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Government of Madras.

Marine

DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
18th December 1860.

No. 29. 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 Madras, 17th December 1860, No. 546.

1. I regret having to report for the information of the Madras Government that the Vessel is unavoidably detained here on account of the swell and sea on in the anchorage, and from the Capstan being broken and no Windlass to weigh the anchor with. I have tried to weigh anchor several times as I am most anxious to get off on account of the Vessel's safety and having so much Government Treasure on board and the passengers are also off. I tried to weigh anchor this morning but without success, and except it be smooth, I am unable to weigh it, and I do not wish to leave the Ship's anchor or chain behind except obliged to slip the cable from bad weather; but if it be the wish of Government to prevent further detention, I will slip the chain and proceed; the anchor and chain being well buoyed can be recovered by a raft from the Master Attendant's and landed here and made over to this Vessel on her return to Madras.

2. I applied to the Superintendent of Marine on Saturday to send off a raft to weigh the anchor, but the heavy swell has prevented him from being able to do so.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 18th December 1860, No. 432.

The Government will leave it to Captain Hopkins to proceed on his voyage with the "Dalhousie" when he can get up her anchor. They would not urge him to slip his cable unless compelled by stress of weather.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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house yesterday morning
but there was too much
surf and current to get
it at work, and the sea
was still. I went out
and it was quite a
fine day.
Yours truly
Franklin

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