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13th April 1861.*

No. 27. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 10th April 1861, No. 1,045.

In the 2nd para. of my letter of the 6th February last, No. 365, I had the honor to report that the frame-work for the reception of the Diving Bell had been completed and that the Master Attendant had been instructed to launch the Bell on the first convenient opportunity. I beg now to add that the apparatus is at work and that the mode adopted of operating from a raft instead of from a vessel is found to answer even better than was anticipated. The Engineer, Mr. Templemore, has been down in the Bell three times, and has recovered an anchor and the iron buoy which was moored as a mark for the P. and O. Steamers to anchor by, and which had sunk. He reports that it works well; and that although the surface wave causes it to rise and fall considerably, this motion is much more regular than if a ship or barge had been used from which to drop the Bell.

No. 28.

ORDER THEREON, 13th April 1861, No. 136.

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(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Sonnor.

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From

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The Superintendent of
Marine.

To

The Chief Secretary to
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Fort Saint George.

Dated 10th April 1861.
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