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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 13th to 19th August 1859.*

No. 22. Read the following letter from Commander F. W. HOPKINS, I. N., Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie;" to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 16th August 1859, No. 164.

I have the honor to report for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council, that Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie," I. N. will be ready for Sea on the 20th Instant, (for any service the Government may require); provided I can get the Stores indented for, with reference to procuring such for the use of the Vessel, I most respectfully beg to state that there is always a great difficulty in doing so at Madras; there being no Naval Storekeeper's Department, the Officer of the Vessel has to go about to many Stores and places before I can get what is wanted as several small items of Stores are got from different persons; I most respectfully beg to suggest that Government allow Mr. Shaw or some such respectable person to supply the Stores; which would be a saving to Government, instead of the system now adopted; Mr. Shaw has supplied good Stores for the Ship, better than I could get at Calcutta, some I know he supplied at a loss in price to himself, sooner than we should go without,—where there are such a number of Ship Chandlers and different parties employed to supply the few Stores, it is impossible they can take an interest in providing them or gain much in doing so.

2nd. I beg to mention that I received no official intimation of what service the "Dalhousie," is to be employed on next; or when she will be required; I am coaling and watering Ship as usual.

3rd. I also have to state that I should do myself the honor of calling on you on duty, but cannot leave the Ship now; as my Executive Officer is unfit for duty, being sick, and the other Officer is on shore seeing about procuring the Stores.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1859, No. 397.

The above letter will be communicated to the Assistant Superintendent of Marine. Mr. Crowther is desired to give Commander Hopkins every assistance in procuring the Stores he requires from the several Government Departments.

2. Orders have already been issued indicating the service on which the "Dalhousie" is next to be employed.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Order thereon - 17. August 1859 No 397.

The above letter will be communicated to the Assistant Superintendent of Gallatin. Mr Crowther is desired to give Commander Hopkins every assistance in procuring the stores he requires from the several Govt. Depts.

2. Orders have already been issued indicating the service in which the Dalhousie is to be employed.

The Commander of the Dalhousie deputy Ins. Superintendent of Gallatin deputy Ins.

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Requies that M. J. Dalhousie will be ready for the on the 20th inst. Requisition the off. He will be accompanied in the Dalhousie the stores indicated for the Dalhousie, and suggests that for all the Dalhousie should be supplied by the stores. States that he had received no official notice of what service the Dalhousie is to be employed on next.

With our Order.

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