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Madras Marine Board Office
17th January 1857.

From

J. I. Franklin Esq^{re}
Secretary Marine Board.

To

T. Pycroft Esq^{re}
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

With reference to the orders of Government marginally noted directing that 1000 tons of patent fuel or coal (whichever may be considered the preferable) be procured and sent to Bombay with all possible expedition, I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to inform you that they have arranged with Mess^{rs} Pany and Co for the purchase of about 900 tons of patent fuel at 55 Rupees per ton, and that they have engaged the "Malainie" of 310 tons and the "Laidmans" of 328 tons for its conveyance at 15 Rupees a ton, for such quantity as they may be able to receive, the amount to be decided by the Assistant Master

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Master Attendant. It is expected however that they will be able to convey between them nearly 800 tons.

Tenders were invited to be opened on the afternoon of the 16th when the following were submitted -

Messrs. Tahan & Co. "Melanie" 310 tons - 15 1/2 the ton

Shand and Co. "Tudman" 328 - 15 -

Miller and Sons "Seager" 388 - 20 -

Hecat Koose & Co. "Circassian" 384 - 20 -

Binn and Co. "Maest of London" 1809 - 18-12 -

"Eagle" - 1050 - 20 -

"Statesman" - 874 - 18-14 -

The Board selected the two first on the list, not only from there being offered at the most reasonable rates, but from the practicability of loading and despatching two small vessels quicker than could be the case with a larger one.

The vessels will commence taking in on the morning of the 19th instant, and will probably leave on the 22^d -

The Board are not aware of any more coal being in the market but Mr. French the Agent of the Pacific Company has

has placed at their disposal from 5 to 700 tons to be returned in kind within 6 to 7 months, and the balance of the 1000 tons will be made up from this, after it has been seen how much Messrs. Tany and Co. can deliver.

The Board have about 600 tons of government local stores, and expect a consignment of 300 tons by the Empress Eugenie now due, the purchase of which they have arranged for should it prove to be of good quality.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

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Secretary

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