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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 11th to 17th May 1859.*

No. 24. Read the following letter from R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 26th April 1859, No. 825.

With reference to my letter No. 275, dated the 11th February last, I am directed to forward to you copy of an explanatory one from Commander F. W. Hopkins, dated the 13th Instant, relative to the objection raised by him in January last, to allow Her Majesty's Steamer *Dalhousie* to be moored at the Rangoon Wharf for the purpose of coaling.

2. His Excellency the Governor General in Council desires me to observe, that it will not do for each Captain to move his vessel to the coal wharf or not as he may think best. The rule is, that all Government Steamers requiring coal should go alongside the wharf, and Commander Hopkins should have conformed to it.

From Commander F. W. HOPKINS, I. N., Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer "*Dalhousie*"; to R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, dated Calcutta, the 13th April 1859, No. 81.

With reference to a correspondence from Government, dated 11th February, received by me on leaving Madras, on the subject of not having moved Her Majesty's Steamer "*Dalhousie*" under my command down river to the coal wharf at Rangoon, on the 13th January 1859, I must respectfully beg leave to state that, on my arriving at Rangoon, I considered what would be cheapest to Government in carrying out their orders or work to be done. The coal wharf there is about one English mile down the river from where I lay, and I only required a few Tons of coal, and I had the ship moved off the Commissariat wharf, close to where I had a large quantity of Regimental baggage, Government Stores, and Troops to embark, and also to land at on arriving there, and to be nearest the place where I had most work to do, I thought would save time and expense of Boat hire. When I got a request to move ship, her Machinery was disconnected for overhaul; and I had her heeled over, scraping and cleaning her bottom to save coal in steaming; and so far as I can recollect, there were some Government boats laying idle near the Commissariat wharf at the time referred to, and to have moved my Vessel must have caused detention, and stopped the work going on on Board, and Government wanted her to convey Troops as soon as possible. In future I will strictly cary out the instructions received from Government with regard to coaling there, and trust that the explanation given of the matter may remove the reflection thrown on me,—that of apparently causing an unnecessary expense to Government of Boat hire.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1859, No. 198.

Ordered to be communicated to Lieutenant F. W. Hopkins.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary,

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From
The Under Secretary
Govt of India.

11th April 1859
17th May 1859

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Office of the
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Enclosed copy of an
explanatory letter from
Colonel J. W. Hopkins, re-
lative to the application made
by him in Jan. 1859, to allow
at Mr. Thomas Dalhouse
also made at the Bazaar
Wharf for the purchase of
candles with the other
materials of the Launceston
Govt. House.

Without Order.

Received by 27 June 1859

No. 198.
Ordered to be communicated to Lieut.
F. W. Hopkins.

For George,
16 May 1859.

J. P.

To Lieut. F. W. Hopkins I. N. S. D. 11.

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