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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
8th January 1861.*

No. 24. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 5th January 1861, No. 82.

I have the honor to inform you that some short time since the Mint Master brought to my notice that the Coal supplied to him from the Marine Stores was of so inferior a quality that there was a difficulty in keeping up Steam with it. The Coal was Welsh, delivered under Mr. James Burness' contract, dated 22nd May 1860, from the Ship "Surat," and as it was one of the descriptions enumerated in the Agreement, I requested Commander Hopkins to make a trial of it. I now forward this Officer's report of the result shewing that it was of very inferior quality, and I would solicit that the Secretary of State for India be requested not to admit Welsh Coal in the supplies to be sent out to Madras. It deteriorates much sooner than North country Coal, and there is a general objection to it on the part of Sea Engineers on account of its want of Steam-generating power. The Agent to the P. and O. Company, I am aware, refuses to receive it.

From Commander F. W. HOPKINS, I. N., Commanding H. M.'s Steamer "Dalhousie," I. N., to J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, Madras, dated Mangalore, 31st December 1860, No. 604.

In compliance with your letter, No. 5,040, dated the 28th of November 1860, we the undersigned have to report as follows on the (12) twelve tons of Coal sent on board at Madras to be tested.

The Welsh Coal received on board is only of an inferior quality and not well adapted for Steam purposes; as it was only with great difficulty the Steam could be kept up.

(Signed) F. W. HOPKINS, Commander I. N.,
President of Committee.

(Signed) E. W. BULLOCK, 1st Class Engineer I. N.,
Member.

(Signed) F. NEWBERRY, 2nd Class Engineer, I. N.,
Member.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1861, No. 14.

Resolved, that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Secretary of State, and that he be requested not, for the future, to admit Welsh Coal in the supplies to be sent to Madras.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Sent
N^o 14 - 8 January 1864³ V

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Replied 17th Jan

No 2/07

The Suptt. of Marine. dis P.M.