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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 20. From Commander F. W. HOPKINS, I. N., Commanding H. M. S. "Dalhousie"; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 14th March 1859, No. 50.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the copy of a letter to my address from Commodore G. G. Wellesley, C. B., R. N., Commander-in-Chief, Indian Navy, being in reply to an application from me for the sanction of Bombay Government for the further employment of the Engineers therein referred to.

2. With reference to Commodore G. G. Wellesley's letter, as the Engineers for the "Dalhousie" are coming by the "Punjaub" I most respectfully beg to suggest that the departure of this Vessel be deferred till 24 hours after the Steam Frigate "Punjaub" arrives here, as it will take some little time to deliver over charge of the Government Engineers' Stores on board from Mr. Cameron to the Engineer appointed.

3. I most respectfully beg to bring to the notice of Government here that Mr. J. G. Cameron who came out in the Vessel and has been in her ever since is a well qualified Engineer and I trust from his continued good and satisfactory conduct for a period of 2 years on board this Vessel, that if it be in the power of Government to do so, I trust he may get some suitable employment.

4. The other Engineers, Messrs. J. Adamson and J. Irvine, who were temporarily employed by the Madras Government for the "Dalhousie" and who are to be discharged, the former was discharged to the shore on Medical Certificate from this Ship on the 9th Instant, and no longer receives pay, although he lost his health in the service of Government, his conduct as also that of Mr. J. Irvine has been satisfactory and if Government have any employment on shore for Engineers I beg that the men may get it.

From Commodore G. G. WELLESLEY, C. B., R. N., Commander-in-Chief, I. N.; to F. W. HOPKINS, Commander, I. N., Commanding H. M. S. "Dalhousie" I. N., dated Bombay, 4th March, No. 780 of 1859.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 33, dated 22nd Ultimo, and in reply have to acquaint you that as a number of Engineers have recently arrived from England, a complement will be selected for the "Dalhousie" and will be sent to join that Vessel by the "Punjaub" which will leave for Madras and Calcutta on the 8th Instant.

2nd. On the arrival of the Engineers who it is intended to send by the "Punjaub," you will grant their discharge to Mr. Cameron and to the 2 junior Engineers now on board the "Dalhousie."

3rd. With reference to the concluding para: of your letter, I have to acquaint you that Daniel Callaghan and Christopher J. Perry can only be entered under the conditions expressed in my former letter, No. 2888 of the 2nd September last. If therefore they do not choose to avail themselves of the permission therein conveyed, you will grant them their discharge. To consent to the terms they have proposed, would be to put them over the heads of others who have been longer in the Service than they.

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No. 21. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 14th March 1859, No. 1083.

SIR,

The Government having in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 12th Instant, decided that the "Dalhousie" shall not be employed until repaired, and that she be dispatched at once to Calcutta for this purpose, I have the honor to solicit permission for the substitution of the "Coromandel" for the Service allotted to her. The "Sydney" will then have to take the place of the "Coromandel" in towing the "Louisiana" to Rangoon.

2. The following will be the arrangements necessary on the change in the "Dalhousie's" destination.

"Coromandel" to proceed to Pooree, touching at Masulipatam, Cocanada, and Vizagapatam, to land and pick up Detachments; and from Pooree to the Straits as far as Singapore and back to Madras.

"Dalhousie" to proceed to Calcutta for repairs, touching at Calingapatam to land Details, which cannot be accommodated in the "Coromandel."

"Sydney" to proceed to Rangoon with the "Louisiana" in tow, the first with Troops, the second with Horses and Sheep on board. The Steamer will return to Cocanada with the same or some other Vessel in tow having Elephants on board.

3. The Quarter Master General has represented that it would be a great convenience if the "Dalhousie" could return from Calingapatam to Madras touching at Masulipatam, where there are some European Invalids and about 450 Native Details to be embarked for the Presidency; but after the decision of Government above mentioned, I cannot recommend that she should be permitted to do so.

No. 22. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 15th March 1859.

SIR,

No. 665, 14th March 1859. 1. I have the honor to forward the accompanying letter, received late yesterday evening, from the Quarter Master General of the Army, urging that the "Dalhousie" should be sent to Masulipatam and Cocanada, as well as to Calingapatam, and to solicit orders thereon.

2. The Government having decided, on the report of the "Australian's" Engineers, that the "Dalhousie" should proceed at once to Calcutta for repairs, arrangements were made accordingly; and she was to touch at one place on the Coast, Calingapatam, to land some Details which could not be accommodated in the "Coromandel;" thus reducing the risk to the smallest possible compass. If however she has to touch at several Ports this risk will of course be increased, and as the Commander is still of opinion that the likelihood of accident in a trip to the Straits is remote, I would suggest that she be detained here till the arrival of the "Punjab," when a fresh Survey of her machinery might be made by Engineers of the Indian Navy, and it could then be satisfactorily ascertained whether it would be advisable or not to send her to Calcutta touching at Calingapatam, or to employ her otherwise.

