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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 29th April 1859.

No. 2. From R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India; to Commander J. RENNIE, c. B., Superintendent of Marine, dated Council Chamber, the 5th April 1859, No. 719.

Home Department. SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2773, dated the 31st Ultimo, with its enclosure, and in reply to state that His Excellency the Governor General in Council approves of the directions issued by you for the early repairs of the hull and machinery of the Steamer "Australian."

2. The original enclosure is herewith returned.

From Commander J. RENNIE, c. B., Superintendent of Marine; to C. BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort William, the 31st March 1859, No. 2773.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit herewith a survey report in original, dated the 25th Instant, on the hull and machinery of the Steamer "Australian," and respectfully to report that I have, in anticipation of the sanction of Government, directed the repairs recommended by the Committee to be executed with all possible despatch.

2. I shall be obliged by the return of the original document forwarded herewith, when no longer required.

To Captain J. G. REDDIE, Master Attendant.

SIR,

In obedience to the orders conveyed in Mr. Secretary Howe's letter, No. 2438, dated the 19th, current, and its enclosures, we would beg to state for the information of the Superintendent of Marine, that we this day repaired on board of H. M.'s Steamer "Australian," at the Sail Loft Mooring, and after a careful examination, have the honor to report as follows:

HULL.

We found the iron plating of Hull above water, sound. Decks worn very thin in several places and abreast of Companion-way and Under-galley, which should be replaced with new. Bolts of cranes of swinging boom require refitting. Bill Boards for sheet anchor in wake of fore chains star-board and port, require to be fitted.

She will require a new Life-boat, one new Cutter, and one Jolly Boat which were found unserviceable.

The Tiller wants rebushing, and wooden blocks to be fitted instead of the present iron ones.

Windlass to be examined and put in good working order. Cat-heads to be replaced, present ones too slight and defective.

Boat's Davits to be straightened and strengthened. Rough tree-rail and bulwarks to be repaired wherever required.

The "Australian" requires docking for the purpose of having her bottom cleaned and painted.

The following spars will require to be replaced with new.

Fore-mast, slightly decayed in wake of cheeks, require to be stripped, and Cap lifted for examination. One Fore Trysail Gaff and one Top-mast studding sail Boom.

ENGINES AND BOILERS.

Engines require overhauling and repairs to working Gear, screw shafting requires adjusting when the vessel is docked.

Boilers in very bad condition, but repairable; will take 10 weeks to make serviceable for a further period of 15 months, with 7 lbs. steam pressure.

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 29th April 1859.

A small portion of the Coal-bunker between the Engines and Boilers to be cut away to improve the draught by enlarging the Gangways.

We have, &c.,
(Signed) THOMAS HILL,
2nd Master Attendant.
(") J. M. MELANY,
Surveyor and Builder.
(") W. H. SANDEMAN,
Chief Supdg. Engr.

No. 834.

MEMORANDUM.—Forwarded to the Superintendent of Marine, with the Statement received with Mr. Secretary Howe's letter, No. 2438, dated 19th Instant.

MASTER ATTENDANT'S OFFICE,
The 29th March 1859.

(Signed) JOHN G. REDDIE,
Master Attendant.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 702.

Copy of this letter and of that to which it is a reply forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, for information.

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 3.

ORDER THEREON, No. 148; dated 20th April 1859.
Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine for his information.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 148
Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine for his information.

Fort George
20 April 1859

The Superintendent of Marine.

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With an Order.

Forwarded for the information of this post copy of a letter addressed to the Superintendent of Marine at Fort St. George, and of that Office's reply, regarding the repairs of the hull and machinery of the "Harrison" and "Hutchinson".

6 copies. 2 enclo.

10/10 April 1859.

From the Under Secy to the Govt. of India. 702.

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No. 719

FROM

R. B. CHAPMAN, ESQUIRE,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India,

TO

COMMANDER J. RENNIE, C. B.,
Superintendent of Marine.

SIR,

Dated Council Chamber, the 5th April 1859.

HOME DEPT.
MARINE.

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2. The original enclosure is herewith returned.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

R. B. Chapman
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Copy of this letter and of that to which it is a reply, forwarded to the Government of Fort St. George, for information.

W. H. P. M. S.
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.