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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
31st October 1860.*

Read the following letters :—

No. 88. From Commander F. W. HOPKINS, I.N., Commanding H. M.'s Steamer "Dalhousie," I. N., to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 30th October 1860, No. 479.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, No. 377 of yesterday's date, with respect to Engineers for this vessel, and beg to thank Government for the prompt and kind assistance given in sending Engineers to the vessel on this and former occasions. I have now on board the number allowed by the Orders of Bombay Government for the vessel, but she is so constantly running that I find some of the four allowed are frequently sick, and therefore I applied to the Commander-in-Chief, Indian Navy, for another one, but was refused as none were available. I will apply again to him at Bombay. I hope that Mr. Bullock and Mr. Hannaford, who are now on shore here sick, will be able for duty on my return, and that they may be sent on board if they are so, that they may proceed in the Ship to Bombay.

No. 89. From Commander F. W. HOPKINS, I.N., Commanding H. M.'s Steamer "Dalhousie," I. N., to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Madras, dated 30th October 1860, No. 480.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Madras Government of yesterday's date, with reference to which, and my letter, No. 475, I beg that my letter regarding forwarding the Boiler Tubes to Rangoon may be cancelled.

2. With reference to the 2nd paragraph of your letter, I most respectfully beg to state that I studied Engineering practically, before I joined the Indian Navy, and could make an Engine and work one. I examined the dock and slip carefully at Rangoon and saw the plans and drawings of it also, and am of belief that there is neither risk or difficulty in docking this vessel there; and when I examined the patent slip and dock, one of the largest river Iron Flats and a vessel, I think as long as this, were both on the slip at the same time; and besides a Merchant Ship in the same dock and a short time before arrangements were to be made to dock a Merchant Ship there, a vessel of about 2,000 tons, but she was breached and repaired and saved dock expense, she was at Rangoon at the time.

3. The dock gates not being on is really the only true objection I know of, but the "Dalhousie" could lie high enough as the "Pluto" and Flat were to be cleaned and painted. I saw Captain Campbell, I.N., here on his way Home on the 23th instant, and he told me that Captain Rennie was going to Rangoon, or had gone, and I won't be surprised to see that arrangements be made for docking the vessel; Captain Campbell told me that the Boiler Tubes to be done at Calcutta had never been commenced on.

4. Captain Campbell is opposed to my going on the patent slip, and has reported so to the Commander-in-Chief, Indian Navy, and Supreme Government, but I don't believe he ever saw the dock or slip which has already cost Government about 4 lacs of Rupees, and is I believe, intended to receive the "Sydney" and "Australia," which are much larger than this ship. I intend returning here without delay if possible, as the Iron plates of ships' bottom are becoming much injured daily for want of cleaning and painting, and I trust on my return, that I may be able to proceed for Bombay at once.

No. 90. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1860, No. 382.

Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Read the following
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house" ————— Inter 30th Oct. '60 N^o 479
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