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No 10. EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF CONSULTATION in the Public Works Department,
(Marine,) under date the 16th April 1858.
(*Vide Diary, Public Works Consultation, 20th April 1858, Nos. 54 & 55.*)
(*Communicating Papers relative to improving the condition of the Port of Beypoor.*)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 696.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 16th April 1858.

Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer : to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 5th March 1858, No. 7852.

SIR,

With reference to the orders quoted in the margin, I have the honor to state, for the in-

E. M. C. No. 1017 dated 21st January 1856.
Do. " 1489 dated 20th August 1856.
Do. " 260 dated 26th do.
Do. " 1504 dated 25th do.
Do. " 1649 dated 15th September 1856.
Do. " 1925 dated 20th October "

formation of Government that no report on the Beypoor Harbour having been received from Colonel Cotton, I deemed it advisable to consult that Officer personally and ascertained that he considers it wholly inexpedient to in-

cur any present outlay in endeavouring to improve the condition of that Port.

2. Colonel Cotton is of opinion that two Harbours are required to be constructed on the Western Coast, one of which should be at Baitkul in Canara and the other in Malabar, but weather at Cochin, Ponany or Beypoor, the construction should be on a scale which precludes all hope of immediate operations being undertaken and their nature cannot now be defined.

3. Under this opinion, I do not feel myself called on to offer any further remarks on the proposal to improve the present imperfect Harbour, as I believe that the attempt would be of very doubtful result, and I consider that the construction of a Beacon in the form of an obelisk is all that should now be undertaken at Beypoor and for this building an estimate will be called for in time to admit of its entry in the Budget of 1859-60.

4. The Beacon will be calculated for carrying a Light hereafter in case, of its being found more useful here than at Calicut as recommended in the accompanying letter* from Lieutenant Colonel F. Cotton.

5. A copy of the Survey by Major Selby of the Beypoor Harbour is herewith submitted but its comparison with a second Lithographed Survey† executed by Lieutenant Taylor, I. N. will shew how unreliable the work done by Major Selby was.

Letter from Lieutenant Colonel F. C. COTTON, Engineers ; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 1st September 1856, No. 5.

SIR,

Para. 1st. Referring to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1504 of 23rd August last, I beg to say that I concur in the opinion that Beypoor being so near the Pillar Light House at Calicut, an obelisk would form a better Beacon there than a column; but as at a distance any high slender building backed by the dense groves of coconut trees which clothe the western Coast, would appear as a perpendicular white line, there would still be too great a similarity unless the obelisk was somewhat obtuse or pyramidal in form : and it might be safer still to build a high pyramid or low spire upon a small square building. Taking however into consideration the very great probability of Beypoor becoming of more importance than the neighbouring port of Calicut, it might be advisable to calculate upon the time when a light may be more necessary at Beypoor than elsewhere in the neighbourhood, in which case either a distinguishing light must be used at one of the two ports, or the lesser port must resign its light. In either case a building to carry a light will be required at Beypoor and it might be well if the building now erected should be able to serve the purpose of a light house. If this was determined upon the height required* might be gained by raising a tower upon the square building, instead of a spire with a stair case inside. Such a building would be no more unsightly than a pyramid or low spire which I am free to confess are both extremely ugly buildings, as would be also the tower I propose ; but the object in such a case is security of life and property and to obtain that, beauty must I fear be sacrificed.

* From 70 to 80 feet.

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3rd May 1858

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