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Government of Madras.

*Marina* DEPARTMENT.

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*Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 11th May 1858.*

No. 10. From J. T. MACLAGAN, Esq., Acting Secretary Marine Board ; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 29th March 1858, No. 1415.

SIR,

I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to acknowledge receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 17th Instant, No. 14, on the subject of the retention or otherwise of the Flag Staff on the Dolphin's Nose and in obedience to the orders therein to offer the following remarks.

2. Mr. Reade, the present Collector of Vizagapatam, on noticing that an expenditure of 440 Rupees had been sanctioned for the erection of a residence for the Signal Serjeant on the Dolphin's Nose, records his opinion that there is no necessity for the Flag Staff itself and consequently that it would be a waste of public money to raise the building. He has therefore stopped the work and recommended that the sanction of Government already passed may be rescinded. The Government, upon this, desire that the Marine Board will explain on what grounds the erection of a Flag Staff on the present site was recommended, and state whether it now should be abandoned.

3. In the year 1848, the Government, in their order marginally noted, requested to be informed if there was any absolute necessity for the retention of the Flag Staff on the Dolphin's Nose and the Board were disposed to believe that it might have been dispensed with, without any serious inconvenience arising. Before reporting upon the subject they however submitted the question to the late Master Attendant at Madras and to Mr. Smollett, then Collector of Vizagapatam, informing the latter that if he concurred with them in thinking it unnecessary to retain the Flag Staff in its position, they were prepared to recommend to Government its removal. Both these Authorities were averse to the change and the Board, in their letter to Government of the 7th September of that year, No. 1248, recommended in deference to their opinion that the Flag Staff should be permitted to remain in the position it had always occupied.

4. In 1854, when Mr. Robertson was Collector of the District the Board suggested to him the removal of the Staff to a more convenient position, for it was known that much difficulty was experienced in signaling from the Master Attendant's Department there in consequence of the Station being upwards of three miles distant from the Office. Mr. Robertson, however, similarly objected to its removal but at the same time informed the Board that sanction for a second Staff near the Master Attendant's Office had been applied for. The correspondence, it appeared, had passed between the Civil Engineer of the District, the Collector and through the Public Work Department to Government without reference having been made to the Board, but as it was clear that the second Staff was needed no objection was raised.

5. The above explanation will shew that this Board has been inclined to believe that the Flag Staff on the Dolphin's Nose could have been dispensed with, but that in deference to views entertained on the subject by so high an authority as the late Captain Biden, and to those of two successive Local Officers, they abandoned their own.

6. Mr. Reade having now reopened the question, I am instructed to state that the Board consider there would be no serious inconvenience in abolishing the Flag Staff on the Dolphin's Nose. Its principal use is to signalize Vessels coming from the Southward which cannot be seen from the town till after they have rounded the promontory on which it stands, and this is not of sufficient consequence to render it advisable to continue the expense. As however this point has always been distinguishable from its Flag Staff, it would be advisable to have an Obelisk erected in lieu for the guidance of Mariners, due notice thereof being inserted in the Official Gazette.

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, No. 172; dated 7th May 1858.

The Governor in Council resolves, under the opinion given by the Marine Board in the concluding para : of their letter, to direct that the orders for the construction of the Signal Serjeant's quarters on the Dolphin's Nose near Vizagapatam be suspended. It seems however unnecessary to erect an Obelisk in place of the Flag Staff as the letter will serve sufficiently to indicate the promontory and should be retained at all events, for the present.

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 11th May 1858.

2. The Governor in Council requests that the Chief Engineer will be so good as to submit a rough sketch of the town of Vizagapatam, showing the spot on which it is intended to build the new Custom House and Master Attendant's Office, and the position of the present (Town) Flag Staff.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,  
Chief Secretary.

Marine Dept  
No 125-

The Government will  
be pleased to have  
been ordered on this  
reference

Captain Bideu,  
Mr. Robertson, and  
Mr. Rudolph Lowall  
it been against  
the removal of the  
Flagstaff from the

Dolphin's note - Mr.  
Berde is in favor of  
its removal, and  
the Marine Board,  
although Mr. Lane  
likewise referred  
to Captain Bidder,  
reads, but see no  
serious objection.

Mr. Turner recom-  
mends that, if the

Flagstaff be removed,  
an obelisk be erected  
on the same site, and  
his own seems to  
decide the question.

If there is still <sup>to</sup> be  
true land mark on  
the Dolphin's note it  
had better be the flag-  
staff. The thick mazy  
mud is accustomed  
and thick sea.

the double purpose  
of a work to ship  
in the spring, and a  
means of announcing  
their address to the  
Station.

L.S.

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The flag staff on the Dolphin  
has been retained but as no  
one is wanted near the Dr. Allen's office  
as recommended for Robertson. It need  
not cost much to be sanctioned. The Dr. Allen's  
office is not conveniently situated, being too far  
back so that signals cannot be seen till long after  
they have rounded the point. Both the Dr. Allen  
and the flag staff has been placed in a more eligible spot.

Marine Department.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation  
Under date.

Read again letter from  
the Collector of Vizagapatam  
dated 6<sup>th</sup> and recorded in  
Comm. of the 19<sup>th</sup> March 1858.

Read the following  
letter from the Marine  
Board.

(Dated 29<sup>th</sup> March 1858. No 1415)

The Governor in  
Council Resolves upon  
a consideration of all  
the circumstances sub-  
mitted in the letter from  
the Marine Board, to  
direct that the Flag-  
staff on the Dolphin's  
base at Vizagapatam  
be retained, and that  
the sanctioned Estimate  
presented on 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. for the Signal Sergeant's  
quarters

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sufficient to indicate <sup>recommended by the late</sup>  
- cut the locality <sup>Collector Mr. Robertson,</sup>  
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all <sup>called for through the</sup>  
the present - <sup>Public Works Department</sup>

R.R.

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to the Collector of Vizagapatnam  
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a Public Works Dept.  
Spot on which it is  
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of the present  
Tower / Flag Staff

Flag staff & Signal Serpents  
quarters on the Dolphin's  
nose at Vizagapatam.

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Marine Depart<sup>t</sup>

N<sup>o</sup> 742

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Nose near Vizagapatam  
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I do not think that  
the order has been  
issued - or if not  
it may be over until  
we return & the matter  
then be disposed of  
in Council.

20/11/58

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Collector Vizagapatnam  
J.P.W.  
Marine Board

Recd 12<sup>th</sup>

L. M. Maseell  
Cia

Para 14

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Wm. May 1858.

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 construction of the original  
 machine to be made on the  
 Dolphin's shore near  
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 to be retained for the  
 present - request the  
 Chief Engineer to submit

a rough sketch of the  
town of Wagonwheeler  
showing the spot on which  
we intended to build  
the new custom house  
& the Quartermaster's  
Office

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