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DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 121

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 19th March 1858.

No. 22. From J. T. MACLAGAN, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Marine Board; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 8th March 1858, No. 1027.

SIR,

I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to forward, for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, an application from the Acting Collector of Tinnevely accompanied by copies* of letters from the Master Attendant at Tuticoreen for the erection of an Iron Beacon on the Key Stone Rock at the entrance of that harbour at an estimated cost of about Rupees (50) fifty, and to request that you will obtain His Lordship's sanction for the necessary orders being given to the Civil Engineer of the District.

From D. MAYNE, Esq., Acting Collector; to the Secretary Marine Board, Madras, dated Tinnevely, 2nd March 1858, No. 336.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward, for the information of the Board, copies of two letters received from the Master Attendant at Tutacurin and to request that you will have the goodness to obtain the sanction of the Board for applying to the purpose of marking the Key Stone Rock therein referred to, an Iron Beacon at a cost of Rupees 50 as recommended by Captain Robertson.

From W. H. GRAY, Esq., Acting Master Attendant; to the Collector, Tinnevely, dated 22nd February 1858, No. 11.

SIR,

I beg to report for your information that the Steamer "Manchester" going out of this harbour on the evening of Thursday last, the 18th Instant, got aground on the Key Stone Rock and has not yet been got off.

As this rock is very much in the way of Vessels coming in and going out of the harbour I have the honor to request that you will make application to the proper Authorities for permission to have it buoyed off immediately the "Manchester" has been got afloat. I may mention that there is a very good buoy lying in the Custom House yard which could be placed on it at a trifling expense and so prevent a recurrence of the accident, I regret much having now to report.

From W. ROBERTSON, Esq., Master Attendant; to the Collector of Tinnevely, dated 27th February 1858, No. 15.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 25th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that as a temporary measure a small coppered buoy has been placed at a proper distance from the Key Stone Rock on which the Steamer "Manchester" grounded.

I now beg to recommend that an Iron Beacon, similar to one of the two placed on the two rocks between Hare and Church Islands in March 1854, be sunk into the centre of the rock, which could be done at a much less cost than purchasing new chains for mooring the large buoys in the Custom House referred to in Mr. Gray's letter of the 22nd Instant.

I estimate that an Iron Beacon could be placed on the Key Stone Rock at the cost of Rupees (50) fifty.

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ORDER THEREON, No. 121; dated 18th March 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Public Works Department in view to the necessary orders being issued for the early erection of the Iron Beacon recommended by the Master Attendant at Tuticorin to be placed on the Key Stone Rock.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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5th March 1858.

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orders being given to the British Engineer
of the District.

Have the honour to

Yours Most Obedient Servant

Wm. C. C. C.
acting Secretary