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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
for the month of November 1859.*

No. 22. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, dated 8th November 1859, No. 4498.

I have the honor to inform you that the Master Attendant has reported to me the loss of two 68 pounder guns lately in roads under the following circumstances. The first was in course of transhipment on the 26th ultimo, from the "Saint Croix," by which vessel it had arrived from England, to the "Diana" proceeding to Rangoon, and when alongside the latter vessel a heavy swell caused the raft to strike violently against the ship's side, in consequence of which it upset, and the gun, breaking from its lashings, sunk in about seven fathoms water. The second was sent off from the shore on the afternoon of the 5th to be shipped to the same vessel but time not admitting of its being hoisted in, that evening, the raft was secured outside the surf in about 3 fathoms water, with the intention of moving it alongside early next morning. During the night the raft broke up and the gun sunk.

2. The Diving Bell sent out for facilitating the recovery of articles lost in the roads is not yet fitted, but as it is possible that it might be worked from the "Prince Arthur" I would solicit that the Commander be requested, in communication with Mr. Templemore, the Engineer who has been engaged for five years to work the Bell, and who could be sent on board with the orders of Government, if my application is approved, to report whether he considers it could be used with advantage from that vessel.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, 8th November 1859, No. 568.

Two 68 pounder guns have lately been lost in the Madras roads by the capsizing of the raft on which they were placed. A Diving Bell has just been received from England, but the raft upon which it is to be worked has—not yet been constructed. Commander Twynam, Her Majesty's Steamer "Prince Arthur" I. N., is requested to report, after communication with Mr. Templemore, the Engineer in charge of the Bell, whether the Bell can be used from his vessel. If this can be done with advantage, the necessary steps may be at once taken for the recovery of the guns.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. W. J. Boyton.

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My dear Marshall
I have just
received your letter
of the 1st inst. and
am glad to hear
that you are well.
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Read letter from the Supt. of Marine } Recd. 8 Nov. 1859,

Two 18 P. Guns have lately been lost in the Madras Roads by the capsizing of the raft on which they were placed. A Diving Bell has just been received from England, but the raft upon which it is to be worked has not yet been constructed. Comd^r Turpin, A.M.S. "Prince Arthur" I.R., is requested to report, after communication with Mr. Templeman, the Engineer in charge of the Bell, whether the Bell can be used from his vessel. If this can be done with advantage, the necessary steps may be at once taken for the recovery of the Guns.

To the Supt. of Marine. *Dr. Extra 12 M.*
 Capt. Comd^r of A.M.S. "Prince Arthur" *9 Nov 59*
 Duty Depart *11th*

[Signature]
 Chief Secy

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