

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.G.O. No. *208* Press
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No 16

1820

From

J. I. Franklin Esq^{re}
Secretary Marine Board

To

J. Pycroft Esq^{re}
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

The distance at which the Madras Light is visible, having lately been called in question, the Marine Board have instituted inquiries with the view of ascertaining whether they might not have hitherto been mistaken in believing that it was a safe warning for the dangers to be found in the Putical Shoal, which, as stated in their letter of the 6th ult, at 1406, are 19 miles off -

2 In pursuance of this object they have ascertained from Lieutenant Batt Commanding the Amovable Company Steam Frigate "Leucobia," that on the last occasion of his coming into the Madras Roads he made the light from the fore top at 10.30 P. M., and from the paddle box

box at 11. 15 P. M., and finally rain
on till 1. 15 A. M. when he was $2\frac{1}{2}$
miles from the shore. During this time
the vessel was steaming, in smooth
water, 9 knots.

3 The above shews that the
light was seen from the foretop at a
distance of 27 miles; and from the paddle
box which is about 10 feet above the
sea at a distance of $20\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Madras
Marine Board Office
13th May 1857.

E. B. L.

Wm. H. M. M.

Secretary

N^o 1406

N^o 15 From

J. J. Franklin Esq^r
Secretary Marine Board

To
J. Pycroft Esq^r
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.
dated 6 April 1857. N^o 1406

I have the honor by desire of the
Marine Board to acknowledge the receipt
of Extract from Minutes of Consultation of
the 2nd instant N^o 132, on the subject of
the Madras Light, wherein their opinion
is asked as to whether this light can be
seen to the North of the worst part of the
Pulicat shoal, which has been stated
to the Government to be 23 miles distant
from it.

2 The Board have carefully
examined the late Lieutenant Fell's
Survey, and find that the worst part
of the shoal with $1\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms on it is
laid down at $12\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the light,
and that the Northernmost danger with
 $3\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms on it lies at 19 miles from
it.

Entered in the Log
of 20 May 57.

A. D. L. E. of 14 Aug 57
of 1857 Jan 15 1856

Distance: 19 miles
Marine Board

The Chief Secretary to Government

of 19 May 1857

of 19 May 1857

of 19 May 1857

State the Marine Board
have received from the
Chief Secretary to Government
the extract from the Minutes
of the Marine Board of the
19th May 1857, in which
it is stated that the worst
part of the Pulicat shoal
is 23 miles distant from
the light.

of 14 May
of 1857

it. There can be no doubt therefore that with ordinary attention the Light, when properly kept up, can be seen so as to enable vessels to clear the dangerous part of the Pulicat shoal.

3 Should, however, the Government wish that the 'Coromandel' be sent to test the accuracy of the position fixed by the late Lieutenant Fell for the Northern danger of the shoal, she might be sent there in June after the reliefs have been completed.

4 I am further instructed to state that on searching the records of the Office the late Lieutenant Fell's original manuscript Chart has been found, in which his position is marked down at about a mile N. E. of the Northern danger, with a memorandum in pencil (by him it is believed) of the light being visible from the lower Cap. This vessel was the small brig Krishna of about 180 tons.

Madras...

Marine Board Office

6th April 1857.

E. H.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

W. H. Franklin

Secretary.

Mariner Department

N^o 127.

From the Secretary Marine Board.
Dated 6th April 1857

For Orders

I think the point is clear
that he thoroughly investigated
again - H. J.

AL

As the matter is of great importance to the whole Shipping interest, and the worth while to appoint a Committee in which the public will feel confidence & to publish their report in the Gazette send 8 copies to Lloyd's & the different Chambers of Commerce. Thus

H.C. Phillips
7-10-95-132

Entered in the list of
26 May 1837.

W. B. L. Eng of 14 Aug - 7/20/14
of 1857 June 15/16

Jan. 20: 19. *Spizella*
frankii 1857. *Departure*

from
Jacksonburg Tenn

L. V. 218
 No Chief Justice
 before him
 Let P. H. H.

Duck 6¹⁴ } April 1857
 Do 7 }
 No 11406

No. 1406

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Wetley

Departing on the
balance the ballad
light can be seen to the
north of the west part
of the pulpit door

28 Apr.
12 15 "
2 14 May
12 16 "

There was some expectation
mentioned in former an inquiry
last of Capt. J. J. J. J. J.
now employed on the Malabar
Coast coming to the Presi:
:dence during the S. W. Moni:
:ton - The Officer (and) the
Commander, ^{who} Captain
J. J. J. would be able to
ascertain how the facts
are. ~~He~~ ³

Marine Department

No 208

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.
Under date 19th May 1857.

Read the following
letter from the Marine
Board.

(Dated 6 April & 13 May 1857)
No 1406 & 1820

No 17 order Vernon, No 208, dated 19 May 1857.

Ordered, that the
foregoing letter respect-
ing the distance at
which the Karav Light
is visible be recorded.

W. M. J.

Ab. 8th to Aug 9th 14 Aug 1857
14th 1857 Jan 15 1856

Entered in the list of
26 May 1857.

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In Conn: 14 May.]
Marine. 1857. 20 Jan 1857

C. J. 2000

Abstract of M. J. of Conn.

28/19th May 1857

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