

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	38	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	1 - 2 - 1859	

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 1st February 1859.

Read the following

No. 22. From the Committee appointed to report on the state of the Steamer "Australian."

Pursuant to the orders of Government, we, the undersigned, have assembled in Committee to report on the present state of the Steamer "Australian's" Boilers and after personally examining them have to report as follows:

President.
Commander F. W. Hopkins.
Members.
F. W. Hopkins,
C. D. Cameron,
Chief Engineer.
Mr. Adamson,
2nd Engineer.

We have carefully examined the Boilers of the "Australian" inside, and find the Steam Chest and Uptakes of both Boilers to be in a bad state, many of the Rivets being completely gone and some plates corroded nearly through. The vertical stays from the Uptake to the Crown are mostly gone and where the stays are most gone the Rivets of their plates are nearly corroded through. After a careful examination and due consideration as to the present state of the Vessel's Boilers, we are of opinion that it is unsafe for the "Australian" to

proceed to Mangalore under Steam and would recommend her being sent to Calcutta for repairs of her Boilers, which if properly stayed and repaired the Boilers will last for some years.

The Vessel should be sent to Calcutta under a reduced pressure of Steam.

Given under our hands on board Her Majesty's Steamer "Australian."

MADRAS ROADS,
The 31st Day of January 1859. }

(Signed) F. W. HOPKINS,
Commander, I. N., President.

(Signed) JOHN G. CAMERON,
Chief Engineer.

(Signed) CHARLES ADAMSON,
Second Engineer.

Should the services of the Vessel be most emergently required by Government, I am of opinion that she might proceed under *Sail* and use her *Engines*, when actually most wanted.

(Signed) F. W. HOPKINS.

No. 23.

ORDER THEREON, No. 38; dated 1st February 1859.
Ordered to be communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Fort St. George
1st February 1793

To the Capt of Marine - Dispt. 1st M.S.
Printed copy sent - 3¹/₂.

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Ordered to be communicated
to the Superintendent of
Marine. JPS

Stayed and repaired the 13th

The vessel has
a reduced pressure of steam
Given under our hands
Madras Roads this 31st

Should the service
urgently required by
that the Maj. Gen.
I use his engines
Most Wanted