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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 8th March 1859.

No. 11. From R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 11th February 1859, No. 275.

HOME DEPT.
Marine. I am directed by His Excellency the Governor General in Council to forward for the issue of the necessary orders, the accompanying copy of a letter No. 644, dated the 22nd Ultimo,* from the Superintendent of Marine, relative to an objection raised by the Officer Commanding the *Dalhousie*, to allow his vessel to be moored at the Rangoon Wharf, for the purpose of coaling: and to request that proper notice may be taken of Lieutenant Hopkins' apparent disregard of the public convenience.

From Commander J. RENNIE, c. B., Superintendent of Marine; to C. BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated the 22nd January 1859, No. 644.

I have the honor to forward, for the information of the Honorable the President in Council, the accompanying copy of a letter, with enclosures, from the Superintendent of the Irrawaddy Flotilla, No. 72 of the 13th Instant, regarding an objection raised by the Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Ship *Dalhousie*, Indian Navy, to allow his Vessel to be moored at the Wharf for the purpose of coaling.

2. The Wharf alluded to was constructed for the express purpose of expediting the shipment of coal, and seeing the unnecessary expense of boat hire, which involves additional coolie labor besides wastage of the fuel in loading and unloading the boats, moorings are laid down for securing Vessels at the Wharf, and the depth of water is fully sufficient.

3. Under these circumstances I would request that, if there be no objection, His Honor in Council may be pleased to issue orders that Vessels of the Indian Navy requiring coal at Rangoon, shall in future be placed at the Wharf to receive it.

From A. BROOKING, Esq., Superintendent, Irrawaddy Flotilla; to Captain H. HOWE, Secretary to the Superintendent of Marine, Fort William, No. 72, dated Rangoon the 13th January 1859.

I have the honor to forward the annexed correspondence for the notice of the Superintendent of Marine, with a view of obtaining instructions, relating to the method coals are to be supplied from this dépôt to the Government Steamers visiting this Station.

2. The facilities for supplying coal from the wharf, built at a great expense expressly for that purpose, are well known to the Superintendent, and I beg to suggest that orders may be conveyed to the Commanders of the *Dalhousie* and *Coromandel* to place their Vessels at the place appointed for coaling, and not to incur the unnecessary expense of hiring boats and the additional coolie labor in first putting the coal into boats, and from thence into the Steamer.

From A. BROOKING, Esq., Superintendent, Irrawaddy Flotilla; to Lieutenant F. W. HOPKINS, i. n., Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer *Dalhousie*, No. 69, dated Rangoon, the 12th January 1859.

I beg to acknowledge your demand for coal for the use of the Government Steamer *Dalhousie* under your command, and to inform you that it will be ready for delivery at the Wharf at the time indicated.

2. This establishment is not provided with Lighters for coaling purposes, as the depth of water admits of the largest Vessels coming alongside the coal wharf, where moorings are placed to secure the Vessels when alongside.

Superintendent, Irrawaddy Flotilla,

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 8th March 1859.

From Lieutenant F. W. HOPKINS, I. N., Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer *Dalhousie*; to
A. BROOKING, Esq., Superintendent, Irrawaddy Flotilla, Rangoon, No. 8, dated
Rangoon, the 13th January 1859.

In reply to your letter of yesterday's date, No. 69, received at 5 P. M., I have the honor to
state, that without considerable delay and stopping necessary work, the *Dalhousie* cannot be
moved to the coal wharf, and I beg to request that the coal indented for may be sent alongside
the ship. If Government boats cannot be procured for the purpose of conveying the coal, native
boats may be hired to do so, and the expense attending it to be charged with the coal, to the
Madras Government.

2. I have sent a person to see the coal weighed, and Friday morning will do for it to come
alongside.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 74; dated 4th March 1859.

With the foregoing letter is submitted a correspondence relative to an objection raised by the
Commander of the *Dalhousie* to allow his Vessel to be moored at the Rangoon Wharf for
Coaling, accompanied with the request that the necessary orders may be issued, and a proper no-
tice taken of Lieutenant Hopkin's apparent disregard of the public convenience.

2. Lieutenant Hopkins, it would appear from his letter to the Superintendent, Irrawaddy
Flotilla, dated Rangoon, 13th January last, refused to move his Steamer to the Coal Wharf, stat-
ing as his reason that he could not do so, without considerable delay and stopping necessary work,
and on being informed that there were no Government Lighters to convey to his Vessel the sup-
ply of Coal he had indented for, suggested that Native Boats might be hired and the expense
charged to the Madras Government.

3. Captain Rennie, Superintendent of Marine at Calcutta, observes that the Wharf at Ran-
goon was expressly constructed to expedite the Coaling of Government Steamers, and to save
the expense in Coaly and Boat hire, and also the wastage of the Fuel in the loading and un-
loading of Boats, and as the Moorings for securing Vessels to the Wharf are laid down in water of
sufficient depth, it is expected that Commanders of Steamers, in indenting for supplies of Coal at
that Port, will avail themselves of the facilities provided for them, and, by avoiding the expense
and wastage occasioned by the employment of Boats, carry out the objects for which the cost of
constructing the Wharf and Moorings was incurred.

4. The Government resolve to forward these papers to Commander Hopkins, and to inform
him that, in his future visits to Rangoon, he must take in his Coal alongside the Wharf, and that
the Government will not allow him to put them to the expense of Boats for the purpose of Coal-
ing his Vessel.

5. A copy of these papers will be furnished to the Commander of the *Coromandel* for his
information and guidance.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Marine Department.

No. 74.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.

Dated 4th March 1859.

Read letter from the Under
Secretary to the Government
of India - with Enclosures.

Enter No. 275 d/11 February
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[Signature]

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To Lieut. F. W. Hopkins, I.N.
Commanding the Dalhousie *with copy of this Correspondence*
" Commander of the Coromandel. *do* } *Sirsd. 10th*

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Conduct of Mr.
Hopkins at
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