

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	36	Press Mis.
Dated	31 /	1859

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No. 18. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 31st January 1859, No. 412.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that the Commander of the Steamer "Australian," which Vessel arrived yesterday, has reported that his Boilers are worn so thin that he is doubtful as to the Vessel's ability to complete the service on which she is now employed. She has received at Cocanada between 8 and 900 souls, men, women and children, the families of the 8th N. I., with the intention of carrying them to Mangalore, after which she is to bring from Quilon to Madras a Wing of the 2nd N. I.

2. It would be highly inconvenient to land the families of the 8th N. I. at Madras to await some other opportunity of proceeding round to the other Coast, yet as the "Australian's" Boilers have already on several occasions shewn their weakness, which has obliged the Engineer to reduce the pressure of the Steam Power from eleven to eight pounds, it will be advisable to have a Survey held on them prior to arrangements being made for her further employment. I have therefore to solicit that the Government will instruct Commander Hopkins of the "Dalhousie" to order his Engineers to examine and report whether, in their estimation, the "Australian," with care and even with a lower pressure than eight pounds, if necessary, is likely to be able to accomplish the voyage from this to Mangalore and back again without serious mishap. The state of the Boilers, it is well known, is such that they would be at once condemned on an ordinary Survey. The present inquiry is intended to ascertain as far as practicable whether, in consideration of the importance of her proceeding, she could not make this one voyage before being laid up.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, No. 36; dated 31st January 1859.

Resolved that Commander Hopkins of H. M.'s S. S. "Dalhousie," I. N., be requested to order his Engineers to examine and report whether in their estimation the "Australian" with care and even with a lower pressure than eight pounds, is likely to be able to accomplish the voyage from Madras to Mangalore and back again without serious injury.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Marine Department

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 31st January 1859.

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