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No. 123. Read the following letter from Captain W. F. MARRIOTT, Acting Secretary to Government; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bombay Castle, 15th February 1860, No. 163.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 130, dated 18th ultimo with its accompaniments, respecting the promotion of Mr. G. Clements, a Mechanical Engineer, and in reply I am instructed by his Lordship in Council to transmit copy of a report on the subject from the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, No. 133, dated 3rd instant, and to intimate that the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, will be addressed in enquiry as to the date of Mr. Clements' appointment, which must regulate his promotion, and the attention of Her Majesty's Government will at the same time be drawn to the circumstances noticed by Commodore Wellesley in the 4th paragraph of the report.

Report by Commodore G. G. WELLESLEY the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, dated Bombay, 3rd February 1860, No. 133 of 1860.

The name of Mr. Clements does not appear in any of the lists of Engineers which have been forwarded to my office as sent out by the Home Government for duty in Bengal or Madras, and who were to be considered as belonging to and for the general service of the Indian Navy, and I was not aware of his employment.

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No. 124. ORDER THEREON, 29th February 1860, No. 440.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
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Office of the Comptr in Chief I.N.
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Sigd Lt. Lt. Wellesley.
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