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23rd November 1860.*

No. 39. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 16th November 1860, No. 4,926.

No. 370, dated 23rd October 1860. With reference to the Order recorded in Proceedings of Government, marginally noted, I have the honor to inform you that I have

continued my negotiations with the Agents of the Bay of Bengal Steam Navigation Company, and that under the altered circumstances which must follow the knowledge of the intended withdrawal of the Madras Troops from Burmah, they decline most positively to reduce the terms offered in No. 3 of the tenders forwarded in my letter of the 7th August last, No. 3,620; although they are willing to reduce the period of the contract to one year.

2. With regard to the employment of the Steamer on general service, they agree to allow the Government the option of so employing her at a monthly rate of hire of (25) twenty-five Rupees per gross register ton, in addition to which coals would have to be supplied. The "Governor Higginson" is 599 tons. Her hire per month would therefore be (14,975) fourteen thousand nine hundred and seventy-five Rupees, with an addition of about (12,000) twelve thousand Rupees for coals.

3. The conditions agreed to are therefore as follow :

1st.—That the "Governor Higginson" or other equally eligible vessel shall be placed on the line and shall be dispatched to Rangoon, touching at Masulipatam, Cocanada, and Vizagapatam, two days after the arrival of one of the Suez Steamers or as soon after as may be practicable.

2nd.—That she shall carry all Mails free.

3rd.—That she shall afford the regulated space below for 100 Natives and Cabin accommodation for 5 Commissioned and 3 Warrant Officers, and stowage in the hold for 30 tons of stores.

4th.—That the freight and passage money shall be according to the following scale exclusive of Wines and liquors.

Between.	Cabin passage.	Intermediate passage. Above 7 and under 16 years.	Children Cabin. passage. Under 7.	Deck passage.		Freight per ton on 50 cubic feet.	Treasure.
				Europeans.	Natives.		
Madras and Masulipatam.....	60	24 30	15	12 8	10	18	$\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
Do. Coringa.....	70	28 35	17	8 15	12 8	21	do.
Do. Vizagapatam	80	32 40	20	18	15	24	do.
Do. Rangoon	150	60 75	37	8 37	8 30	45	do.
Masulipatam and Coringa.....	30	12 15	7	8 8	6	15	do.
Do. Vizagapatam	40	16 20	10	10	8	18	do.
Do. Rangoon	135	54 67	8 34	8 35	28	40	do.
Coringa and Vizagaptam	30	12 15	7	8 8	6	15	do.
Do. Rangoon	120	48 60	30	32 8	26	35	do.
Vizagapatam and Rangoon	105	42 52	8 26	30	24	30	do.

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- 5th.—That the Government shall guarantee freight and passage to the extent of (7,500) seven thousand and five hundred Rupees on each full trip to Rangoon and back.
- 6th.—That the Government shall likewise pay a subsidy of (4,500) four thousand and five hundred Rupees on each similar trip after it has been accomplished.
- 7th.—That on giving reasonable notice of their intention, the Government shall have the option of employing the vessel on general service as a transport on payment of a monthly hire of (25) twenty-five Rupees a ton gross register, exclusive of coals to be supplied from the public stores.
4. The foregoing terms are higher than I would have entertained some months back, but with the small prospect of an increasing trade between Madras and Rangoon, now that preparations are being made for reducing the number of our Regiments in Burmah, and the fact that no other Steamers have offered or are likely to be offered for the service, I would recommend, as the Government consider it desirable that monthly Steam communication with the opposite Coast should be established for a year at least, that I be authorized to conclude the arrangements and enter into a contract embodying the terms and conditions enumerated as well as some of a minor nature.
5. I am informed that February would be the earliest date on which the line could be commenced.

No. 40.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1860, No. 406.

The Government authorize the Superintendent of Marine to conclude a contract with the Bay of Bengal Steam Navigation Company for the services of a Steamer—the "Governor Higginson" or other equally eligible vessel—under the conditions specified.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Friday Nov 16.

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My dear Mr. Pycroft

I have been carrying
on my negotiations about
the Burmah line, but
cannot get the Agents
to reduce their terms,
although they will not
object to the one year's
contract. I could have
arranged for a reduction
if it had not been for
the projected withdrawal

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5th.—That the Government shall guarantee freight and passage to the extent of seven thousand and five hundred Rupees on each full trip to Rangoon.
6th.—That the Government shall likewise pay a subsidy of (4,500) four thousand five hundred Rupees on each similar trip after it has been accomplished.
7th.—That on giving reasonable notice of their intention, the Government shall have the option of employing the vessel on general service as a transport or as a monthly steamer to be supplied with coal.

4. The foregoing terms with the small prospect of other Steamers have offered the Government consideration should be established for entering into a contract of this nature.

5. I am informed that the service has commenced.

No. 40.

The Government at Bay of Bengal Steamship "Higginson" or other equivalent.

of our troops from Burmah which of course will alter the relations of our trade and traffic with that country.

They are willing to agree that the steamer shall be employed for general purposes if required of the Government at a rate of Rs. 7,500 per month exclusive of fuel.

I hope to have my letter in a day reporting

My/this
proposed, but I suppose the question must be referred to Calcutta before it can be finally decided upon.

Yours very truly
Wm. Hamilton

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- 5th.—That the Government shall guarantee freight and passage to the seven thousand and five hundred Rupees on each full trip to Rangoon.
6th.—That the Government shall likewise pay a subsidy of (4,500) five hundred Rupees on each similar trip after it has been accomplished.
7th.—That on giving reasonable notice of their intention, the Government shall have the option of employing the vessel on general service as a transport, or a monthly hire of (25) twenty-five Rupees a ton, to be supplied from the Government.

4. The foregoing with the small prospect of other Steamers have the Government considered should be established for the Government to enter into a contract on a similar nature.

5. I am informed that the Government have decided.

No. 40.

The Government have decided to employ the "Bay of Bengal Steam Navigation" or other equally eligible vessel.

No. 406. 23rd November 1860
The Govt. authorised the Superintendent of Marine to conclude a contract with the Bay of Bengal Steam Navigation Co. for the services of a Steamer — the "Governor Higginson" or other equally eligible vessel — under the conditions specified.

The Suptdt. of Marine. } Dispt. 23rd Nov 1860.