

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
25th February 1861.*

No. 41. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 15th February 1861, No. 459.

I have the honor to solicit permission for the purchase of two large spars and three blocks with chain lashings for the Marine Department, to be used on occasions of lifting heavy weights. In hoisting on to the Pier the boilers of the Paumben Steam Tug, the whole of the appliances had to be borrowed from the Railway Company's Stores and the Agent of the Pier Contractor, the blocks supplied from the Arsenal not being equal to the strain, and no spars being obtainable of a size fit for Sheers.

2. Those I now recommend for purchase have been brought out by the "Royal Alice," and as the Commander is willing to dispose of them at cost price (960) nine hundred and sixty Rupees, which must be considered very reasonable, I solicit sanction for this expenditure.

No. 42. ORDER THEREON, 25th February, 1861, No. 63.

The Government are not at present prepared to purchase the two large spars and three blocks with chain lashings referred to in the above letter.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Feb 16. 1861

My dear Mr. Everett

I have today sent in
an application for permis-
sion to purchase two large
spans and blocks for
hoisting up heavy ma-
chinery. Will you kindly
obtain orders on it as
early as you can for a
hunch Captain is trying
to get one of the spans
for a lower mast, and

am afraid of losing
 them. I shall not
 increase of my stock
 until I have
 a good deal more

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 The Govt. ~~sanction the~~
 - and prepared to
 purchase, at the price
 fixed, of the two large
 spars & three blocks with
 chain lashings referred
 to, ^{in the above letter} for use in the Ma-
 rine Dept.

The Suptdt. of Marine
 " Civil Auditor.
 " Asst. Genl.

I really do not see
 why we should buy
 them - we have
 a few - we have
 more - we have