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for the month of May 1860.*

No. 15. Read the following letter from Captain C. D. CAMPBELL, I. N., Commanding Her Majesty's P. V. "Calcutta," I. N., and Senior Officer, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 30th April 1860, No. 487.

On the 1st of October 1857, I had the honor to submit for the consideration and approval of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council of Fort Saint George, a report No. 165 of the proceedings I had found it necessary to adopt to provide a Crew for the Steam Vessel "Coromandel," on her first arrival at Madras from England in December 1856, and to which the Government were pleased to express approval as per Extract from Minutes of Consultation, Marine Department, No. 423 of the 5th October 1857.

2. The pay accounts of the "Coromandel" having been since submitted for audit in Bombay, I regret to find that in submitting the Schedule annexed to the abovementioned report, I omitted to specify a few individuals of the European portion of the Crew, which were also engaged at Madras in communication with the Marine Department. At the same time as the parties therein specified and in the absence of the requisite approval of Government, the pay of these individuals have not been admitted by the Military Auditor General of Bombay, being slightly in excess of the Bombay scale and complement, of which I was unaware at the time. Under these circumstances it becomes requisite for me to solicit the approval of Government to the following arrangements.

Individuals temporarily engaged for the "Coromandel" pending orders from Bombay on special rates of pay, omitted in Schedule annexed to letter No. 165 of 1st October 1857.

Number.	Ranks.	Pay.	Period employed.	
			From	To
1	Gunner's Mate ...	33	28th December 1856.	5th February 1857.
1	Sail-maker..	45	Do. do. do.	15th January "
1	Carpenter's Mate...	33	5th February 1857.	Still serving.
2	Carpenter's Crew...	30	28th December 1856.	1 to 27th January 1857, and 1 still serving.
1	Boiler-maker and Smith...	120	Do. do. do.	7th April 1857.

3. The above individuals were engaged by me from the shore at Madras on the specified rates of pay on account of the difficulty in obtaining persons competent to fill the several ratings; these men were mostly engaged through the assistance of the Marine Board at Madras, and could not be obtained at lower rates than those specified against their names, which I therefore trust may be approved, the whole having been discharged and replaced as soon as possible by others upon lower rates of pay, under the usual rules of the Indian Navy, excepting the Carpenters who were still serving in the vessel, upon my leaving her in September 1857; the pay these men received was not in excess of the Indian Naval scale of pay of the ratings, but as they were Natives of China, and not Europeans, objection is taken to their being paid the same amount without authority, and it is therefore requisite to solicit the special approval of Government to the amount paid monthly to the Chinese Carpenters as long as they served on board the "Coromandel," as it was found impossible to obtain better work-men to serve on board, and these men were in every respect equal to Europeans in point of skill and usefulness from the fact of their willingness and sobriety.

4. The temporary employment of an extra Boiler-maker and Smith, as shewn in the last item of the above list, arose from the long sickness of the Boiler-maker of the "Coromandel" Mr. Salton, who was appointed to the Indian Navy and was specially ordered to the vessel by the

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Honorable the Court of Directors in England. Upon arrival in Madras, this man was reported by the Medical Officer incapable of performing any duty from extreme illness and debility until the 7th April 1857, and as a great amount of Smith's and Boiler-maker's work required to be done after her voyage from England to render the "Coromandel" adapted for the peculiar duties required of her. As reported to the Government of Madras in my letters Nos. 16 and 31 of the 27th December 1856 and 1st February 1857, all of which work required the indispensable assistance of a good Smith in aid of the vessel's establishment of Engineers, I was so fortunate as to secure with difficulty the services of Mr. Shore from the Madras Railway at a salary of Rupees 120 per month for temporary employment during the severe illness of the Boiler-maker of the vessel, who being on the strength of the Indian Navy list could not be discharged. The amount at which Mr. Shore agreed to perform the duties required of him is below that fixed in the Indian Navy, which is Rupees 125 per month, but with the able assistance of Mr. Shore and the Engineers of the vessel, I was enabled to execute the whole of the repairs, and fittings as ordered and approved by Government—*vide* Extract of Consultation, Marine Department, No. 410 of the 27th December 1856, and No. 54 of 3rd February 1857—but more especially the repair of the machinery after the serious accident which was reported in my letter No. 54 of the 8th April 1857. Upon the completion of which, I discharged Mr. Shore upon Mr. Salton being reported able to resume his duties, but I exceedingly regret to find that in the excessive pressure under which I laboured during the above period from having to perform a mass of extra duties owing to the sickness of the Purser, and other Officers of the vessel, this arrangement, effected in the pressing urgency of the moment, has not been submitted for the requisite sanction of Government, and the sum paid to Mr. Shore amounting to Rupees 403-7-9, remains unpassed pending the necessary authority for the same. Under the above circumstances, I respectfully trust that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will be pleased to sanction the several arrangements abovementioned, to enable the accounts of the vessel to be finally adjusted.

No. 16.

ORDER THEREON, 18th May 1860, No. 192.

Sanction granted retrospectively.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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