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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
13th December 1860.*

No. 23. 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 13th December 1860, No. 536.

1. With reference to my letter, No. 531 of yesterday's date, I regret to have to report that I have not been able to get the water off yesterday as I fully anticipated I should, and it will take me to-day and to-morrow to fill up and be ready to leave. I purpose starting at 8 o'clock A. M. on Saturday the 15th instant, provided I receive no orders from you to the contrary.

2. I am glad to report that I have succeeded in recovering the Ship's Anchor and 20 fathoms of Chain which parted (its value is about 120£ to Government), and this is the second instance I have lost both Anchor and Chain in the Madras roads, and recovered them again by the exertions of Ship's Crew, but with great difficulty. I am sorry to say that the Divers sent off have not been of the least use, as they might have been of great service in both instances of the lost Anchors. I picked up the Chain and Anchors with my Crew. I do not know if the Divers are sufficiently paid by Government to induce them to exert themselves much, but their services might be most useful in the recovery of valuable Government property, and I, therefore, most respectfully beg to mention this.

No. 24.

ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1860, No. 428.

Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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With an Order

Commander
Comg. 1st St. Battalion
Order thereon - 8/13 Dec 1860 No 428.
Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.
The Suptt. of Marine.
Chief Secretary
From
The Commander of the
"Dulwich" 536.
8/13 Dec 1860
No 437.
7/13 Dec 1860
No 437.
States that he has
been waiting for the 15th inst
provided he receives no orders
to the contrary & reports that
he has succeeded in recovering
the ship's anchor by the
operation of the ship's crew al-
though with great difficulty
& mentions that the drivers
have not been of the least use
towards the recovery of the anchor.

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