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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	7-5-	191858.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 11th May 1858.

No. 24. Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector and Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Vizianagrum, 22nd April 1858, No. 59.

SIR,

Para. 1. If the Government will place at my disposal from 2 to 300 prisoners, I am confident I could effect improvements in the Harbour of this place that would render it practicable in a year or two for Ships and Steamers of from 5 to 600 tons to cross the bar and moor a short distance within the river or backwater.

2. Sufficient Convicts are not available in this Jail, and the nature of the work to be done requires the concentration of a considerable body of men at once on particular spots to labour during the low tides, and if the Government permit me to indent on any of the Coast Jails for the number of Convicts I may require to complete 300 including those now available in the Prison here, I am sanguine of effecting at a trifling cost improvements that will greatly enhance the importance of the Port and render it in a measure a sort of Harbour of refuge at all seasons.

3. The only other aid I would ask is, gunpowder from the Magazine for blasting and any implements I may need for the prisoners' use, such as crow-bars, &c., all of which I believe are to be had in the Vizagapatam Arsenal.

4. The Government will perhaps think the suggestion somewhat visionary and speculative, but the result will I hope prove it to be otherwise. Should, however, my anticipations not be fully realized, still the extent of benefit that will accrue to the Harbour, will I am very confident, be far more than simply commensurate with the labour proposed to be expended.

4. The Harbour of Vizagapatam naturally possesses very great capabilities, and though of course to be developed thoroughly, these may need a recourse to both art and science, yet as neither one or the other are likely for some time to be brought to bear to effect what might be done, I have felt the less reluctance in proposing to Government meanwhile to work out my own crude plans in the best manner possible with the rudest and cheapest materials available, and if Government will only allow me to make the trial, a partial failure would not involve any actual loss while the improvements that will even then be gained to the Port though not equal to my expectations would still doubtless be fully proportioned to the value of the labour expended on them.

5. I request permission to have Convicts from the Jails of Chicacole and Rajahmundry as well as from Masulipatam if necessary, and I calculate that I shall require the withdrawal of at least 260 from those Jails.

No. 25.

ORDER THEREON, No. 603; dated 7th May 1858.

The Government are unable to pass any orders upon the present application on the information now before them. They request that Mr. Reade will be so good as to communicate his plan for the improvement of the Harbour of Vizagapatam to the District Engineer, who will report on it to Government through the Department Public Works.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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For the Secy
7th May 1858

J.P.

Copy to Agent at Madras }
D.P.M. } Secy D.P.M.

N^o 59.

Viragapatam District
Viranagrum,
Collector & Govt. Agents Office
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General Dept.

From the Collector
Agent to
the Gov
Vizag.

To the Chief Secy
to Govt

Fort St George

Dated 22nd April

Recd 28 - 1858

No 771. N. 59

Asks the sanction
afford to his
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upon the fields
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Rajahy. & Ma-
dulipatam
for Convicts to
improve the
Port of Vizag
with an Order