

# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Revenue* DEPARTMENT.

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| G.O. No. | 342  | Press<br>Mis. |
| Dated    | 2-10 | 1860          |

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,  
2nd October 1860.*

No. 6. Read the following letter 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 25th September 1860, No. 431.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated the 7th of September No. 312 of 1860, No. 385, and also a letter from Mr. Franklin, Superintendent of Marine, here, being remarks made by him on my letter to your address, No. 385 of the 23rd of August 1860.

2. Referring to the observations or remarks made by Mr. Franklin, I most respectfully beg to state that from the number of years I have been to Sea and also in Command of a vessel, that I presumed, I was a competent judge to represent the capabilities of a ship, particularly of one I was in command of and considered it my duty to report upon a matter affecting the lives of from 5 to 800 souls usually under my charge, Government Treasure and Stores and the safety of the vessel as well.

3. I again most respectfully beg to state when horses and cattle are placed on this ship's upper deck; that from the want of room I am prevented from making and shortening sail which I am often obliged to do, more particularly now from the present state of her machinery, and making or taking in sail might be the means of saving a ship and the lives of hundred of souls, many of whom often consist of helpless women and children. I have seen a horse restive on the deck and it seemed very likely he would kill some one, and was also near going down the Engine room hatch.

4. From the decision of the Government on the above subject, I most respectfully beg to state that I deem it my duty to forward the correspondence to the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, and pending the receipt of instructions, it is of course my duty in the mean time to carry out any orders I may receive from the Madras Government.

5. In conclusion, I beg to state that whilst Mr. Franklin is authorized to ship horses, sheep, dogs and cattle on board this vessel at his discretion that there is a private Steamer running on the coast, and a regular Steam communication available even to Burmah and besides merchant vessels often going and coming.

No. 7.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd October 1860, No. 342.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,  
Chief Secretary.

...and cattle on board this vessel, at his  
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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

H. W. Hopkins

Commander R.

Comg. St. M's. St. Dalhousie. R.

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From,

Commander J. W.  
Hopkins I. C.

Comdr. W. H. M. Dalhousie  
I. C. No 431.

Of 25  
Of 28 3 Sept. 1860.

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States that he deems it  
his duty to forward the  
correspondence, on the  
subject of shipping horses,  
to be on board the  
"Dalhousie" to the Comdr. in  
Chief of the I. C. & pending the  
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will carry out any orders that  
he may receive from the  
Provincial Government.  
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