

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	<i>26. 3 -</i>	<i>1859</i>

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 28th March 1859. 1

No. 13. From Colonel C. M. MELVILL, Secretary to Government of Bombay; to the Secretary to the Government at Fort Saint George, dated Bombay Castle, 16th March 1859, No. 426.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to communicate to you the accompanying copies of a letter from the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, No. 234, dated 4th instant, and of its enclosure; and under the circumstances therein set forth to request that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council at Fort Saint George, may be moved to cause instructions to be issued for the return of the Steamer "Dalhousie" to Bombay for the purposes indicated by Commodore Wellesley.

From Commodore G. G. WELLESLEY, C. B., R. N., Commander-in-Chief, Indian Navy; to the Right Honorable LORD ELPHINSTONE, G. C. H., Governor and President in Council, dated Bombay, 4th March 1859, No. 234.

MY LORD,

I do myself the honor to submit to your Lordship in Council the accompanying letter to my address from the Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie," Indian Navy, No. 34, dated the 22nd Ultimo, relative to the necessity that exists for having that Vessel docked for the purpose of being cleaned, and of having her Pistons returned; an operation which, for the reasons therein given, he considers can more readily be performed at this Port than in Calcutta.

2nd. Under the circumstances represented by Commander Hopkins, I would suggest to your Lordship in Council, that the Madras Government be advised to send the "Dalhousie" to Bombay, whence she can return to Madras on the completion of such repairs as she may be found to require.

From Commander F. W. HOPKINS, I. N.; Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie," I. N.; to Commodore G. G. WELLESLEY, C. B., R. N., Commander-in-Chief, Indian Navy, dated Madras, 22nd February 1859, No. 34.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that the Vessel's bottom is becoming very foul and dirty in places from barnacles and sea-weed, which retards her speed and causes a greater expenditure of fuel, to make passages, than the Vessel would otherwise require. In April next, the Vessel will require to be docked to have her bottom thoroughly cleaned and painted; one Piston to have a new Junk Ring and both Pistons taken out and returned in the lathe; both Pistons pass Steam now and one to a very considerable extent; a supplementary injection pipe requires fitting, as the present supply of injection water is insufficient in a hot climate. This was recommended to be done in Calcutta, and although there for nearly three weeks, I was obliged to leave without having it done, and some necessary work completed, and what work is done there is generally badly done. Government have no private docks of their own there, and Vessels have to lay months sometimes to get into a private one. From these circumstances, I most respectfully beg to recommend that the "Dalhousie" be ordered to Bombay to be docked and have the necessary repairs completed.

Referred to Marine Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, }
23rd March 1859. }

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Colonel,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 14. TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY, dated Fort Saint George, 26th March 1859, No. 109.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 426, of the 16th March 1859, requesting Government to issue instructions for the return of the "Dalhousie" to Bombay for the purpose of undergoing repairs.

2. In reply, I have to acquaint you, for the information of the Government of Bombay, that the "Dalhousie" has already, under the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, proceeded to Calcutta to have

Extract Minutes of Consultation, 8th March 1859, No. 77 certain defects in her Pistons remedied. The papers, noted in the margin, which accompany this letter, contain the correspondence connected with the Despatch of the "Dalhousie" to Calcutta.

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(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
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