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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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for the month of February 1860.*

4. She brought 236 casks of Spirits, and Porter, and a few cases of Beer and Castor oil to Cannanore, 96 casks of Porter were stowed in the fore coal hold, 80 casks of Arrack and Porter in the after baggage room together with a few cases of Beer, 60 casks of Porter on the after troop deck and the cases of Castor oil in the fore baggage room.

5. On the only occasion on which the "Prince Arthur" made a voyage from Madras to Rangoon she had on an average 500 troops on board the whole time. The after baggage room was full to the combings of the hatchway with troops' baggage, the fore baggage room was more than half full, of the same. The troop decks were of course full of troops; bearing my assertion out to the full, *viz.*, "that the vessel was not fit to carry cargo if any large number of troops were put in her."

6. The second paragraph of the letter from Mr. Franklin, Superintendent of Marine, to T. Pycroft, Esquire, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, No. 4578, seems to assent; that the "Prince Arthur" could have carried 70 tons of cargo, (to pay part of her expenses) as well as the troops that were in her, from Madras to Rangoon; I must say, I am at a loss to understand how this could have been done, as it was acknowledged on all hands, by both the Military men, on board, and by my own Officers, that the vessel was loaded as full as she could be, with safety, by the troops alone.

7. In returning your memorandum, No. 22 of 1860, and the document attached thereto.

From Commander T. S. H. TWYNAM, Indian Navy, Her Majesty's Steam Vessel "Prince Arthur," Indian Navy; to the Superintendent of Marine, Fort St. George, dated 4th October 1859, No. 6.

Referring to your letter, No. 3969 of the 3rd instant, I beg to point out, that the Resolution of Government (modifying rule 6 of the regulation for freight and passage by Her Majesty's vessels of the Indian Navy employed between this and Rangoon) so completely takes out of my hands, as Commander of the vessel, all control over her loading at Rangoon, that I cannot allow it to pass, without remonstrance, and beg that you will again represent the matter to Government, pointing out the great hardship, of making me responsible for the safety of a valuable ship, and a number of lives, and at the same time completely taking out of my hands all control over her lading.

From Commander T. S. H. TWYNAM, Indian Navy, Her Majesty's Steam Vessel "Prince Arthur," Indian Navy; to the Superintendent of Marine, Fort St. George, dated 7th October 1859, No. 11.

As my letter to you, (No. 6 of 1859) still remains unanswered and as the wording of the Government Resolution therein alluded to put it out of my power to prevent the Superintendent of the Irrawaddy Flotilla from putting any thing he may please on board the "Prince Arthur," I beg that you will send instructions to that officer not to put cargo into this vessel, if any large amount of troops return in her.

2. This vessel is not fitted for carrying cargo, and except the after luggage room, I have no place in which I can put cargo under lock and key, consequently if cargo is put on board, the baggage of the troops will have to remain on the troop deck.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) W. F. MARRIOTT, Captain,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 14th February 1860, No. 70.

Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine, in reference to his letter, 16th November last, No. 4578.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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No. 7. Read the following letter from Captain W. F. MARRIOTT, Acting Secretary to Government, Bombay; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 31st January 1860, No. 111.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 583, dated 18th November last, stating that the "Prince Arthur" since she has been attached to the Madras Presidency has carried no cargo, her Commander having intimated that none could be received until a flying deck had been constructed over the tanks in the hold, and in reply to transmit the accompanying copies of a report on the subject by the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, No. 38, dated 12th instant, and its annexments.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy has been authorized to construct a deck over the tanks.

No. 38 of 1860.

Report by the Commander-in-Chief, of the Indian Navy.

I have referred this correspondence to Commander Twynam, Commanding the "Prince Arthur," whose letter of explanation is herewith enclosed.

2nd. It will be seen that the Superintendent of Marine at Madras, has been altogether mistaken in regard to the reasons which prevented the "Prince Arthur" from carrying cargo during her trip to Rangoon. The vessel was full of troops and baggage, and consequently had no space for cargo.

3rd. On the other hand, when she was ordered round under sail to Bombay calling at Cannanore, she had no troops on board, and was able, in addition to filling the baggage rooms (the after one being the identical space above the tanks over which it is suggested that a deck should be laid) with Porter, &c. &c., to put a quantity into the fore coal hold.

4th. The effect of laying a deck over the tanks will be to diminish by about two feet in height the space for baggage, and I should have done this originally when the vessel was fitting here but that it was not actually necessary, although it would be an advantage, and it would have increased the expense of the alterations in regard to which explanations have been already called for by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

5th. The Master Builder reports that the probable expense of laying a deck Rupees 700. over these tanks would be about Rupees seven hundred, and I would request instructions as to whether the work shall be proceeded with.

BOMBAY,
12th January 1860. }

(Signed) G. G. WELLESLEY,
Commander-in-Chief, I. N.

From Commander T. S. H. TWYNAM, Indian Navy, Her Majesty's Steam Vessel "Prince Arthur" Indian Navy; to Commodore G. G. WELLESLEY, C. B., Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, dated Bombay, 3rd January 1860, No. 2.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Memorandum, No. 22 of 1860, forwarding a printed copy of a letter from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, No. 583, dated November 1859.

I did not refuse cargo, I sent a message to say that the vessel had no place to carry cargo, and troops' baggage too; but as verbal messages in these cases are not very good evidence, I beg to forward herewith copies of two letters from me, to the Superintendent of Marine, which pretty well express what I intended to say on the subject of carrying cargo.

3. On my voyage from Madras to Cannanore the ship was to all intents and purposes a sailing vessel, and there was no occasion to fill her up with coal.

N^o. 70 - 14 February 1860

Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine in reference to his letter, 16th Nov last N^o. 4578.

The Superintendent of Marine. } Disptd 20th

on the 10th Decr 1859.
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W. F. Maule
Chief Secretary to Govt.

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(Signed) G. G. WELLESLEY
Commander

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