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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 15th March 1859.

No. 19. TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, dated Fort Saint George, the 15th March 1859, No. 91.

SIR,

I am directed to state for the information of the Government of India that, under the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the S. V. "Dalhousie" will proceed to Calcutta for the purpose of being repaired.

2. The "Dalhousie" returned to Madras from a trip to the southward on the 7th Instant and had been ordered on a voyage to Singapore, *via* Pooree in Ganjam, when it was represented by her Commander, that both Pistons had been passing Steam to a considerable extent, and during the late trip one Piston, in particular, had become in such a state that working the Engines was attended with considerable risk, and perhaps some very serious damage might occur to the Machinery. He stated that on the occasion of the Steamer being docked in Calcutta in October last, it was found in surveying the Machinery, that the Pistons were defective, and should have been taken out, the Engines required a thorough overhaul, and an extra Injection Pipe fitted; this was recommended to be done by the Committee of Survey and the Survey Report sent to Commodore G. G. Wellesley, C. B., R. N., Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy. The Vessel's services being then emergently required by Government, she was sent away without this being done, and the Machinery had very little done to it, as it would have entailed a very considerable delay to have the Work completed at Calcutta. Under these circumstances he requested that a Committee of Survey might be ordered of competent practical Engineers to report to Government whether the Vessel should be run longer or not, without her Machinery being put properly in order.

3. A Committee was appointed accordingly, and they report that both the Vessel's Pistons are in a very bad state, being leaky and defective, and that they should be repaired as soon as practicable, as they did not consider them safe and in a fit state to run any longer.

4. I am desired to solicit that all the repairs to the "Dalhousie" that may be required may be executed as expeditiously as possible, as her absence from this Presidency is productive of great inconvenience to the Public Service.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Original Copy sent by the Com^d of the "Dalhousie" }
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