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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Marine Department N^o 134
Bombay Castle, 30th January 1857

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge your letter N^o 577 dated 29th November last and to transmit for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council at Fort St. George the accompanying copies of a letter from the Commander in Chief of the Indian Navy N^o 37 dated 9th Instant, and its enclosure furnishing the information sought for in your letter.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant.

From Colonel *Chubb*

Colonel.

Secretary to Government; Bombay.

The Secretary to Government, Fort St. George; dated
Bombay Castle, 30 January 1857. N^o 134

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N. 37 of 1857

Marine Department

To, The Right Honorable Lord Elphinstone G. C. H.
Governor and President in Council.

My Lord,

With reference to Secretary's Memoir
Melville's letter dated 22nd ultimo N. 1420. I do my-
self the honor to submit the accompanying report
from the Indian Naval Draftsman N. 7 dated
the 7th instant furnishing the information called for
by the Madras Government in the letter dated 29th
ultimo N. 576.

Office of the Commr.
in Chief Indian Navy
Bombay 7th inst. 1857

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed, Henry J. Seeke

Commander in Chief of the I. N.

From

N. 2 of 1857

Lieutenant E. F. Fergusson I. N.

Indian Naval Draftsman;

To, Rear Admiral Sir Henry Seeke G. C. H. N. N.
Commander in Chief of the Indian Navy

Sir,

In reference to your Secretary's Memoir
N. 3574 of the 24th ultimo and its accompaniments
herewith returned I have the honor to report that
one or two of the surveys &c. called for by the Madras
Government are engraved and the rest are in manu-
script, the latter are however to be engraved at an
early date in England by the Honorable Company's
Geographer.

The

The Coast of Western India, from Cape
Comorin to Calicut, has been surveyed by Lieut.
Selby, and sent to the Honorable the Court for pub-
lication, that portion of the Coast between Pancoot
river and Mount Dolly has been surveyed by Lieut.
A. D. Taylor, Indian Navy, and the remaining por-
tion from Mount Dolly to Calicut is now being,
or about to be, surveyed by the same Officer, and
is expected to be finished before the rainy season
sets in. A portion only however of Lieutenant Taylor's
surveys has been sent home for publication, the
requirements of the Vessels lately proceeded to Persia,
necessitated the abandonment of all chart work,
excepting the drafting of Persian Gulf Charts, and
even now, the expectation of having shortly to pro-
vide another squadron of transports with Per-
sian Gulf Charts, keeps us fully occupied in the
same duty. The difficulty of obtaining good drafts-
men to copy Charts prevents the engagement of a
larger number of hands, and therefore the copying
of the new charts and plans lately executed by the
Survey Department is unavoidably delayed. It would
therefore be difficult to say at what cost, copies
could be made for the Madras Government, or how
soon there would be leisure to copy them; As regards
the compiling a complete chart of the Coast from
Goa to Cape Comorin, as desired by the Madras
Government, it could not be done until the survey
of the Coast between Mount Dolly and Calicut be
received from Lieutenant Taylor, but in any case
it would be a work requiring much application
and attention, and should be given to some one

to do, who would have that as a sole occupation
till it was finished, often times the Surveyor &
themselves reduce their trigonometrical results
to Mercator's projection, but when they do not, as
the Comptroller's Geographer at home, undertakes
the task, and I have every reason to believe that
this portion of the Coast is already in hand, at
least so much of it as has reached him.

The surveys of the Badra and Secodis
banks have long since been published, and
form a portion of a published chart, showing
the Laccadive group, by Lieutenants Selby and
Taylor Indian Navy; and sailing directions and
remarks, having reference thereto, are I believe
published in Hongburgh, but the deep sound-
ings between the Laccadive group and the main
land of India, as well as those of the Elicalperi
bank and soundings about the islets Undero, &
Kallperi, Labrutee, Petra par Cardammu Succu,
Tingaroo, Pingaroo, the Sinheli par islands and
Tere mul par reef, all of which have been but
faintly examined, have not as yet been accom-
plished owing to the Survey Department
being more urgently required elsewhere.

In conclusion, I beg to state that
the suggestions of the Madras Marine Board
have long since been anticipated here, but

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The strength of the Survey Department has
not been sufficient to carry them out.

J. N. Draftsman } Those the honor to be to
Office Bombay } signed E. F. T. Ferguson
January 1857 } Lieutenant J. N.
Indian Naval Draftsman

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Attest

Colonel

Secretary to Government

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With an Order

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