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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Master Attendants Office

Vizagapatam 29th May 1857

From

The Master Attendants
Vizagapatam

To

J. J. Franklin Esquire

Secretary to the Marine Board

Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that Commanders and Navigators of Vessels riding in the Vizagapatam and Bimlepatam Roads make it their duty of throwing the ballast they carry over board, thereby causing much damage to the anchorage of both ports. The ballast thrown over board at Bimlepatam is chiefly stone and shingle and the evil attending such a measure may be seen in the following instance. In October last a Vessel having dropped her anchor on one of these heaps of stone ballast very nigh got on shore. At night when the wind freshened the Vessel imperceptibly began to drive and would have stranded had it not been for some fishermen who being out at sea at the time gave the alarm and thus saved her from a perilous condition.

At

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Harris to Dug
24th Decr. 1832 of 1833

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In a letter from the Secretary
Harris Board dated 5th
June 1836.

From
The Master Attendant
of Vizagapatam
The Secretary Harris Board

It may be noted
that Commanders & Masters
of Vessels residing in the
Vizagapatam and British ports
make it their duty of
throwing the ballast they
carry overboard thereby
causing much damage
to the anchorage of both
ports.

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At Vizagapatam the Nacodahs
of Native Vessels throw sand ballast over board which
is also detrimental to the mouth of the River for it
makes the bar shallow especially in this season. and
it is only during the months of April and May
that Native Vessels are brought into the River and
are laid up during the strength of the S.W. monsoon;
mostly all these class of Vessels come in Ballast and
soon as they approach the mouth of the River and
they cross the bar the ballast is thrown over board
to lighten them. This act is frequently repeated
although the Pilots and Nacodahs of Vessels have
been warned against the danger arising from such a
step. They pay no attention whatever, nor have I any
rule or authority to prevent its repetition beyond
that of bringing the case before the Collector which
I beg leave to state has been done very frequently.

I have &c.

(Signed) R. W. Meppan
Master Attendant

(True copy)

Matthew King
Secretary

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N^o 2026

From

The Secretary to the Marine Board,
To.

The Acting Chief Secretary
to Government,

Sir

I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to forward the accompanying letter from the Master Attendant at Vizagapatam, representing the serious evils that still exist at that port, and at Bimlipatam, in consequence of the delay which has occurred in not sanctioning the introduction of Act 22 of 1855. It will be observed that the practice of discharging ballast in the anchorage is still continued much to the detriment of the ports named, which suffer in common with others.

2 The Board desire me earnestly to solicit that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will apply to the Supreme Government to authorize the ^{first fifteen} ports mentioned in their letter of the 4th March last No 964 to be brought under the operation of the Act at

once

21st March 57 Ad 629

Marine Dept to Eng
24th Decr 1855

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Marine - 1857 Ad 629

From
The Secretary, Marine Board
to The Acting Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Dated 5th 3rd April 1857

Recd 6th 3rd April 1857
No 215
1st 2026

At the request of the Secretary,
my letter from the Secretary
Attendant at Singapore
representing the serious and
that still exist at that port and
at Singapore in connection
of the delay which has occurred
in not sanctioning the introduction
of Act 22 of 1855 and, details
that the Singapore Government
may be applied to authorize
the said 15 ports mentioned
in the Board's letter of the 4th
March last A. 967 to be
brought under the operation
of the Act.

Encl to Encl
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Copy sent with copy of
enclature to the Secy
of India 27th June 1857
A. 2294.

once without waiting for the plans of the limits,
which it is feared will take some time yet in
preparation.

Madras
Marine Board Office
5th June 1857

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Matthew Bm
Secretary

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Marine Department.

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To
The Secretary to the Govt of India
Sir,

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Dated 5 June 1857. No 2320.

With reference to my
predecessor's letter of the
8th October No 191 and to the
previous correspondence
on the subject of the Gene-
ral Ports of this Presidency
proposed to be brought un-
der the operation of Act
XXII of 1855, I am directed
by the P. & C. the Governor
in Council to transmit for
submission to the Govt
of India the accompany-
ing copy of a letter from
the Marine Board and
its enclosure, and to re-
quest that under the cir-
cumstances therein brought
to notice early sanction
may be granted for de-
claring the Ports sub-
ject to the provisions
of the said Act without
anxiety

~~awaiting the receipt of~~
~~the Plans of their limits.~~

- a specification of the
limits of each Port

has been already sent
so that the provisions of Sect 4 of the Act can be complied with
& the charts or plans
called for in the ^{off} London
Secty letter of the 8 April
last will be forwarded
as soon as ready

To G. St George, Esq
11th June, 1857

J M

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for information } Dispd by 5th

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By the change to the Sea Port
Russia

8/11 June 1837
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24th Dec. 1832 of 1833
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