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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
24th April 1861.

No. 49. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 11th April 1861, No. 1,059.

In my letter of the 7th January last, No. 94, I had the honor to report that I had declined to accede to the demand of the Agents of the "Royal Alice" for conveying to Cocanada by that vessel the Paumben Steam Tug. Her freight for bringing it from England was £1,585, and they asked rather over 14,000* Rs. more to carry it on, and positively refused to take it for less.

	Rs.
* Freight.....	10,000
Stipulation to purchase 402 tons of coals at 10 Rupees a ton in excess of market price.....	4,020
	<u>Rupees... 14,020</u>

2. I therefore directed that it should be landed at Madras intending to forward it on by some other vessel. Difficulties however occurred in consequence of the boilers being too large to admit of their being stowed away in any vessel without cutting the decks, and it was then proposed that the Tug should be put together at Madras. This again was found to be a work involving a much heavier expense than was at first anticipated, and as stated in my letter of the 15th February, No. 456, I resolved to send it in pieces to Cocanada, where the Chief Engineer informed me it would be built so much more reasonably than here. Finally as this Officer considered it more advantageous that the boilers should also be sent there instead of bringing the vessel to Madras to take them, I engaged a large doney for 1,500 Rupees to carry them up. A fine day with smooth water having been selected, she was brought alongside the pier when the boilers were shipped without accident, and I have now to report that the doney has arrived safely at Cocanada and is inside the river; the remainder of the Tug having been sent up in another vessel.

3. The expenses incurred in these proceedings are as follows, from which it will be seen that the saving effected has fully borne out the anticipation I recorded in the concluding paragraph of my letter of the 15th February last.

	RS.	A.	P.
Boat and Catmaran hire for landing Steam Tug... ..	301	0	0
Catmaran hire for landing boilers... ..	156	15	0
Expense incurred in hoisting ditto on the pier... ..	308	5	4
Freight of Tug in pieces to Cocanada... ..	2,021	15	5
Do. of boilers to do.	1,500	0	0
Boat and Catmaran hire for shipping Tug... ..	479	15	0
Expense of shipping boilers... ..	127	11	8
Gratuity to Mr. Gibson... ..	200	0	0
	<u>5,095</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>5</u>
Total... ..	5,095	14	5
Amount demanded... ..	14,020	0	0
	<u>8,924</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>
Actual saving... ..	8,924	1	7

4. In the foregoing statement the Government will perceive that the concluding item is for a gratuity to Mr. Gibson the Engineer of the Pier works. I beg to explain that he undertook to hoist the boilers on to the pier and to place them subsequently in the doney, both which services he performed most successfully. The work occupied several days and I would solicit permission to present him with the sum named as remuneration for his exertions on the occasion.

5. I should state that a claim of upwards of 2,000 Rupees has been made for demurrage in consequence of the delay that occurred in landing the Tug, but that it has been resisted, the Advocate General having expressed his opinion that it was not tenable.

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6. In conclusion I would respectfully beg that the Honorable Council for India be requested when engaging freight for any stores not intended to be landed at Madras, so to arrange if the vessel touch here for orders, that she may be sent for discharge to any other port at some fixed rate to be determined either by distance or by the probable time that would be occupied in reaching that port.

When on the point of dispatching this letter I learned incidentally that the Public Works Department had incurred some outlay in removing the Machinery of the Tug to Abercrombie's battery and there cleaning it. I am not aware of the amount, but the greater part of this would I presume have been incurred whether landed here or at Cocanada.

No. 50.

ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1861, No. 147.

Tug in pieces.	
Landing.....	301- 0-0
Shipping.....	479-15-0
Freight.....	2,021-15-5
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Boilers.	
Landing.....	156-15-0
Shipping.....	127-11-8
Freight.....	1,500- 0-0
	1,784-10-8
Hoisting Tug and Boiler on the Pier.....	308- 5-4
Gratuity to Mr. Gibson.	200- 0-0
	508- 5-4
	Rupees 5,095-14-5

His Excellency the Governor in Council is glad to learn that the Paumben Steam Tug in pieces, and its Boilers, landed from the "Royal Alice," have been re-shipped and forwarded to Cocanada at an expense, Rupees 5,095-14-5, so much less than the amount, Rupees 14,020, demanded by the Agents of the "Royal Alice." He sanctions the charges, five thousand and ninety-six Rupees, including the gratuity proposed for Mr. Gibson, the Engineer of the Pier works, in remuneration of his services. Mr. Franklin will report what further charges have been incurred for cleaning the Machinery in the Public Works Department.

2. The Government note that, with the advice of the Advocate General, Mr. Franklin has resisted a claim for demurrage on account of the "Royal Alice."

3. The suggestion in reference to Stores, not intended to be landed at this port, shipped on vessels which may touch here for orders, will be submitted to the Secretary of State for India.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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