

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 27 January 1857

Read the following Despatch from the Hon. the Court of Directors dated 12th November 1856

Paras 10, 13, 18, 20 and 21. 1. Need no orders.

At

Resolved

to call notice the various proposals for improving the Port of Cochin and the other places visited by Captain Bickel in his recent tour in the Northern Circars. and state that there can be no question as to the advisableness of heightening the Light House on Kappal Island or of executing the other improvements suggested by him. Desire that these operations be promptly executed. also that great care be taken to have all the Buoys properly fixed and kept in their right position & that the Master Attendant or Marine Officer at the Port be held responsible for this duty. With reference to the suggestion that a number of dhories should be loaded with stones and sunk in the line of each embankment state that in gales of wind the dhories within reach of the surf may be washed into the channel & obstruct the navigation. consequently the embankments or groynes ought to be of the most substantial character. Think that boats

2 Ordered that these paras be furnished to the Marine Board and the Public Works Department with reference to Ex. Min. Con: dated 31st July 1855 No 174.
3 The Marine Board will report whether the several improvements referred to in para 11 as appertaining to the Marine Department have been carried out. and if not, what remains to be executed. They will also communicate to the ~~Marine~~ Master Attendants at the Ports the remarks of the Hon. Court with respect to

have

have taken a prudent course in postponing the execution of the works until furnished with full information which will enable them to form a correct judgment as to the practicability and advantage of the several schemes of improvement referred for the consideration of the Officers of the P. & W. Dept. and the Report of the Civil Engineer of the Goddard Division.

12. Do not think it was necessary to increase the salary of the Master Attendant of the Ports of Vizagapatam & Bimlipatam. but as he is a zealous Officer, do not wish to seem to question his merit by refusing their sanction.

14. Have received from the
Lords Commissioners of the
Admiralty the equivalent
in Sterling of N° 1085-18-5,
the sum stated to be ex-
-pendable during the 3^d Quarter
of 1855 on account of disabled
British Seamen.

15@17 Regret to learn that
owing to the detention of the
"Auckland" in the Straits,
and the pressing demands
for the employment elsewhere
of Indian Naval Vessels, the
Madras Presidency had
not the assistance of any
Steamer after the final de-
parture of the "Hugh Lindsay"
for Calcutta - Behind that
the "Berenice" and "Zenobia"

Bidew proceeding on duty by the Steamer "Coromandel" in her trip to Rangoon and Maulmein for the purpose of judging of her capabilities and of directing certain repairs which will have to be made to the Vessel at the latter Port and intimated that they would be glad to receive such suggestions as that experienced Officer might have to offer on his return.

The Marine Bt. have
also been instructed
to obtain from Capt^l
8. Communicated to the
Accountant General.

Copy of pairs 2@7 to the Marine Board ✓ with copies of pairs from the C.F. 2.5@12-14@17
 " " 243 to the Pub. Works Dept. ✓ } Despt 27
 " " 548 to the Acct. Genl. ✓ } do pairs 14419 B=

