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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>253</i>	Press Mis.
Dated	<i>30.6.</i>	<i>1887</i>

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 30th June 1857.

No. 9. From Colonel P. MELVILL, Secretary to the Government of Bombay, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Bombay Castle, 11th June 1857, No. 923.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge your letter No. 210, dated 20th Ultimo, with its Enclosures, and in reply to transmit for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council at Fort Saint George, the accompanying copy of the Report of the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, No. 697, dated 4th Instant, as to the qualifications of Mr. Forster to undertake the proposed survey of the Coromandel Coast.

(Signed) P. MELVILL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 697 of 1857.

REPORT.

Mr. Forster is not *a bad* Surveyor for the *practice* he has had, but from my knowledge of him he is only fit to be an Assistant; he is very far from being even a middling Seaman, and if the Government require the Coromandel Coast to be correctly surveyed, I strongly urge that Lieutenants Sweeney, Constable, and Taylor with competent Assistants should be at once sent there with proper Vessels to finish it. Mr. Forster could not do it and it is wrong to employ such very inexperienced Officers on such a work when so many of superior talent are at hand.

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-
IN-CHIEF I. N.,
Bombay, 4th June 1857. }

(Signed) H. J. LEEKE,
Commander-in-Chief, Indian Navy.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) P. MELVILL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, No. 253; dated 30th June 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Marine Board, with reference to their letters of the 28th April and 6th May last, Nos. 1659 and 1752.

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Ordered to be communicated
to the Marine Board, with reference to their
letters of the 24th Sept 1752. 18th April & 6th
May last. No 160 p 1752.

For Sim George
30th June 1757.

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To the Marine Board. Dec^r 2^d 1757.

Ans^d B^y Huntly

are at hand.
Office of the Commdr
in Chief U.S.
Sanctuary to June 1857.

Depot of W. J. Locke
Commdr in Chief U.S.

(True Copy)

Albany

Colonel

Secretary to Govt

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