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No. 183. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 3rd December 1864, No. 3,918:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Order recorded in Proceedings of Government of the 30th ultimo, No. 20, on the subject of the Paumben Steam Tug, and as no advice has been received from the Home Government regarding the measures to be adopted for rendering the vessel seaworthy and useful, although the reference appears to have been made upwards of a year ago, to solicit that a further application be made thereon.

2. In the course of last year, when in England, I saw Mr. Ritherdon who, I believe, planned the vessel, although on this point I may be mistaken; and he shewed me how the paddle shaft could be raised by lengthening the piston rods, &c., so as to keep the weight of the engine in the bottom of the vessel. This was to be carried out at once I was informed, and I have felt surprised that no further action from Home has been taken.

3. I notice in the Proceedings of the 25th September 1863, that there is a wish to reduce her draft of water considerably, but I do not see that this is necessary, and I have considerable doubts as to a midship section of even 20 feet being put in properly in this country. The fact of her drawing 9 feet or 9½ feet will not incapacitate her for the service for which she was built; namely, the passing through Paumben, and every inch of reduction in the draft will render her less able to bear further top weight. I would therefore suggest that, in communication with the Home Government, such alterations only be made as will fit her for use. She was sent out in April 1860, was launched at Cocanada in June 1862, and the sooner she is made available for active service the better.

No. 184. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1864, No. 3,523.

1. A copy of the Despatch from the Secretary of State, dated 31st August 1863, No. 13, and its accompaniments will be furnished to the Superintendent of Marine for information.

2. As it is not probable that any further instructions will be received from the Home Government with regard to remedying the defects of the Steam Tug, the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, will be requested to report whether the measures for rendering the vessel efficient, suggested in Mr. Ritherdon's report accompanying the Despatch above quoted, can be carried out in the District, and if so, Captain Ryves will submit a careful estimate of the cost of the work.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
„ Superintendent of Marine.

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From
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To
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[Signature]

To
The Surveyor General
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to render the Pamban
Steamer Tug seaworthy
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orders thereon.

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