innumerable detentions may prolong the passage to a month.

5. I would here wish to record the great advantages I have derived from the presence of Mr. May who was directed by the Madras Government to come up and assist me, for though an executive Officer in the Department of Public Works was directed to render me assistance he had more duty in the Superintendence of Irrigation Works than he could well attend to and could not render the constant co-operation which I needed, although he in other ways has been of the greatest use. I trust that the usual Travelling Allowance from Bangalore to Madras may be granted to Mr. May.

6. I have made repeated application to the Commander-in-Chief, Indian Navy, that a Clerk in charge may be appointed to the Vessel, to relieve me from onerous duty of keeping the pay and provision Accounts of the Vessel, which duty distracts my attention from the more immediate requirements of the Survey. In a pecuniary point of view it would clearly be to the benefit of Government were a person whose salary is only one-sixth of my own, appointed to do the duty which I myself am now obliged to perform and I should feel very grateful if the Madras Government would press the subject upon the consideration of the Government of Bombay.

7. Two young Midshipmen who have never yet been in a Surveying Vessel are, in squadron orders appointed to the "Pownah" although no Official Notice of the same has been sent me. As I am under the orders of the Madras Government I would respectfully state that there is no longer room on Board the "Pownah" for them, Mr. Williams, Mate, having rejoined us from sick leave on May 1st, and a Clerk in charge is the only person needed to make my Staff of Officers complete.

(Signed) A. D. TAYLOR, Lieutenant I. N.

Commanding H. C. S. "Pownah."

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

From F. T. POWELL, Captain, Assistant Superintendent, I. N.; to Lieutenant A. D. Taylor, Commanding Honorable Company's Surveying Vessel "Pownah," dated 27th August No. 3073 of 1857,

SIR,

I am directed by the Commander-in-Chief to acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated Madras, the 15th Ultimo; forwarding Survey Reports and Estimate of repairs of the Honorable Company's Cutter "Cardiva," and in reply to desire you will be pleased to despatch that Vessel to Bombay on the opening of the fair season by the first favorable opportunity when a small Pilot Schooner will be placed at your disposal in lieu.

Herewith is forwarded for your information, Copy of the Master Builder's report relative to the "Cardiva."

(Signed) F. T. POWELL, Captain,
Assistant Superintendent I. N.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. D. TAYLOR, Lieut. I. N.

No. 40.

ORDER THEREON, No. 454; dated 20th October 1857.

The arrangements proposed in Paras: 1 to 4 of this letter are approved, and orders will be given for the disbursement of the usual Travelling Allowance to Lieutenant Taylor, I. N., for his journey from Cocanada, via Madras and Bangalore to Sedasheghur, at which place the "Pownah" will await his arrival. It is observed that Mr. May will remain for the present in Rajahmundry on extra duty in the Public Works Department with the sanction of the Bombay Government.

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He despatched to the Govt of Bombay.

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To Genl A. D. Taylor
" Acct General
" Civil Auditor

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