

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. <i>265</i>	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated <i>8</i> . <i>7</i>	<i>18 57</i>

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 14th July 1857.

No. 10.

MINUTES OF CONSULTATION, No. 265 ; dated 8th July 1857.

Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 31st January 1857, No. 51.

From Marine Board, dated 6th February 1857, No. 53.

Extract Minutes of Consultation, 20th February 1857, No. 79.

From Marine Board, dated 11th March 1857, No. 95.

Extract Minutes of Consultation, 2nd April 1857, No. 132.

From Marine Board, dated 6th April 1857, No. 127.

From Marine Board, 13th May 1857, No. 193.

Extract Minutes of Consultation, 19th May 1857, No. 208.

Lieut. Taylor of the Indian Navy having arrived at the Presidency, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that the papers noted in the margin,* regarding the distance at which the Madras Light is visible, shall be forwarded to that Officer, and that he be requested to report upon the subject, and particularly upon the point whether it is true, as has been asserted, that the Light is not visible to such a distance as to be seen by Vessels off the Pulicat Shoal, and to serve as a Beacon against that danger.

Enclose a note - which
I received from Capt
Taylor of the Empress -
which shows that this
may be more further
elucidation -

If it is generally sup-
posed that the light
clears the shoal - if
that is not really the

By to Com W. July

Chambers 1857 20 July

20 July

Contract with Com

8th July 1857.

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One - same public note
position of the fort. - and in
made - there can be no
position of the fort - but

Statements that vessels
do from this station
have no doubt - but
Shoal - and

jet - looking out over
the sea - and

Madras Feb 14/1857
The height of the Light above
the level of the sea is
one hundred and twenty six feet (126)
instead of 136 as described

It can be seen from the deck
of a ship (at an elevation of
twenty two feet from the sea)

Eighteen miles and a half (18 1/2)
allowing for terrestrial refraction

It is possible it may have

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been seen at a greater
distances under circumstances
of unusual refraction. But
they very rarely occur, It
can be seen twenty six miles
from the Maesthead but
Maesthead look out is a
warrent ship is not to be
depended upon and the law
gives no power of enforcing a
strict one. Some of the worst
parts of the Pulicat shoal
are 23 miles & upwards

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from the Lighthouse and
although I have never met
any published or authentic
statement of the objects for
which the Light was intended
all seamen frequenting these
roads are impressed
with the belief that it must
be a danger to seamen
and they show a confidence
in approving the shoal
that I certainly should
until several accidents

apparently inaccurate
 draw my attention to the
 matter and repeated
 experiments by Calculators
 & measurements by J. J. J. J.
 &c have changed the opinion
 I once held of the efficacy of
 the Light and the neglect of
 the several crew members who
 in my time have had the
 misfortune to lose a damage
 their vessels in the Strait
 Commanding H. Taylor
 the Proprietor

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Extract from the Min. of Consultation
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To Lieut. Taylor with ^{original} papers noted } Disptd 11th
" Marine Board. _{in the margin - to be returned}

A. P. M. Begbie

14-4-58

Memoirs to the
16th February 1858

Paradise (29)

Referred to 27th October
1858

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In the month of July
Marine 1857

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Place to Ministry of War

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Further from Lieut. Taylor in Navy of 16th July 1857 No. 275

14 July
1857