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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of January 1860.*

No. 195. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer ;
to the Secretary to Government, dated 25th January 1860, No. 9570.

I have the honor to submit for the consideration and decision of Government, the correspondence as per margin, relating to a claim to freight for certain Government stores brought by the B. S. N. C. steamer "Governor Higginson" from Kákináda to Madras : the claim is for Rupees 22-10-3 made by Messrs. Dymes & Co., and is objected to by me for reasons hereafter detailed.

2. The stores as per invoice, dated 16th August 1859, and enclosed in Mr. Faulkner's letter of September 8th 1859, consisted of certain parts of the small steamer "Progress," lately put up on Kávan under the superintendence of Mr. G. H. Faulkner, who, on receiving them reported to this office, and to Messrs. Dymes & Co., that two iron plates which he valued at Rupees 150 were missing. No intimation had been received by this office of the stores being on board the "Governor Higginson," and consequently no arrangements had been made for landing them. The first information received in the Central office regarding them was Mr. Faulkner's report* that he had received them, and that two iron plates were missing.

3. Messrs. Dymes & Co., in their letter to Mr. Faulkner of 1st September 1859, remark that they had made enquiry from the kanakkappillai and dubash, who had the charge of landing and delivering the goods, who stated that they had all been duly delivered and that none remained on board.

4. On the 23rd November 1859, Messrs. Dymes & Co. forwarded their bill to me for, freight, amounting to Rupees 22-10-3, and in regard to the two missing plates, stated that the responsibility of the vessel ceased, when the plates were put over her side into two boats. To this argument I object, as the boats were not sent for the stores by any one connected with the Department Public Works, nor am I aware in whose employ they were at the time. Messrs. Dymes & Co. were requested to afford the information which they have omitted to do, but there is every reason to conclude that they belonged to that firm. They simply reiterate that demand for the freight and disown all responsibility for the goods on having satisfied themselves that they had been delivered into two boats, Nos. 22 and 260. At the request of Messrs. Dymes and Co., I laid the whole case before the Superintendent of Marine, who entirely concurs in my view of it; and it is at their desire that I now submit it for the consideration of Government.

Letter dated 18th January 1860.

No. 196. ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1860, No. 254.

Referred to the Government Solicitor, together with the enclosures, for the opinion of the Advocate General on the case.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Central Office
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From The Chief Engineer
To The Secretary & Government
D. P. W.
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Public Works
Machinery

Sir,
I have the honor to submit
for the consideration and decision
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as per margin, relating to a claim
to freight for certain Government
Stores brought by the B. S. N. C. Steamer
"Governor Diggam" from Zanzibar
to Madras. The claim is for Rupees
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and is objected to by me for reasons
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Central Office P.W.
Sriprakasham
25 January 1860

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedt. servant

A. C. S. Chief Engineer P.W.

24th 1860

