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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 11th May 1858.

No. 12. From Lieutenant S. B. HELLARD, I. N., Commanding H. C. S. "Dalhousie"; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated May 1858, No. 109.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you of the arrival of the Steamer under my Command from Port Blair on the 1st Instant, having left Calcutta for the former named Port on the 8th Ultimo, and arrived there on the 15th. The Vessel was detained by the Superintendent at Port Blair, for the purpose of rendering any assistance that might be required, during the absence of the Steamer "Pluto."

Accompanying is forwarded, for your information, copy of instructions received from the Supreme Government of India, also letters from the Superintendent of Port Blair, Andaman Islands.

From R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India; to Lieutenant S. B. HELLARD, Indian Navy, Commanding the Honorable Company's Steamer, "Dalhousie," dated the 12th March 1858, No. 705.

Home Department. SIR,

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to request that you will proceed with the "Dalhousie," to Port Blair in the Andaman Islands with Stores for that Settlement, and such Mutineer and Rebel Convicts as may be put on board by the Superintendent of the Allipore Jail.

2. The "Tubal Cain" is expected to be ready for Sea in a week, she will take 400 men of the 47th Native Infantry proceeding to China and 400 Tons of Commissariat Stores. You are requested to tow the "Tubal Cain" in the direction of Singapore to the Latitude of Port Blair and there cast her off. The "Tubal Cain" will sail from thence to China with favorable winds.

3. You will in communication with the Government of Bengal provide a Guard for the Convicts of such strength as may be necessary.

4. The Stores and Convicts are to be made over to Dr. Walker, the Superintendent of Port Blair, and after landing them, you will proceed to Madras.

From J. P. WALKER, Esq., M. D., Superintendent, Settlement at Port Blair, Andaman Islands; to Lieutenant S. B. HELLARD, I. N., Commanding H. C. S. "Dalhousie," dated Port Blair, 15th April 1858, No. 33.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 99, of this date, and to request that the Convicts may be landed on Chatham Island at once, and the Stores at your convenience.

2. As it is my intention to dispatch the Steamer "Pluto" to Tavoy and Moulmein on the 18th Instant, I have to request the favor of your remaining at Port Blair to render any assistance that may be required, as, on the departure of the "Pluto," the "Dalhousie" will be the only Government Vessel in the Port.

3. I have reported your arrival and detention to the Secretary to the Government of India.

4. It is probable that your detention will not exceed a few days.

From J. P. WALKER, Esq., M. D., Superintendent, Settlement at Port Blair, Andaman Islands; to Lieutenant S. B. HELLARD, I. N., Commanding H. C. S. "Dalhousie," dated Port Blair, 24th April 1858, No. 61.

SIR,

In continuation of para: 2 of my letter, No. 33, dated 15th Instant, requesting you to remain at Port Blair to render any assistance that may be required, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to leave this Port to-morrow morning at day break and proceed along the Sou-

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thern and Western Coasts of the great Andaman with a view to observing whether any craft are cruising along the coast or lying in its bays, with the intention of effecting the escape of the two hundred and twenty convicts who have recently escaped from Port Blair, and are believed to have proceeded to the Southward.

2. I will accompany you on this reconnoitering voyage which I anticipate will only require your absence from Port Blair for a few days.

3. As Lieutenant Sweny, R. N., now engaged on the Survey of the Andaman Coast, is present at Port Blair, I think it desirable that he should accompany you, for the purpose of making himself acquainted with the general features of the Southern and Western coasts, and enabling him, while you are reconnoitering bays and creeks, to take soundings wherever practicable to test the correctness at the present day of Lieutenant Blair's observations recorded more than sixty years ago. You will therefore be so good as to accommodate Lieutenant Sweny on board the "Dalhousie" and render him any assistance in your power compatible with the special object of the voyage.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, No. 173; dated 7th May 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Marine Board and Military Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

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Port George,
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To the Marine Board - Dispt 14th
Military Dept 8th May 58
W. H. Warburton Major
17th Regt of Foot

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