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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 29th October 1858.

No. 13. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 21st October 1858, No. 4262.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that from a conversation with a Member of the Firm of Messrs: Arbuthnot and Co., it appears they have facilities for supplying good Steam Coal at Bimlipatam at a more reasonable rate than is usually paid. Ships, chartered by them in England to load at that Port, arrive in Ballast; and, if certain of a sale, would take in Coals in preference to the Shingle Ballast ordinarily taken on Board, which is thrown overboard at the conclusion of the voyage.

2. No Coals will be required at Madras for sometime, the stock in hand being about 9,000 Tons; but it is a great convenience having small stock on different parts of the coast. I would therefore recommend that any offer made to the authorities in England for the supply of good Steam Coal *deliverable on shore* at Bimlipatam, at from 15 to 18 Rupees a Ton, may be accepted to the extent of 1,000 Tons.

3. Should the Indian Council determine to act upon this suggestion, it will be necessary that early advice be forwarded on the subject that arrangements may be made for storing the Coal.

4. It would be also a convenience if a similar quantity of Coals were sent in like manner to Cochin or Calicut; but it must be understood that, neither at these Ports nor at Bimlipatam is it absolutely necessary that Coals should be stored. My present communication is merely to point out a mode of keeping up stock in an economical way, which, if adopted, would enable our Steamers to leave Madras with less Coal on board, and thus afford more space for the stowage of Cargo.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, No. 431; dated 25th October 1858.

Resolved that the foregoing communication be recommended to the consideration of the Honorable the Court of Directors.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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For George?
25 October 1858.

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