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

No. 34. Read the following letter from LORD H. ULICK BROWNE, Under Secretary to the Government of India, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 3rd September 1860, No. 1,863.

With reference to your telegram and letter No. 295, dated the 20th ultimo, regarding the "Dalhousie," I am directed to forward to you copy of a
* No. 8,773, dated 31st ultimo. communication* received from the Superintendent of Marine at this port, from which it will be seen that he is unable without a reference to Rangoon to determine whether or not the "Dalhousie" can be hauled upon the Patent Slip at that place.

2. Your telegram was unfortunately not received till the 19th August, just too late for the transmission of any orders to Rangoon by the Steamer of the 18th.

From Commander JAMES RENNIE, C.B., Superintendent of Marine, to W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort William, 31st August 1860, No. 8,773.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of memos. No. 1,814 and 1,880, dated respectively the 20th and 28th instant, from Under Secretary Lord H. U. Browne, with accompaniments regarding the Docking of the Steamer "Dalhousie" at Rangoon.

2nd. There is no record in this Office of the size of the Patent Slip at Rangoon, nor have I any means of deciding here whether or not the operation is practicable, but I am led to infer from a letter from Mr. C. Barry to Colonel Phayre, No. 459 of 1855-56, that the Machinery of the Patent Slip is not sufficiently strong to bear the strain of hauling up a large Ship.

3rd. By last accounts received from Rangoon, the "Pluto" was on the Patent Slip having new plates fitted to her bottom, so that there is reason to believe the Slip will not be available for the "Dalhousie," even if it is capable of admitting the vessel to be placed on it.

4th. I am however quite of opinion that the vessel's services would have been available at an earlier date had she come up to Calcutta instead of proceeding to Rangoon, if precaution had been taken to give timely notice of her arrival.

5th. Memo. No. 1,814, was not received until after the departure of the last Burmah Steam Packet.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. U. BROWNE,
Under Secy. to Govt. of India.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1860, No. 326.

Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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