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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
29th October 1860.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 77. From Lieutenant-Colonel W. F. MARRIOTT, Acting Secretary to Government, Bombay, to the Secretary to Government at Fort Saint George, dated Poona, 15th October 1860, No. 829.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to transmit for the consideration of the Government at Fort Saint George, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, dated 11th instant, No. 894, recommending that the Steamer "Dalhousie," which vessel is at the disposal of the Madras Government, may be brought to Bombay, in order that she may be docked and put into an efficient condition.

From Commodore G. G. WELLESLEY, Commander-in-Chief, I. N., to His Excellency the Honorable Sir GEORGE RUSSELL CLERK, K.C.B., Governor and President in Council, dated Bombay, 11th October 1860, No. 894.

I do myself the honor to represent to your Excellency in Council that the Capstan of the "Dalhousie," which vessel is placed at the disposal of the Madras Government, has been reported to be in a very defective condition, and it is necessary for her safety that she should be supplied with a new one as soon as it can be prepared for her.

2. The Capstan is, however, of peculiar construction, which is apparently unavoidable owing to the limited space available to work the cables. The Officer Commanding was called on for the drawings, but he reports that it will be necessary to take the old Capstan to pieces, and that it is unsafe to do so unless the ship is in some secure harbour; but until the drawings are furnished, no steps can be taken towards making the new one. The "Dalhousie" also requires docking to have her bottom cleaned and painted and some fittings of her screw propeller re-arranged.

3. Under these circumstances, I am of opinion that the best course would be to bring the "Dalhousie" to Bombay, in order that she may be put into an efficient condition; but as the consent of the Madras Government is, I presume, necessary, I beg leave to lay the matter before your Excellency in Council for consideration.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. F. MARRIOTT, Lieut.-Col.,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 78. 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, 9th October 1860, No. 2,259.

Home Department, Marine.

In continuation of my Endorsement, No. 1,977, dated the 13th ultimo, I am directed to transmit the accompanying copy of a letter, No. 1,297, dated the same day, addressed by the Superintendent of the Irrawaddy Flotilla to the Secretary to the Superintendent of Marine, and to intimate that under the circumstances represented therein, the Governor General in Council has authorized the Senior Officer of the Indian Navy at Calcutta to direct the "Dalhousie" to be sent round to Bombay for the repairs and which are stated to be necessary.

No. 79. 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, 12th October 1860, No. 2,280.

In continuation of my letter, No. 2,259, dated the 9th instant, I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Senior Officer of the Indian Navy at Calcutta, No. 199, dated the same, and of its enclosure, and to remark that if the "Dalhousie" and "Coromandel" are in such need of repairs as Captain Campbell supposes, it is very desirable that they should be sent to Bombay without delay.

*Letter to be returned after perusal - copy
to be furnished when printed*

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From Captain C. D. CAMPBELL, I. N., Senior Officer, Indian Navy, on Special duty, Calcutta, to W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Calcutta 9th October 1860, No. 199.

I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter received from the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, dated 26th ultimo, No. 2,761, regarding the proposed measure of hauling up the "Dalhousie" on the patent slip at Rangoon, and with reference to the 4th paragraph of Commodore Wellesley's letter, and to my former reports to the Government of India as per margin, on the desirability of the "Coromandel" as well as "Dalhousie" being sent to Bombay to undergo the necessary repairs which those vessels require. I would respectfully submit to His Excellency the Governor General in Council, that the Government of Madras, under whose orders those vessels are placed, may be informed of the correspondence which has passed on the subject, as I believe that those valuable vessels are undergoing serious injury and permanent deterioration from want of fresh coating on the Iron plates of their bottoms which will rapidly become eaten into holes by corrosion and ultimately entail heavy loss to the State.

From Commodore GEORGE G. WELLESLEY, Commander-in-Chief I. N., to Captain C. D. CAMPBELL, Senior Indian Naval Officer at Calcutta, dated Bombay, 26th September 1860, No. 2,761.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 152 of the 8th instant, with its enclosures, and in reply have to state that I am not aware of the capability or otherwise of the patent slip at Rangoon for hauling up a vessel like the "Dalhousie," but as you are of opinion that it would not be a safe measure to adopt, you took a most proper course in expressing your opinion to the Secretary to the Government of India.

2nd. I observe that Commander Hopkins is stated to have informed the Superintendent of Marine at Madras, that the Superintendent of the Irrawaddy Flotilla had officially replied to his interrogatory, that the "Dalhousie" could not be hauled up at Rangoon.

3rd. Whether the difference in length between 245 and 260 feet will remove the impediment I have no means of judging, and can only await the result of the attempt which I conclude will be made on her arrival at Rangoon.

4th. For the same reason as that given in my letter to you of the 5th June last, No. 1,789, with regard to the "Coromandel," I have abstained from making any representation to Government that the "Dalhousie" should be sent to Bombay as recommended by you in your letter No. 682 of the 15th June last. This vessel has been placed at the disposal of the Government of Madras, and as I have not the means at command of replacing her, even temporarily by another vessel, it must rest with that authority to determine where the repairs, which may be required, shall be undertaken.

(True Copies.)

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

From Commander A. BROOKING, Superintendent Irrawaddy Flotilla, to Captain H. HOME, Secretary to the Superintendent of Marine, Fort William, dated Rangoon, 13th September 1860, No. 1,297.

With reference to your Memorandum, No. 8,527 of the 22nd ultimo, forwarding copy of a Telegraph Message relating to the "Dalhousie" being docked at this Port, I beg to inform the Superintendent of Marine, that the dock is not capable of receiving a vessel of the length of keel 235 feet at 11 feet draught of water which Commander Hopkins informs me the "Dalhousie" will require, and I have communicated the same to that Officer.

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2. The level of the dock inside the Masonry is 150 feet before the incline of the patent slip commences. A vessel of 180 feet keel can, however, be received by being placed on blocks of four feet, which gives an additional thirty of level over the blocks on to the incline of the patent slip.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. HOME,
Secy. to the Supt. of Marine.

(True Copy.)

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

No. 80. From Captain C. D. CAMPBELL, I. N., Senior Officer, Indian Navy, on Special duty, Calcutta, to Lord H. U. BROWNE, Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Calcutta, 10th October 1860, No. 202.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1,941 of yesterday's date, conveying authority for me to direct the "Dalhousie" to proceed to Bombay to undergo the required repairs.

2nd. I would most respectfully beg to explain in reference to your letter, and in continuation of my previous letter of yesterday on the same subject, No. 199, that the "Coromandel" and "Dalhousie" Steam vessels are placed exclusively at the disposal of the Government of Madras for special duty in that Presidency, and that I have no power or control over those vessels whatever, except when they may arrive in Calcutta, their Commanders being in direct communication with the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, and not with me. Under these circumstances, I submit that I have not the power to carry out the Orders of the Government of India, as conveyed in your letter under acknowledgment.

No. 2,281.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George for information, in continuation of letter from this Department, No. 2,259, dated 9th instant.

(By Order,)

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

FORT WILLIAM, HOME DEPT.,
12th Oct. 1860.

No. 81. ORDER THEREON, 29th October 1860, No. 378.

The above letters will be forwarded to the Superintendent of Marine for information, in reference to the Order of the 26th instant, No. 376.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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From the Govt. of
Bombay — Inter 15th Oct. '60 N^o 829.
" Govt. of India — 9th 8/12th do. N^o 2280
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India — 12th do. N^o 2281.

Order. 27 October 1860. No 378.

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ters will be forwarded
to the Superintendent
of Marine for informa-
tion, in reference to the
order of the 26th Instant
N^o 376, directing the
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