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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 75 of 1860.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

RIGHT HONORABLE SIR,

Letter from Chief Engineer, 24th October 1860, No. 6,162.
Do. " Mr. Moncrieff, 12th September, " No. 365.
Two letters from Mr. Flockhart, 1st October 1860.
Letter from Mr. Merrill 2nd "
Do. Flockhart, 8th "
Three drawings.
Proceedings of Government, 22nd Novr. 1860, No. 2,414.

1. We forward a letter from the Chief Engineer dated 24th October 1860 giving cover to a number of papers relating to the failure of the boiler of the "Little Nell," one of the Steam Tugs built by Messrs. Forrester & Co. of Liverpool. A similar accident happened to the D. boat of the same firm, now called the "Progress," soon after she began to run on the Kúam, and the damage cost a considerable sum to repair, and the defect to which the accident is attributed by Mr. Moncrieff, the Superintendent of the Dowlaishwaram Workshop, exists in the boilers of all the boats supplied by the same firm.

2. Mr. Flockhart, the Mechanical Engineer at the Presidency Workshop, and who was in the employ of Messrs. Forrester & Co., maintains that the accident was owing not to defect in the construction of the boiler, but to the carelessness or ignorance of the party in charge. This boiler has not been examined by any other person than Mr. Flockhart, whom the Chief Engineer regards as biassed in the manufacturer's favor; but we have desired Colonel Horsley to have it carefully examined by competent persons, and we will report the result to you hereafter.

3. Mr. Moncrieff proposes that Messrs. Forrester & Co. should be called upon to replace the damaged boilers; but the firm having already been struck off the list of Contractors employed by the Home Government, the Chief Engineer thinks that nothing more need be done than that they should have an opportunity of replying to Mr. Moncrieff's remarks. We leave the matter in your hands, with the view of your taking such measures as you may deem fit.

We have the honor to be,

Right Honorable Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servants,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
24th November 1860.

Ed. T. Dunn.

Construction

FORT SAINT GEORGE.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter to the Right Honorable
the Secretary of State for India,
Dated 24th November,
No. 75 of 1860.

Relating to the failure of the Boiler of the "Little Nell"
one of the Steam Tugs built by Messrs. Forrester & Co.
of Liverpool.

To
The Right Hon. the Secretary of State
for India

Right Hon. Sir

Letter from Chief Engr. 24 October 1860 No. 6162
Do " " Mr. Innes 12 Sept. " 365
Invitation from Mr. Stockhart 14 Oct. 1860
Letter from Mr. Innes 2nd " "
" " Stockhart 8th " "

Three drawings
Pro. of Govt. 22 November 1860

And the defect to which
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by Mr. Innes, the Capt. of
the Darlewarum workshop,
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the boats supplied by the
same firm.

Darlewarum

We forward a letter
from the Chief Engineer dated 24
October 1860 giving cover to a number
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in the same manner and from the
same cause, of the Boiler of a case
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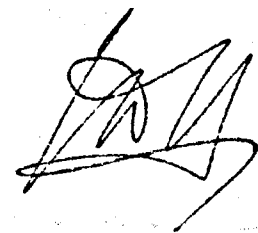
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Chief Engineer regards as
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favor, but we have desired
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W.E.

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Fort George,
24 November, 1860.



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To Home Government.

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of the Boiler of Major's Harvester
and Co's Canal Eng. B

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Letter to the Right Hon^{ble} the
Secretary of State
for India

Dated 24 November 1860.

Right Hon^{ble} Secretary Bengal
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Relating to the failure
of the Boiler of the Little Well
one of the Steam Engs built
by Messrs Harvester & Co of
Liverpool.

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Answered 10 February 1861 N^o 8
P.W.D.