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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
19th June 1861.

No. 27. Read the following letter from Commander F. W. HOPKINS, I.N., Commanding H. M.'s S. V. "Dalhousie" I.N.; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 19th June 1861, No. 120.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Orders of Government of yesterday's date, and beg to enclose the opinion of the Committee on the Steamer "Governor Higginson's" Boilers and Machinery.

Report of the Committee of Survey on the Engines and Boilers of the Steamer "Governor Higginson."

Hull in good condition.

Engines in good working order.

Boilers in middling condition, but require thorough cleaning, (safe for the present run.)

The Committee recommend that the flooring plates in the stoke hole be thoroughly repaired; as in the present state of the bilges, if the Ship sprung a leak the pumps would be entirely useless, owing to the quantity of coal that runs through the holes in the plates (the Committee having seen about a ton of coal and dirt that was taken out of the bilges) which would immediately choke the pump, and the safety of the Vessel be thereby endangered.

The Committee further recommend the bilges in the stoke hole to be planked over under the plates, as by so doing the plates are less liable to break and allow the coal to pass into the bilges.

The Committee are of opinion that the Vessel cannot safely proceed to sea until such time as her bilges are thoroughly cleaned and such alterations made as to prevent the dirt from accumulating under the plates.

Given under our hands on board H. M.'s S. V. "Dalhousie" I. N., in Madras Roads, this nineteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

(Signed) H. E. LAMBORN, } President.
1st Class Engineer,

(Signed) W. MACKIE, }
3rd Class Engineer. } Members.
(Signed) WILLIAM LEE, }
Journeyman Apprentice. }

MADRAS,
19th June 1861.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 19th June 1861, No. 205.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Marine in reference to his letter of the 18th instant, No. 1,735.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Excl

Order thereon 19 June 1861. No. 205. 2/1

Forwarded to the Sup of Marine
w/ experience & his letter of the
18th inst - No 1735

J. P. M.
Chief Secy

To the Sup of Marine
with an Encl.

Recd 19 June 1861
20 June 1861

W. H. L.