

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 112

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Dated 16. 3

1858

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 19th March 1858.

Read again Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 18th February, No. 7475, and entered in Diary, to Consultation, 2nd March 1858.

No. 5. From J. T. MACLAGAN, Esq., Acting Secretary Marine Board; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 8th March 1858, No. 1028.

SIR,

Having perused the reports from Messrs. Kennedy and Thompkinson regarding their having failed to detect the fracture in the Screw Shaft of the "Prince Arthur" when examining her prior to being made over to Government, the Marine Board desire me to state that it appears from those reports that they were most careful in their examination, and that the flaw or fracture could easily have been concealed from them without evincing on their part any want of due attention. It must be borne in mind also that neither Mr. Kennedy nor Mr. Thompkinson was a Marine Engineer, and if any blame is due on account of the Vessel having been received in an unsound condition, it would appear to the Board to attach itself to the want of arrangements for taking her over to the Indian Naval Service. Intimation was received in August last from the Honorable Court of Directors that the "Prince Arthur" and "Dalhousie" had been purchased for the Indian Navy for employment in the Bay of Bengal and they desired that arrangements might be made by the controlling authorities of that Service to have Establishments at Madras in readiness to take charge of them. In neither case was this done and the Board could only obtain such assistance as was available at the times of their arrival to examine them and finally to navigate them to places of safety. Had the Vessels been made over to the Madras Government as belonging to the Establishment of this Presidency, it would have been the duty of the Board to have provided means for their thorough examination prior to the Certificate of delivery being furnished. As this was a duty which devolved on the Officers of another Government the Board could only do the best under the circumstances, to supply the omission of the arrangements which ought to have been, but were not made.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 112; dated 16th March 1858.

Ordered that the reports of Messrs. Thompkinson and Kennedy, the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer and order thereon, together with the letter from the Marine Board above recorded, be transmitted to the Honorable the Court of Directors in reference to para: 2, of the Despatch addressed to them under date the 26th January last, No. 3, on the subject of the defect discovered in the Screw Shafts of the Steamers "Prince Arthur" and "Dalhousie."

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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in the Minutes of Consultation
in date 16 March 1858.

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(Dated 8 March 1858. No 1028)

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Screw Shafts of the Steamers
"Prince Arthur" and "Salmonia"

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To the Marine Board - Sept 18th

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Ordered by Capt. 23rd June
22nd of 1858
Refused to 27th October
30th of 1858

Adm. 15 June
Marine. 1858 & 1859

8th 11th

Adm. 15 June

27th June 1858