

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

300

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Dated

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1861.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
14th September 1861.*

No. 46. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Fort Saint George, dated 2nd September 1861, No. 2,449.

I have the honor to inform you that 60 fathoms of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch chain are required for the Diving Bell, and that it cannot be obtained from any public department at Madras. A portion of this chain is required for suspending the Bell when in use, and is required to be of the very best proof quality. A link of the chain supplied from England for this purpose with the Bell, broke and had any one been inside at the time he would in all probability have lost his life.

2. A ship "Chandler," the only one possessing the chain required, offers to cut a length of 100 fathoms and to sell 60 fathoms of it at 28 Rupees the cwt.; but if the whole piece is taken he is willing to part with it at 22 Rupees the cwt. I solicit permission to purchase the whole length, the cost of which will be 792 Rupees, 6 Annas.

3. The charge will be borne by the Port Fund and provision for it has been made in my Supplemental Budget Estimate for 1861-62,

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, 14th September 1861, No. 300.

The Government sanction the purchase of 100 fathoms $\frac{3}{4}$ inch chain for use with the Diving Bell, at the rate of Rupees 22 per cwt. The cost will be debited to the Port Fund.

2. The Superintendent will report the average expenses and receipts of the Diving Bell.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

N^o. 300 - 14th Sept^r 1861.

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2/ The Supt
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Diving Bell
Memo.

100 fathoms @ Rs. 22 $\frac{7}{8}$ = Rs. 2276.
60 do @ 28 = 1680.
Total = Rs. 3956.

The Suptt. of Marine.
" Civil Paymaster.
" Acct. Genl.

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