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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 12th January 1858.

No. 8. From Commodore R. BOYES WATSON, Her Majesty's Ship "Chesapeake;" to His Excellency the Right Honorable LORD HARRIS, Governor of Madras, dated Trincomalee, 9th January 1858.

MY LORD,

I have the honor to inform you of my arrival in Her Majesty's Ships "Chesapeake" to take Command of Her Majesty's Ships on the Indian Division of the Station.

It was my orders as well as my inclination to put myself in communication with your Lordship at Madras, but having heard that Her Majesty's Troop Ship "Himalaya" has most seriously disarranged her machinery, I am obliged to hasten to Calcutta, which will be my Head Quarters for the present.

I send to your Lordship Commander Byng in Her Majesty's Screw Iron Vessel "Sparrow Hawk" to convey this letter and communicate with your Lordship, either to remain at Madras or follow me on to Calcutta, should there be no political reason for keeping her with your Lordship.

I beg to assure your Lordship that I shall be most happy to render you every assistance in my power, should you at any time require the presence of a Ship of War at Madras.

(Signed) R. BOYES WATSON,
Commodore.

No. 9. From T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government; to Commodore R. B. WATSON, Her Majesty's Ship "Chesapeake," dated Fort Saint George, 11th January 1858, No. 22.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant, received by the hands of Commander Byng, of the Screw Gun Vessel Sparrow Hawk.

The Madras Government desire me to thank you for your letter and the obliging offer that it contains, and to express their regret that circumstances have prevented you from visiting Madras.

The Government have no occasion to detain the Sparrow Hawk, and have therefore informed Captain Byng that he may continue his Voyage to Calcutta.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Memo.

This just been brought by Capt. R.

Ryng who tells me that his instructions are to proceed as quickly as he could to Calcutta but to do him no harm and to be of any assistance to his feet that they might require - He says however that his horse will not take more than a short distance if that were wanted -

Col Brown does not know of any use that could be made

for your letter & oblige after that containing and expressing regret at circumstances - presented you in visiting Madras

of the Sparrow Hawk except to take
any dispatches of importance now
that the P. & S. Steamer has failed
in -

We will give him any that
we have -

Capt. Byng will call on us
again at the last S. & S. meeting
to get off to night if he can - so
no early answer is expected by
noon

Wm. Byng
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There is no necessity
for detaining the
Sparrow Hawk.

I am sure
of Commodore Watson
acknowledging his
letter

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Marine Dept. 1874

Chief W. Com. Byng. 11/1

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Lincoln W. Watson
A. M. Ship "Chesapeake"

I am L. L. Adams.
-Lodge receipt of your
letter of N. 9 inst. with
by the Land of Com.
-Wander Byng of
the New for vessel
Sparrow Hawk -

The Marine for
decide me to thank
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from visiting Marine

The first time as
occurred to detain
the Sparrow Hawk
and her kin from
informal capture.

By way that he may
continue his voyage
to Calcutta

For George
11 January 1850

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St. Commodore

P. O. Watson

W. W. J. Crockett

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