

# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Marine* DEPARTMENT.

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N<sup>o</sup> 3114.

Madras Marine Board Office  
20<sup>th</sup> December 1856.

From

J. I. Franklin Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Secretary Marine Board

To

G. Pycroft Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Chief Secretary to Government  
Fort Saint George.

Sir

With reference to Extract from  
Minutes of Consultation of the 27<sup>th</sup>  
November in the Marine Department  
N<sup>o</sup> 360, and the former one of the 20<sup>th</sup> October  
last in the Judicial Department N<sup>o</sup> 1143,  
directing the Marine Board to state  
whether the rooms adverted to in the  
letter from the Inspector of Prisons  
communicated in the last mentioned Extract,  
were suitable for a Master Attendant's office  
at Cochin, I am desired to inform you  
that if two could be given up to the Marine  
Department they would, with some trifling  
alterations, be sufficient for the purpose as far  
as concerns the accommodation they would afford.

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But the Master Attendant at  
Cochin

Cochin observes with reason that, as their position is at some distance from the flagstaff; and as in consequence of the signal men not understanding English, his writer is always obliged to assist in signaling to the shipping, some inconvenience would be felt in separating his establishment. The Board submit that it must weaken its efficiency if divided in this way. The Master Attendant and his Subordinates should be in the same office and he should himself be close to the signal station to direct personally all communications with the shipping. For this reason the Board beg to recommend that the estimate alluded to in the last Extract under reply as having been received from the Chief Engineer, should receive the sanction of Government.

I have the honor to be  
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

Madras  
Marine Board Office  
28<sup>th</sup> December 1856

Sd/- Mr. Brandin  
Secretary

Sp 12  
Comptroller



Marine Department

No 20

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 14 January 1857

Read the following papers.

Extract from Min. of Con: in the  
Public Works Department

Dated 12<sup>th</sup> Nov /56 No 2113

Letter from the Secy. Marine Board - " - 20 Decr /56 No 3114.

In his letter of 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. last,  
the Inspector of Prisons suggested  
that the present Sail rooms <sup>at Cochin</sup> should  
be transferred to the Master Attendant and Port Master for the  
use of their offices, and that,  
instead of erecting new buildings,  
as was proposed, for these  
offices, 10 additional cells  
should be constructed for  
prison purposes which he  
considered sufficient for giving  
effect to the sentences of the  
criminal

*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*

of 10 August 58

In to Aug 7<sup>th</sup> & Aug 14<sup>th</sup>  
of 1857.

Quartry 18<sup>th</sup>

Replaced 31<sup>st</sup> March 1858

Extract Min: from  
Public Works Dept with  
No 2113

20<sup>th</sup> Nov 56  
14<sup>th</sup> Dec 56  
4 Encls

2. Some Copies

No 336

Reporting for consideration  
a Report from the Chief Engineer  
on Estimate for building a  
Master Attendant's Office at  
Cochin at a cost of Rs 880

With an Order

10 Aug 57  
13<sup>th</sup> Oct

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The Govt sanction  
the estimate for the erection of  
a Master Attendant's Office &  
Store Room at Cochin amount-  
ing to Rs 880/00/00 & the  
land required.  
10<sup>th</sup> Dec 56, 2  
November 1856

To Public Works Dept  
" Marine Board,  
with reference to their  
letter of 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 1856 No 1990

Criminal Courts.

2. This communication having been referred to the Marine Board for their opinion, they report, in the letter recorded above, that the Master Attendant at Cochin considers the arrangement inconvenient as the building referred to is at some distance from the flagstaff, and his writer is obliged to assist in signaling to the shipping in consequence of the signal men not understanding English. The Marine Board observe that the Master Attendant and his subordinates should be in the same office, and that he himself should be close to the signal station to direct personally all communications with the shipping.

3. Under these circumstances

the Government do not deem it advisable to adopt the proposal of the Inspector of Prisons, and, as recommended by the Marine Board, sanction the estimate submitted, through the Chief Engineer, for the erection of a Master Attendants' office and store room at Cochin, amounting to Rupees (880) eight hundred and eighty. +

+ provided the plan and site be approved by Col A Cotton who has recently visited the station

4. Resolved that a copy of these proceedings be furnished to the Judicial Department for communication to the Inspector of Prisons.

Signed J. J. J.

To Public Works Department } Dep. 15<sup>th</sup> Entered.  
with 4 original papers & 1 letter 17<sup>th</sup> 391  
Marine Board Dep. 14  
Judicial Department ✓

W. H. H.  
By Secy to Govt

In to Engd & it is  
M<sup>th</sup> of 1857. Par 17 218  
Replied 31<sup>st</sup> March 1858  
of 1858-

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7<sup>th</sup> 529. in Con 8<sup>th</sup> Aug/58  
7<sup>th</sup> 306/58

Extract. Minis. of 1857.  
11<sup>th</sup> Aug/57.

2<sup>nd</sup> 270

Sept 20 - January/57.  
Machine 1857. Daphn<sup>th</sup>