

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Warrent DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. <i>300</i>	Press Mis.
Dated <i>4</i> <i>7</i>	18 <i>57</i>

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 2nd to 8th July 1859.*

No. 13. To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Fort Saint George, 4th July 1859, No. 300.

Dated 20th June 1857, No. 114.

The Commander of the "*Dalhousie*" has represented to Government, that his Vessel is unsuited for Trooping purposes—her accommodation being, as he states, limited to carrying 300 European, or 400 Native Troops—and he has also submitted a letter addressed by him to the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, in which he suggested that the "*Dalhousie*" should be sent to Bombay in September next, in view to a light spar deck being constructed on her, and expressed his opinion that the Vessel is unfitted for the conveyance of Troops in the long voyages across the Bay of Bengal, and would be better adapted for plying between Bombay and Kurrachee.

Dated 18th Idem, No. 113.

Dated 24th Idem, No. 2521.

2. From the report of the Superintendent of Marine on Commander Hopkins' letter, Government learn that it is only during the prevalence of fine weather that the "*Dalhousie*" is filled with a fair allotment of Troops to convey, and that it is the intention, for voyages across the Bay, not to embark more than 200 men. The Government rely on Mr. Franklin making it his duty to see that more Troops are not put on Board of her, than she can properly accommodate, and that, under the circumstances, the Commander should be consulted as to the arrangements for conveying Government Stores and private Cargo.

3. I am directed here to bring to the recollection of the Government of Bombay, the circumstances connected with the *Prince Arthur*, a finer Vessel as a Troop Ship. She was sent out in 1857, expressly with reference to the communication between Madras and Rangoon. An establishment of Indian Navy Officers, Engineers, and Crew was to have been in readiness to take charge of her. None were here on her arrival, and she was sent to Bombay in October of that year, with a request that she might return as early as possible, conveyed in Mr. Secretary Maltby's letter of the 20th October 1857, No. 452, para : 3.

4. The Madras Government will not be able to spare the "*Dalhousie*" until they are provided with a suitable Vessel to take her place.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

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John Dalhousie
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