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No. 310. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th August 1860, No. 3,658 :—

Read the following letter from J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Tencausey, 12th July 1860, No. 263 :—

SIR,

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 23rd June 1860, No. 1,042, forwarded by the Board on the 26th idem, I have the honor to transmit copy of a Report from Captain Phipps, the Master Attendant of Tuticoreen, respecting the fitness of the new Boats for the purpose for which they have been built, and the completeness of their fitting up.

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Report on the new Boats built at Cochin for guarding the Tinnevelly Pearl Banks.

1. The larger vessel lately built at Cochin for guarding the Tinnevelly Pearl Banks, named the "Emily," is a Fore Topsail Schooner strongly built of teak, fastened with copper, is prettily modelled, and will sail fast. The rigging is of Europe rope, the sails and awnings are made of Europe canvas, and the masts, yards, &c., are pine. She is now being re-fitted and undergoing a trifling alteration in her rig, which, when completed, and the present chain cables replaced with coir, will be quite suitable for the duty for which she has been built.

2. The accommodations consisting of two cabins, both placed abaft the main mast, are rather confined; the wood used for this has been red cedar, which, since the vessel has arrived here, has warped considerably, rendering the fittings up unsightly. This can be remedied at a trifling cost when the wood is properly dried.

3. The smaller vessel, called the "Edith," is rigged as a fore and aft Schooner ; the wood of which she is constructed is teak, and well fastened with copper bolts ; the masts, &c., are pine ; the sails and awnings of Europe canvas, and the rigging Europe rope. This Boat has been employed in guarding the Pearl Banks from Punnicoil to Manapaud, for which purpose she is admirably adapted being a fast and safe vessel.

4. The accommodations consist of one cabin situated abaft the main mast, the wood used for which has been red cedar, and has warped considerably from the excessive heat.

5. The fitting out of both vessels has been completed sufficiently for sending them to sea. Being new, some slight alterations and additions will require to be made occasionally, and at an early date they must be thoroughly calked, the excessive heat having dried the planking.

6 Both vessels are supplied with chain cables, which are small, the "Emily" having already been in danger by her's parting when at anchor. To avoid an accident from this cause, I have kept her in Port until coir cables can be supplied, and which are now being prepared.

(Signed) G. PHIPPS,
Master Attendant.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. SILVER,
Collector.

1. Submitted to Government with reference to the *In Con., 25th June* 1860, *No.* 3,043. Order, dated 23rd June 1860, No. 1,042, Revenue Department.

2. The Board regret that more care was not used in selecting well-seasoned timber for the construction of the cabins in the Boats built for guarding the Pearl Banks. Captain Phipps, however, thinks that a remedy can be applied at a trifling cost when the wood is properly dry. The chain cables also have been found unsatisfactory.

3. With the above exceptions, the fitting out of both vessels has been properly executed ; and they are reported to be well suited for the purpose for which they have been built.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 311. ORDER THEREON, 25th August 1860, No. 1,436.

The report on the two vessels is satisfactory in most respects, and is creditable to Captain Castor who superintended their construction. The mistake of using unsuitable and unseasoned wood for the cabins should be avoided in the additional boat just ordered to be built in the Order of the 20th instant, No. 1,397.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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