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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
20th August 1860.*

Read the following letters:—

No. 36. From Commander F. W. HOPKINS, I. N., Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie," I. N., to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 16th August 1860, No. 377.

With reference to my letter, No. 343, reporting the necessity of the "Dalhousie" being docked, I most respectfully beg to state for the information of Government that it would appear to me to prove a very great saving of time and also expense to Government if the vessel can be hauled on the Patent Slip at Rangoon for such purpose, and as there is a Steam Factory there any work we usually require to be done to the Machinery could be completed at that place.

2. On my late trip to Rangoon, I examined the Patent Slip: one of the largest Iron Flats, also "Pluto" Steamer were on it at the same time, and a merchant ship in the same dock also.

3. I wrote to the Superintendent of the Irrawaddy Flotilla to know if this vessel could be hauled on the Slip in a month or two's time, but he states that the Slip is not adapted for vessels of the dimensions stated. I enclose a copy of the correspondence on the subject and respectfully beg to state that I see or know of no reason why this vessel should not be docked there; it is true the gates are not on but this vessel could be high enough up, as the Flat and Pluto are at present, and those vessels will be off the Slip soon I expect, and I would most respectfully suggest that if the Madras Government think of having the ship docked at Rangoon in a month or so that the Supreme Government at Calcutta be telegraphed to asking if the "Dalhousie" total tonnage 1,030 tons, length over all 245 feet, extreme breadth (30) feet, can be hauled on Patent Slip at Rangoon, and if Government decide on its being done I will send Indents to Calcutta for boiler tubes, &c., which are required, to be sent to Rangoon by Steamer.

4. With regard to the vessel's being docked it should be done regularly every six months when Government can spare her for the purpose, and as there is at such times a great deal of work for the Officers and Crew: the vessel should be docked if possible at a cool season of the year and at a place where men can work, as in the hot season at Calcutta my Officers, myself, and nearly all the Crew were laid up with fever, and one man died of Cholera.

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From Commander F. W. HOPKINS, I. N., Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie," I. N., to A. BROOKING, Esq., Superintendent of the Irrawaddy Flotilla, Rangoon, dated 25th July 1860, No. 353.

As this vessel requires to be docked soon, I beg to know if she can be taken on the Government Patent Slip here with perfect safety: her bottom requires to be kept quite dry; her length over all is about 260 feet, breadth over all 26 feet, draft of water when docking about 12 feet.

I also beg to request you will inform me what will be the probable amount of expense attending the vessel's being docked and undocked here, allowing seven clear days in dock and my having sixty coolies daily for scraping and cleaning. I also will be glad to know if your Factory establishment here can put in new tubes in boilers and do minor repairs to machinery, and if you could spare workmen for the purpose. I make these enquiries for the information of the Madras Government as the vessel is under their orders at present, and if she can be docked here and some repairs done here she need not go to Bombay or Calcutta, and every six months she requires docking.

I further beg to know if the Patent Slip will be available about the end of next month in case Government allow me to dock her here.

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From A. BROOKING, Esq., Superintendent, Irrawaddy Flotilla, to Commander F. W. HOPKINS, I. N., Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie," I. N., off Rangoon, dated 25th July 1860, No. 1,056.

In reply to your letter, No. 353 of this date, I beg to inform you that the Patent Slip is not adapted to take vessels of the dimensions you note, and with reference to the expenses attending any repairs which may be required, the amount will be carried to the debit of the Bombay Presidency.

From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 14th August 1860, No. 3,723.

I have the honor to inform you that I have received a demi-official communication from Captain C. D. Campbell, I. N., Senior Officer at Calcutta, in which he mentions that he has urged on the authorities the dispatch of the "Dalhousie" to Bombay for the purpose of having a new Capstern fitted and to be painted. If there were any other Steamer on this side to take her place I should see no objection to this arrangement, but as the "Coromandel" has been ordered to that Presidency for repairs and the "Prince Arthur" is in China, I would submit for the consideration of Government that it would be more convenient that the "Dalhousie" should be ordered to Calcutta to effect such repairs as may be needed. It would be very inconvenient if this Presidency were left without any Steamer for transport service and if this vessel proceeds to Bombay her return here must be looked upon as very uncertain.

2. The Bengal Steamers "Sydney" and "Australian," which are occasionally lent to us and which from the capacity of their troop decks are so exceedingly serviceable, are both in China. If therefore the "Dalhousie" proceeds to Bombay even an occasional Steam communication with Burmah must be abandoned, unless private Steamers are engaged at a heavy expense.

No. 37. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 16th August 1860, No. 3,748.

