

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 88

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Dated 23.2. 1858.

Not to be folded or roughly handled*MS*

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 23rd February 1858.

No. 17. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Secretary Marine Board; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 17th February 1858, No. 706.

SIR,

I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board, to submit the accompanying letter from Messrs. Binny, & Co. offering for sale the Iron Steamer "Viscount Canning" of 783 tons, gross tonnage, including Engine space, and 180 horse power, for the sum of 2,50,000 Rupees.

2. In the uncertainty as to whether the Government can entertain an offer of this nature, the Board have not yet surveyed the Vessel; but they believe her to be in efficient order, and from the plans that have been laid before them, she appears to have spacious between decks for troops.

3. The Government are aware that at present in consequence of the want of Government Steamers for the requirements of this Presidency there are four engaged on monthly hire, namely,—

The Manila.....	at 20,000	Rupees a month.
The Carthage	at 22,000	" "
The Thebes.....	at 20,000	" "
The Robert Lowe.....	at 22,000	" "

From Messrs. BINNY and Co.; to the Secretary to the Marine Board, Madras, dated 16th February 1858.

SIR,

We have the honor to tender for sale to Government the Iron Steamer Viscount Canning of 783 Tons, Register tonnage, and 180 horse power (launched in September last) for the sum of £ 25,000 or Rupees 2,50,000. Accompanying are the Register Lloyds' Certificate of classification and the Board of Trade Certificate. Annexed are all the particulars, as to the Vessel's dimensions, capacity for men and Stores, consumption of fuel, speed, &c., &c., which it is desirable for a purchaser to know.

The Officers, Engineers, Firemen, Steward, and Cook are under engagement for 3 years from October last, and the Crew are Lascars. If necessary Captain Blackmore would be willing to retain the Command of the Ship.

In offering this Vessel for sale we believe we can say with perfect confidence that she is in every respect in thoroughly good and efficient order (except the Mizzen mast Head above the rigging carried away) and that she is as good a Vessel of her class as ever put to Sea.

Particulars of the S. S. Viscount Canning.

Length for tonnage.....	217 feet.
Breadth for do.....	30 "
Depth do. do.....	17 $\frac{3}{10}$
Height of Twixt Decks.....	7 feet 9 inches.
Gross tonnage 783. Net Register do.....	531 $\frac{7}{100}$

Will carry 1000 Tons besides her Bunkers full of Coal. Classed at Lloyds for nine years, and is extra fastened in stringers, beams and rivets, &c.

Engines.—Direct Acting Trunk Engines of the collective power of 180 Horses calculated per Admiralty Rule. Boilers.—Two Tabular of extra large heating surface. Consumption of Coals 15 Tons per diem of best Welsh. Bunkers will hold 170 Tons of do. She will carry in her lower deck, hammocks for 250 men according to the space allotted by the British Government per man. Water carried in Tanks containing about 10,000 Gallons and a Condenser for making fresh water when under steam.

Cabin.—Has a small comfortable Saloon and seven State-rooms, making up 15 berths. Average speed under steam 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ Knots.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN,

Secretary.

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 23rd February 1858.

No. 18.

ORDER THEREON, No. 88; dated 23rd February 1858.

The Government are not prepared to authorize the purchase of the Viscount Canning, Steamer, tendered by Messrs. Binny and Co.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Marine Department

No. 70.

From the Secretary to the Marine Board.
Dated 17th February 1858.

For Orders

If this report is strong & well
found - she wd be very useful
for coast work provided the depth
of water is small - this shd be as-
certained - I do not know - like
this - this Govt has authority
sufficient to buy - & if on doing

So. it shd be necessary David has to
 Penning to become one of the hidden
 how - he shd probably be no better
 off than we are here - & do long
 as we can live - he shall be better
 served - tho: at a private cost

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If we purchase it will be only
 on adding another vessel to
 the Indian Navy - *Heav*
well

The Government are not prepared
 to authorize the purchase of
 the Viscount Canning Steamer
 tendered by Messrs Birney & Co

For St George
 23 February 1858-3
 Marine B^d Sept 20th

J.P.

Marine Letter to Eng^d
30th June 1822 of 1838.
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Done on 23 Feb^y

Marine 1838 Dep^t March

From
The Secretary of the Board
The Chief Secretary
to the Board of Admiralty
and the Board of Navy

March 14th Feb^y 1838

No 70
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Submits copy of a
letter from the Secretary of the
Board to the Secretary of the
Board of Admiralty and the
Board of Navy concerning of 1838 to
the Board of Admiralty and the
Board of Navy and 180 more
to the sum of 25,000 pounds.

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The Secretary of the Board

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