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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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16th August 1860.*

No. 23. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 7th August 1860, No. 3,620.

1. I have the honor to forward the accompanying three tenders submitted by Messrs. Mackinnon Mackenzie and Co., Agents for the Calcutta and Burmah Steam Navigation Company and Bay of Bengal Steam Navigation Company, for the establishment of steam communication between Madras, the Northern Ports and Rangoon, in pursuance of the Government Notification of the 20th March last inviting offers.

2. No. 1 is a tender of the Screw Steamer "Governor Higginson," or other vessel equally eligible for the service, on the terms and conditions inserted in the Notification, for a subsidy of (10,000) ten thousand Rupees on each full trip, which with the guarantee of (7,500) seven thousand five hundred Rupees freight and passage money would make (17,500) seventeen thousand five hundred Rupees, as the aid from Government for each voyage there and back.

3. An arrangement is moreover suggested for the separation of the charge for wine from the cabin passage money, without however increasing the rates.

4. No. 2 tenders the same vessel for the service for a subsidy of 7,500 Rupees with the following modifications.

1st, that the date of departure be fixed and not dependent on the arrival of the English Mail, but Government to have the option of detaining the vessel for four days on payment of demurrage of (500) five hundred Rupees a day, and,

2ndly, that liquors be paid for by cabin passengers in addition to the passage money.

5. No. 3 is likewise an offer of the same vessel for a subsidy of 4,500 Rupees with the following modifications, but expressly stipulating that only one vessel should be employed and that she should make as many voyages in the year as possible.

1st, that European and Native deck passengers should be charged 37½ and 30 Rupees respectively in lieu of Rupees 26-10-8 and 20 Rupees.

2nd, that liquors be paid for at the transport scale rate in addition to the passage money.

6. This tender moreover concludes with an offer for a fortnightly communication on similar conditions for a monthly subsidy of 10,000 Rupees.

7. No other tenders were received.

8. It will be observed that all these offers are for a 5 years contract. My intention was to have specified one year as the term, but I regret to find that the paragraph was omitted in the advertisement. If however it is decided to enter into negotiations with the tenderers, I doubt not they will be prepared to agree to the shorter period, as they actually did so before.

9. Tender No. 1 being disproportionately high, I would suggest that it be declined without farther consideration.

10. Of the others I think No. 2 could be worked most economically for Government if a Steamer with more 'tween deck accommodation than the "Governor Higginson" could be laid on. The difference between the subsidies of Nos. 2 and 3 is 3,000 Rupees, which exactly represents the difference in the deck passage money of the contemplated allotment of Natives: 150 men each way at 30 Rupees being 9,000 Rupees and at 20 Rupees 6,000 Rupees. But as it is likely that on most occasions more could be placed on board than this number, the advantage of the low rate with the higher subsidy would be apparent if accommodation could be afforded. The "Governor Higginson," however, could only furnish shelter for 100 to 120. No. 3 tender is therefore the most favorable under all circumstances.

11. The Government will nevertheless perceive that the terms are not so favorable as those which were reported in my letter of the 23rd March last, No. 1,470, as having been actually agreed to by the parties now tendering, the increase in the subsidy demanded being 18,000 Rupees for the year, provided the vessel makes one trip a month, besides the additional charge for liquors which however is of trifling consequence. I would suggest therefore that I be authorized

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to enter into fresh negotiations with Messieurs Dymes & Co., as the Madras Agents through whom the tenders have been submitted, with the view of effecting some modification in the terms. I cannot expect, as tenders have been invited, to obtain the same terms as before, but I doubt not that a reduction would be made if I am authorized to treat.

No. 24.

ORDER THEREON, 16th August 1860, No. 284.

No tenders having up to this date been received from England, as called for in the advertisement published under the Orders of the 19th March, No. 106, the Government resolve to authorize the Superintendent of Marine to treat with Messrs. Dymes & Co., respecting the tenders submitted by Messrs. Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., of Calcutta, which are returned.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No tenders have been received from England.
They were required by No. 3620

From Administration to the Marine Department
by No. 31 ultimo and by mail

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