I have the honor to inform you that in a personal communication with Commander F. W. Hopkins, I. N., I have gathered that, although in his opinion the "Dalhousie" requires docking as well as some repairs to the boilers, several of the tubes having burst, he considers that she might still with safety run for two or even three months longer as she is. It is absolutely necessary that the operation of scraping and painting the bottom of the vessel should be performed soon, and as if sent to Bombay or even to Calcutta the work would occupy a considerable time, I would suggest that she be sent to Rangoon where the Government have constructed a Patent Slip, and there hauled up. Commander Hopkins thinks that this plan is perfectly feasible and would prefer it to being docked at Calcutta, where his men would be likely to suffer from the effects of the climate and the irregularities inseparable from their living on shore during the time the vessel might be in dock.

2. Should Government be disposed to adopt my suggestion it will be necessary that the Supreme Government be moved to instruct the Superintendent of the Irrawaddy Flotilla at Rangoon to make such preparations as may be required for hauling up the "Dalhousie." New boiler tubes would have to be sent from Calcutta to Rangoon, as the cleaning and repairs to the engines could be effected simultaneously, and if these measures are decided upon, Commander Hopkins will be asked to furnish a Memorandum of what he would require.

3. Commander Hopkins informs me that when last at Rangoon he inquired officially of the Superintendent of the Irrawaddy Flotilla if the vessel could be hauled up there, and was told she could not: but he inadvertently gave 260 feet as her length, whereas it is only 245, with a maximum breadth of 30 feet. The Marine authorities at Calcutta will be able to decide whether the operation is practicable, and as much saving of time and expense may be effected thereby, it is hoped that they will decide in favor of it.

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No. 38.

ORDER THEREON, 20th August 1860, No. 294.

The Government approve the proposal to have the "Dalhousie" docked at Rangoon. They resolve to forward copy of Mr. Franklin's letter of the 16th instant, No. 3,748, to the Supreme Government, and to request them to issue instructions to the Superintendent of the Irrawaddy Flotilla, to make the necessary preparations for hauling up the "Dalhousie," as soon as she arrives at Rangoon. Similar application has been already made by Telegraph.

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3. Resolved that the Commander of the "Dalhousie" be directed, on his return from Negapatam, to make another trip to Rangoon, via the Northern Ports. If, on arrival there, he finds that he cannot get the "Dalhousie" docked within a reasonable time, he must return to Madras, touching at the Northern Ports, and the Government will then decide what shall be done.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 39. To the Secretary to the Government of India, dated Fort Saint George, 20th August 1860, No. 295.

I am directed to forward copy of a letter, 16th instant, No. 3,748, in which the Superintendent of Marine suggests that the Steamer "Dalhousie," I. N., which requires docking, as well as some repairs to the boilers, should be sent to Rangoon, where a Patent Slip has been constructed, and there hauled up.

2. This Government have approved the proposal to have the "Dalhousie" docked at Rangoon, and have directed the Commander to proceed thither, via the Northern Ports, on his return from Negapatam.

3. I am directed to request that instructions should be issued to the Superintendent of the Irrawaddy Flotilla to make the necessary preparations for hauling up the "Dalhousie," as soon as she arrives at Rangoon. The Superintendent should be directed to give immediate attention to the subject—the matter being emergent, and the "Dalhousie" the only Steamer at the disposal of the Madras Government. Application to this effect has already been made to you by Telegraph.

4. I have to add that Commander Hopkins has been instructed to forward direct to the Senior Officer, Indian Navy, at Calcutta, indents for boiler tubes and whatever else he may require for his vessel—and to solicit that the tubes, &c., may be despatched to him to Rangoon by Steamer.

5. The length of the "Dalhousie" is (245) two hundred and forty-five feet with a maximum breadth of 30 feet. Her total tonnage is 1,030 tons.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Flotilla,

Aug 16.

My dear Mr. Gifford
The plan is good, and
Stephen Stephens not having
time now that he has
written to you on the
subject, I have already
presented a letter re-
commending the measure
I have always been
looking forward to our
steamers being headed
up at Rangoon, and
now that the patent ship

is so far completed as to
be serviceable in right
to take advantage of it. He
is an old fish, thin like
Hoptons for all that he
was crying out so much
about the ship requiring
repairs. He now says the
Cora makes one or two
more trips. The truth is, I
imagine, he made a large
announcement by his letter during
last trip.

He leaves for Lyabotom

on Saturday at 10 AM.

Yours truly

Wm. H. Davis

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For S. George
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W. H. C.

Thomas D. Hansen

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