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No. 10. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Marine Department, dated 14th January 1857, No. 20.

Read the following papers.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works Department.

Referring for consideration a report from the Chief Engineer on an Estimate for Building a Master Attendant's Office at Cochin, at a Cost of Rupees 880. } (Here enter 12th December 1856.)

Letter from the Secretary, Marine Board.

States with reference to Extract from Minutes of Consultation of the 27th November in the Marine Department, No. 360, and the former one of the 20th October last in the Judicial Department, No. 1143, that if 2 rooms could be given up to the Marine Department, they would, with some trifling alterations, be sufficient for the purpose, as far as concerns the accommodation they would afford.
But, for reasons stated, recommends that the Estimate for the erection of Master Attendant's Office and Store room at Cochin alluded to in the last Extract under reply, as having been received from the Chief Engineer, should receive the sanction of Government. } (Here enter 20th December 1856.)

In his letter of 8th October last, the Inspector of Prisons suggested that the present Jail rooms at Cochin should be transferred to the Master Attendant and Post Master for the use of their Offices, and that, instead of erecting new Buildings as was proposed, for these Officers, 10 additional cells should be constructed for Prison purposes, which he considered sufficient for giving effect to the sentences of the Criminal Courts.

2. This communication having been referred to the Marine Board for their opinion, they report, in the letter recorded above, that the Master Attendant at Cochin considers the arrangement inconvenient as the Building referred to is at some distance from the flagstaff, and his Writer is obliged to assist in signalizing to the shipping in consequence of the signal men not understanding English. The Marine Board observe that the Master Attendant and his Subordinates should be in the same Office, and that he himself should be close to the signal station to direct personally all communications with the shipping.

3. Under these circumstances Government do not deem it advisable to adopt the proposal of the Inspector of Prisons, and, as recommended by the Marine Board, they sanction the Estimate, submitted through the Chief Engineer, for the erection of a Master Attendant's Office and Store room at Cochin, amounting to Rupees (880) eight hundred and eighty, provided the plan and site be approved by Colonel A. Cotton who has recently visited the station.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, No. 87; dated 21st January 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Inspector of Prisons for his information.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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