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3. Commander Hopkins has requested Government to detain him till twenty four hours after the "Punjab's" arrival, to admit of the Engineers who are coming round in that Vessel for the "Dalhousie," taking charge of the Stores, &c. The Survey proposed might be made at the same time.

4. I beg respectfully to recommend this reconsideration of the question about the "Dalhousie's" movements as the previous Survey Committee was not to complete as could have been wished, from the Chief Engineer of the "Australian" having been sick; and moreover from Captain Hopkins being of opinion that the Service could have been undertaken.

5. The following is a statement of the transport still required during the present season which closes in May and will shew the extent of the inconvenience caused by the loss of the "Dalhousie."

From	To
Madras.....	Northern Ports. About 1000 men, a Company of Artillery with followers and 27 Convicts to be embarked at Madras.
Pooree.....	Straits. A company of Artillery, Details, and sick men. 27 European Invalids and about 550 Natives.
Straits.....	Madras. 130 Horses.
Northern Ports.....	do. 500 Sheep.
Madras.....	Rangoon. 1600 Men.
Do.	Quilon. 450 of the 45th N. I., including families.
Rangoon.....	Cocanada. 210 Elephants.

6. To secure the arrival of the Elephants before the setting in of bad weather, application to the Supreme Government has been made by the Commissariat Officer at Rangoon for the assistance of the Belgravia, sailing Transport, and Fire Queen Steamer.

From Captain ARTHUR DRURY, Assistant Quarter Master General of the Army; to the Superintendent of Marine, dated Fort St. George, 14th March 1859, No. 665.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter stating that Government are desirous that the "Dalhousie" should proceed at once to Calcutta and that only those Troops who cannot be accommodated in the "Coromandel" will be taken by her.

I beg to inform you that the allotment for the "Coromandel" which will be forwarded to you tomorrow morning already consists of 670 Adults not including the Details for Masulipatam, Cocanada and Calingapatam.

It is further very desirable that the Officers for Masulipatam and Secunderabad, many of whom have put off their departure by land in the hope of getting up to join more speedily by Steamer have already been put off day after day since the 12th Instant—they should not therefore be detained longer than absolutely necessary, and as it is only a matter of a delay of one or two

days, and taking into consideration the great inconvenience that will be caused by issuing further counterorders, it is requested that the sanction of Government may be solicited for the "Dalhousie" to put into these ports on her way to Calcutta.

Masulipatam.
Cocanada.
Calingapatam.

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No. 23. ORDER THEREON, No. 92; dated 15th March 1859.

The Government see no occasion to detain the "Dalhousie" until after the arrival of the "Punjab." The Engineers referred to may be brought on to Calcutta by the latter Vessel and then made over to the "Dalhousie."

The "Dalhousie" on her voyage to Calcutta may touch at Masulipatam, Coringa and Calingapatam if in the opinion of the Superintendent of Marine this can be done without risk or injury to the Passengers or Troops who may be sent by her.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

March 14. 1859.

My dear Mr Egerton

I have been speaking
to Captain Hopkins about
sending for the Surgeon.
The telegraph line now is
decided the Dalhousie
is not to go to the bank
he would have to go
to Calcutta without delay
and as the Surgeon is
going there also the
transfer of the stores to
the new Regiment would
take place with the least

at Calcutta there have
the troops are under
orders to embark on
Wednesday morning, and
as Mr Hopkins does
not wish to stay, could
you send his reply to
me to say that for
convenience there is no
necessity for detaching
the wife as the com-
pany will soon follow
the Belcher, and the
transfer of the stores and

be more convenient
to have them here.

Yours very truly

~~Matthew Davis~~

he regrets very much
not going to the States
and wants me to write
again recommending it,
but of course I decline
doing so.

N^o 92

Ex. Minis. Cons.

Dated 15 March 1859

Read the following letter from the
Com^d of H.M.S. Dalhousie

(See entry 11 March 1859 N^o 50.)

Read also letters from the Supt of Marine - See entry 14 & 15 March 1859.

The first see no occasion
to detain the Dalhousie
until the arrival of
the Porpoise - The Supt.
- seems disposed to say
to be brought on to Calcutta
by the latter vessel &
then made over to the
Dalhousie -

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The Dalhousie on
her voyage to Calcutta
may touch at Man.
risk or injury to the
passengers or cargo - Captain Corring
who may be sent by her
to Calcutta as pilot.

Supt of Marine }
Lieut. H. Hoppins S.M. }
Com^d H.M.S. Dalhousie }
To the Military Department. }
Dated 15 March. M. Munnell M.D.
By order of Genl.

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