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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Madras Marine Board Office
5th January 1857

J. I. Franklin Esq^r
Secretary Marine Board

J. Pycroft Esq^r
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

1. In para 3 of Minutes of Constitution
4th August last N^o 229, the Government
directed the attention of the Marine
Board to the remarks contained in
10th para of Honorable Court's despatch
of 30th April previous, N^o 8 of 1856, in which
they observe that they see no sufficient
cause why the levy of port dues at Pambour
should be abolished, adding that the
only consideration which influenced the
Government in the matter was the desirability
of encouraging shipping to pass through the
Channel.

2. With reference thereto, the Board
desire me to state that this was exclusively
their object in recommending the measure.

Large outlays have been made for a number of years in improving the channels leading to that port, and they considered it a matter of policy that every reasonable concession should be made to induce vessels to use those channels, either in passing from one sea to the other, or in merely loading at the port. The actual trade of Pannabew is very trifling, and the port dues since the opening of the channel insignificant; but the custom dues had during the first year after the suspension of the port dues, increased nearly double the amount of the latter. This of itself the Board submit is sufficient to shew the wisdom of the change. It has increased the revenue without imposing any additional burthen on the shipping, and this it appears to the Board is sufficient to prove that the Community has been benefitted, and moreover with a direct gain to Government.

3. The Board say, they no more than that they trust Government will view the matter in the same light, and be disposed when the present time of suspension

suspension has expired, to abolish the dues entirely at Pannabew.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

Madras
Harbour Board Office
5th January 1857

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Wm. Brandon

Secretary

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