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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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For

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 12th January 1858.

No. 1. From C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 16th December 1857, No. 169.

SIR,

I beg to enclose, to be laid before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying letters which have passed between the Rajah of Vizianagram and myself, on the subject of a site for the new Flag Staff at the Port of Bimlipatam.

2. The subject, though apparently trivial, is of some importance inasmuch as the spot selected for the Flag Staff was much prized by the Rajah as a very eligible site for a Sea Bungalow, to which purpose it was, I believe, the Rajah's intention to appropriate it.

3. When I heard from the Engineer that the Rajah would not relinquish the ground, I suggested that the matter should be referred to me, desiring if possible to meet the difficulty by selecting some other spot which if not fully embracing all the advantages of the locality fixed on, might combine, as I thought, all that were really needed, but in this expectation I was disappointed, for I found there really was no other site in any way comparable with the one chosen. I did not hesitate therefore to intimate to the Rajah my opinion, at the same time fully recognizing his perfect right as owner of the ground to refuse its relinquishment should he still see fit to do so on a consideration of the relative advantages to himself and to the Public, and I think the readiness with which he has yielded the point, which is one of no little moment to the shipping Interests, deserves something more than the mere expression of my thanks, I would therefore solicit that Government do record their sense of this act of courtesy and self-denial on the part of the Rajah of Vizianagram, which it will afford me as much pleasure to communicate to the Rajah, as I am confident it will prove grateful and acceptable to himself.

(Signed) C. W. READE,
Collector.

From C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam; to His Highness the RAJAH of Vizianagram, dated 12th December 1857, No. 587.

SIR,

The subject of a site for the proposed new Flag Staff at Bimlipatam has been brought to my notice as you are aware by the Engineer of the District, and you were pleased to say that you would abide my decision in reference to the spot selected by the Engineer which was found to be on ground in your occupation.

2. I yesterday visited Bimlipatam and inspected the particular spot in question as well as other contiguous localities, and certainly there is none so eligible in every respect as the one chosen. The relative merits of these various sites I will not discuss, but having given my unqualified preference to that situated on ground belonging to you, it only remains for me to solicit your permission on public grounds to appropriate it for the important object of a Flag Staff.

3. I find it is the identical site of the former Dutch Flag Staff, and in the centre of the ruined Bastion are still the remains of the masonry which held the mast. As far as I am competent to judge, I do not think the place would prove of any particular use to yourself, but this of course is for you to decide. The ground is yours, and I ask it of you on Government account in the sanguine expectation that balancing the considerations which may influence your present desire to retain it with those which have suggested its appropriation for so laudable and public a purpose as a Flag Staff, you may be satisfied in your own mind of their relative importance and thus be induced to make the sacrifice of individual feelings in furtherance of those higher interests affecting the shipping and the general convenience of the community at the Port of Bimlipatam.

4. I am confident that such considerations will have the utmost weight with you; but should you still be reluctant to give up the ground, I will not press the matter further, and I will

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at once instruct the Engineer to select some other spot, although I am afraid there will be a difficulty in discovering a site possessing the same advantages.

(Signed) C. W. READE,
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(True Copy.)

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Collector.

To C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, dated 15th December 1857.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 12th Instant, on the subject of a site for the proposed new Flag Staff at Bimlipatam which is on ground belonging to my Samustanum, I have the honor to inform you that, although it was my intention to make use of the place for certain buildings, yet I shall not object to comply with your request by allowing the same to be appropriated for so important an object of the Government as you alluded to.

I beg at the same time that the site may be given back to me at any time when the Flag Staff is removed elsewhere or when it is not wanted there any more; and that the path hereafter required to be made to the spot in question, be separate from my buildings and the Garden thereabout.

(Signed) R.

Highness the Maha Rajah of Vizianagrum.
(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. W. READE,
Collector.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No 18; dated 9th January 1858.

Mr. Reade reports that the Rajah of Vizianagrum, at some sacrifice of personal feeling, has, at his request, given up to Government a small plot of ground at Bimlipatam, pointed out by the Engineer of the District as the most eligible site in the place for a Flag Staff, for which purpose, indeed, it was formerly appropriated by the Dutch.

2. The Governor in Council authorises Mr. Reade to convey to the Rajah His Lordship's best thanks, for the very liberal concession he has made for the public benefit.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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To the Collector of Vizagapatam
Marine Board

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27th Dec: 12th Jan / 58.
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Robert Martin: of London

29th January / 58

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Ans. 24th Jan / 58
Nothing is the Bank
of the 12th Jan / 58
to answer the Report of
the various items, the
Government's best friends
for the small plot of
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the Government for a
very long time.