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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	352	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
8th October 1860.*

No. 25. Read the following letter from Commander F. W. HOPKINS, R.N. Commanding Her Majesty's Steamer "Dalhousie," R.N., to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 26th September 1860, No. 429.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Madras Government dated the 7th September, and a copy of a letter from Mr. Franklin, Superintendent of Marine here, being remarks made by that gentleman on my letter of the 21st August, No. 380, to your address.

2. With reference to the quantity of Coal stated by the Superintendent of Marine to be at Coconada, I beg to report for the information of Government that I left that Port on the 20th instant and Mr. Thompson who is Master Attendant there informed me officially, that there was not 40 tons of Coal altogether there fit for use.

3. As to the remarks made, that it does not appear necessary to have a Buoy placed and a clear berth kept for Government Vessels here and at Coconada, and the Superintendent of Marine considering it should be deferred, I have to respectfully state that much time is lost and coal unnecessarily expended in picking up a clear berth here and one to be in the most convenient position to land Troops and Government Stores and to save Government from paying extra boat hire; at Coconada the same inconvenience or delay occurs, where we have to coal and water Ship and can only remain a few hours time. At Madras, on several occasions when I have with much difficulty picked up a suitable berth for the Ship and a convenient place to land Troops and Government Stores, Vessels have come and anchored so close as to really endanger the safety of the Vessel yet they were not made to shift berth, and no clear anchorage ground is kept here for Government Vessels, for the want of which a Government Ship may foul, or be fouled and Government be deprived thereby of her services.

No. 26.

ORDER THEREON, 8th October 1860, No. 352:

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary;

Pro: 7th Sept 1860 No 311-

Marine 1860 Sept

From

Commander. F. W. Hopkins
No 429.

Of 26th }
7. 28th } Sept 1860.

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Acknowledges receipt of the Pro: of Gov: of 7th Sept No 311 respecting the keeping of a supply of coal at Mocanada & forwards his opinion on the remarks of the Supt of Marine to whom his letter to Gov: of the 21st Aug last No 380 has been referred -

No 352. 8th Oct 1860.
To be recorded

c/ Oct 25 1860