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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 8th December 1857.

No. 22. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Secretary Marine Board; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 23rd November 1857, No. 4071.

SIR,

Order on Marine Board's letter dated 30th March 1855, No. 761.

Estimate.....	Rupees.	564	2	0
Old Copper expected to realize. „		143	7	0
Co's Rupees...		420	11	0

I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to forward the accompanying Estimate for the repairs of the Port Boat purchased under the sanction of Government conveyed in Extract Minutes of Consultation of 11th April 1855, No. 82, for the use of the Master Attendant at Tuticoreen, and to solicit authority for the outlay amounting, after deducting the value of the old Copper, to Rupees (420-11-0) four hundred and twenty and annas eleven.

2. This Boat was taken down by the Steamer 'Manilla' in July last from Cocanada to Paumben, whence it was sent to Tuticoreen under charge of some Lascars. On reaching its destination a Survey was held upon it by the Master Attendant at Tuticoreen and he submitted through the Collector of Tinnevely an Estimate for its repair amounting to Rupees (269-6-0) two hundred and sixty nine and annas six, less the value of the old Copper. This the Board sanctioned, but on further examination it appeared that the Boat was in a much worse condition than was at first apparent. Two Masters of Ships were called upon to survey her and annexed is their report, from which it would seem that the repairs now estimated for are absolutely necessary.

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN,
Secretary.

We the undersigned do hereby Certify that at the request of Captain Robertson, Master Attendant, were called upon to survey a Government Report Boat belonging to this Port, and found as follows. The stern very defective and must be renewed: the wood ends, and Plank very bad, the Larboard streak aft on both sides about 10 feet entirely gone, and several Timbers broken. The fastenings very defective, and none through, in fact upon close inspection we found the Boat quite unfit for service, being very old, and requiring large repairs to put her in a state of efficiency. The sails, and rigging, are in very bad condition, the masts possible.

(Signed) F. F. MOJE,
Commander of the Ship "Dolphin."

DATED TUTICORIN,
The 18th day of September 1857.

(Signed) JOSEPH GIBSON,
Commander of the Ship "African."

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN,
Secretary.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, No. 518; dated 7th December 1857.

1. It is observed that the Boat, for the repair of which an Estimate is now submitted, was purchased on the recommendation of the Marine Board in April 1855, for the use of the Port of Tuticorin. The price paid for it was Rupees 600. It was taken down from Cocanada to Paumben only in July last, or more than two years after the purchase was made. From Paumben the Boat was taken to Tuticorin, where on its arrival a Survey was held and an Estimate of Rupees 269-6-0 for its repair sanctioned by the Board; but it was discovered afterwards that the Boat was in a much worse condition and needed more extensive repairs, which are now estimated at Rupees 564-2-0. This sum is nearly as much as the purchase value of the Boat.

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2. It appears therefore that, after deducting the value of the old Copper, which may perhaps not realize so much as is expected, the cost of the Boat will amount to Rupees 1,020, though it has been of no service to Government since the date of its purchase or for the past two years and a half. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council desires to be informed why and under whose charge the Boat was kept at Cocanada for the long period of two years since its purchase,—why steps were not then taken for examining and repairing it and rendering it thoroughly efficient for the service for which it was required before it was sent down to Paumben,—and what means were employed by the Master Attendant at Tuticorin during the above period in supplying the want of the Boat required for the use of that Port.

3. He also desires to have the opinion of the Board whether a perfectly new and first rate Boat for the service of the Port may not be built for the sum of Rupees 1,000, and, if so, whether this may not be done in preference to repairing the present one, which would appear to have been rebuilt in 1847, or 10 years ago. Or, whether the long Boat of any of the Vessels wrecked on this Coast may not be purchased, on an opportunity occurring, at a much less cost, if considered adapted for the use of the Port.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
under date 7th December 1857.

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Read letter from the
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To the Marine Board. Dispt. 11th P 46

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