

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 30th July to 5th August 1859.*

No. 26. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 2nd August 1859, No. 3038.

Referring to the Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 21st Ultimo, No. 327, I have the honor to observe that the correspondence mentioned by the Right Honorable the late Secretary of State for India, in his Despatch of the 14th June last, No. 20, as shewing the height and other particulars of the machinery of the Diving Bell, required before the construction of the Boat can be commenced upon, and which is therein said to be in the packet, has not been received.

2. As the Bell may be expected in all October, it would have been impossible, even had these particulars been furnished, to have built a Vessel in time for its reception on arrival. It may therefore be found more advisable to purchase a small Craft and fit her for the occasion.

3. Mr. Templemore the Engineer sent out to manage the Bell is, I note, bound by his Covenant to make himself generally useful in other matters besides that for which he is expressly engaged.

ORDER THEREON, 5th August 1859, No. 362.

No. 27.

The Superintendent of Marine will be informed that the word *height* in the Despatch cited by him, para: 2, is a misprint for *weight*—and that the entire correspondence received with that Despatch, has been communicated to him.

2. The Superintendent of Marine will report further in pursuance of the suggestion in para: 2 of his letter, whether a small Craft fitted for the purpose can be procured, and if so at what price she could be had and what it would cost to fit her up.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Jp

The Superintendent of Marine }
" Pub. Works Dept. } (Sept. 8th)