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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,

7th September 1860.

Read the following letters.

No. 10. From Commander F. W. HOPKINS, I. N., Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie" I. N., to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 23rd August 1860, No. 385.

I most respectfully beg to request that you will bring the following to the notice of the Madras Government, as this vessel is now placed under their orders.

2. On the last trip to Rangoon in this vessel the Superintendent of Marine here sent two horse stalls on board and horses were conveyed by the vessel. I suppose the Superintendent of Marine is acting by the orders of Government in sending horses, dogs, and other cattle he may think proper on board.

3. With great respect to the Government and their orders, I beg to state that when I have troops and private passengers on board, horses should not be shipped; as the vessel has a narrow deck, and horse stalls on deck interfere with the working of the ship and making or shortening sail, as well as that of her safety and occupies the room required for working ship or for men to sit or sleep on. In a small vessel like this there is no room or fittings for carrying dogs, sheep or cattle; there is barely sufficient room for my own stock for passengers, and the Officers on board. I therefore most respectfully solicit Government will prohibit the shipment of such, except on the troop decks as the late Governor's horses were (7) in number.

Referred for the remarks of the Superintendent of Marine.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Fort Saint George,
24th August 1860.

No. 11. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 27th August 1860, No. 3,871.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Commander F. W. Hopkins Commanding the "Dalhousie," of the 24th instant, No. 296, referred for my observations on the same date, and to offer thereon the following remarks.

2. Commander Hopkins objects to horses, dogs, &c., being sent on board when the ship has troops to convey, but I beg to submit that when the passengers are not numerous there is no reason why such animals should not be received. When the ship has a large complement of troops to carry, horses are not sent unless under pressing necessity, as they not only deprive the men of a certain portion of space but render sickness more likely. The usual course is to grant orders for two or three horses in the event of a moderate allotment of troops proceeding, but to withdraw them if the troops are much increased before departure. An instance has just occurred. The original number of details to proceed from Madras on the impending trip not exceeding one hundred, orders had been promised for at least three horses. Suddenly on the 21st, before the letter under review was written, a requisition was received for a number of men to proceed up to the Coast and the horses were at once refused.

3. Commander Hopkins states that horse stalls on deck interfere with the working of the ship, but the same remark may equally apply to soldiers. Both no doubt are in the way on board, but I question decidedly whether they affect her safety in any way.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 7th September 1860, No. 312.

Resolved that a copy of the above letter be furnished to Commander Hopkins, in reference to his letter of the 23rd ultimo, on his return to Madras, and that he be informed that the Government do not see reason to prohibit the shipment of horses, dogs, &c., on board the "Dalhousie." They will leave it to the Marine authorities to exercise their discretion in this respect as heretofore.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

whether they affect her safety in any way.

Madras }
Marine Supt's Office }
27th August 1860. } Have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant.

~~Wm. Rankin~~

Superintendent of Marine

Read the following letters.
From the Officer Comd^g H.M. S^t. Dalhousie - H.S. 23^d Aug 1860. No 385.
" Sup^t of Marine - " 27th " " " 387.
Order thereon. 4th September 1860 No 312.

Resolved that a copy of the aforesaid
letter be furnished to Commander
Hopkins - in reference to his letter of
the 23^d ultimo - on his return to
Madras - and that he be informed
that it is not do not see reason to
prohibit the shipment of boxes,
dogs on board the "Dalhousie".
They will leave it to the Marine author-
ities to exercise their discretion
in this respect as hereafter.

Com^d: Hopkins }
Sup of Marine } (Recd 13th)
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From
The Superintendent of
Minnie

To The Secretary of
The Board of Trustees

Dated 27 Aug 1860
Recd 28th u —

No 301
No 3841

Subscribed with reference
to the 27th Sept 1860, objection to
the 27th Sept 1860, being sent
on board, when the object
has been to convey, the
occasions on which such
animals are shipped, &
questions decided by whether
they affect her body
in any way.

With an order

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