

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Home DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	335	Press Mis.
Dated	28. 9.	1860

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
28th September 1860.*

No. 50. Read the following letter from Commander F. W. HOPKINS, I. N., Commanding H. M.'s Steamer "Dalhousie," I. N., to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 28th September 1860, No. 435.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated the 11th and the 24th of August, also those of the 24th and 26th instant.

2. From the employment intended for this vessel, I again have the honor to report as follows, and beg that it may be brought before the Right Honorable the Governor and Council of Madras.

3. I regret to state, that, except the vessel be docked soon, from her running as she is, it is almost certain that she will sustain very serious injury to her bottom plates, and also to her machinery, and from the nature and amount of work to be done to both; and also a new capstan to be fitted, and which cant be done at Calcutta (as stated, to that Government, by Commander Rennie, C.B., when I was there last) I therefore again most respectfully urge on the Government, the necessity of the "Dalhousie" being sent to Bombay, where there is a Steam Factory and Establishment to do the work properly; as at Calcutta, a great delay is sure to take place, and work badly done. As to laying the vessel up at Rangoon, and getting the necessary repairs done there, I don't think there is even a chance of doing so, and from her present inefficient state, if Government require me to go there, she should go, as soon as possible, and on her return if found fit, to do the trooping work on this coast.

4. With reference to the Military correspondence, dated the 11th and 24th of August, I am sorry Government should be deprived of the services of this vessel, at a period when they are likely to be so much required, and as I see Government have taken ships at a great expense to carry Troops, and those vessels must necessarily make uncertain, and often long voyages, I can only say, that all has been done in my power to meet the wishes of Government, in keeping this vessel running; I have cleaned, and scraped, and painted her as low as possible, and the Engineers have done all in their power to the machinery, but the time has come when she should be docked and put in proper order; I have run her now longer than she should have done from her condition; and have represented to the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy the necessity of her being sent to Bombay.

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1860, No. 335.

Resolved that Captain Hopkins be directed to carry out the instructions conveyed to him in the Order of the 26th instant. When the work therein laid down has been completed, the Government will consider to what place the "Dalhousie" shall be sent for repairs.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Order thereon 28 September 1860. No 335

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Capt Hopkins Dep^d 28th inst.

Sep of Manning - Mil^y Dep^d 29th

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