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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
18th September 1861.*

No. 54. 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 17th September 1861, No. 2,611.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Proceedings of Government of this day's date, No. 302, recording telegram from the Commander of the "Dalhousie," stating that her bottom was very dirty, and inquiring if he should place her on a private slip and clean her, the cost being 480 Rupees.

2. I would strongly advise that the opportunity should not be lost of cleansing the "Dalhousie," as the expense will be more than saved by the reduced consumption of fuel in the passage across. Captain Hopkins informed me that in consequence of the foulness of his vessel's bottom her speed was at least two knots less than it ought to be. This of course entails longer voyages and consequently greater consumption of coal. The "Dalhousie" has moreover to tow the "Tubal Cain" to Masulipatam, a service which she will be able to perform with greater ease and certainly with a clean bottom. For these reasons, I beg to recommend that the telegram be replied to in the affirmative.

No. 55. ORDER THEREON, 18th September 1861, No. 305.

Ordered that the following telegram be despatched to the Commander of the "Dalhousie," I. N. at Rangoon.

2. "Government sanction the cleansing of the "Dalhousie's" bottom on a private slip."

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

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Government sanction the cleansing of the "Dalhousie's" bottom in a private slip.

J. D. S.

The Suptt. of Marine.

"Commander of the "Dalhousie" S. N. 321/9