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MARINE DEPARTMENT.

No. *203*.

To

THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE
MARINE BOARD.

GENTLEMEN,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, to transmit, for your information, the accompanying papers noted in the margin, received from the Honorable the Court of Directors by the Steamer "*Hindustan*," together with copy of a letter from the Secretary at the East India House,—

*Packing Account of Mint
Store per Earl of Hardwicke
N^o 4.*

Fort Saint George, }
28th May 1858. }

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

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Chief Secretary.

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

No. 5.

ORDER THEREON, No. 169; dated 5th May 1858.

1. The Government resolve, under the opinion expressed in para: 7 of the Marine Board's letter of the 16th April 1858, to refer the proposal for prolonging the Head land, South of the Calingapatam Anchorage, to the Public Works Department, with a request that a Plan and Estimate may be prepared for the extension of the point referred to.

2. With regard to the further matters treated of in the Board's letter, it is observed that the establishments submitted in the Board's letter of 25th August 1857, have not been recommended to the Government of India. By the recent Act VII of 1858, no Port Dues are leviable at any of the Ports in the Ganjam District, and there are therefore no sources whence these additional establishments could be paid. All these Ports are however included in the Schedule to the Draft "Bill for the regulation of certain Ports within the Presidency of Fort Saint George," which it is expected will be passed shortly and which provides for the more important measures of conservancy, as to regulating the throwing over of Ballast, &c., being carried out by the Magistrate and by the Chief Officer of Customs. It is remarked that by a late order in the Revenue Department, 7th April, No. 441, the Government have expressed their readiness to consider any Plan that may be devised by the Board of Revenue, for the more efficient management of the Sea Customs in Ganjam, and the Board will now be desired through the Revenue Department to submit such a Plan at an early date.

3. The Marine Board will be pleased to furnish the Collector of Ganjam, with a set of Signal Flags, and (if not yet supplied) a Code of Marryatt's Signals for the Port of Munsoorcottah. The Government have reason to know that the Collector will find means to work them even with his present Establishment. The Governor in Council has recently authorized the immediate construction of a Flag Staff at that Port as well as at Ganjam and Calingapatam.

4. The Government do not concur with the Marine Board, in their views in respect to the proposal for laying down Screw Moorings at Munsoorcottah. Such Moorings, it seems to them, would be very useful and are much required at that Port. The project will therefore be referred to the Public Works Department, in view to the preparation of the necessary Plans and Estimates.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

N^o 148

From

William Knox Esq^r
Acting Collector of
Ganjam.

To

G. S. Forbes Esq^r
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3^d instant, N^o 2015, on the subject of the introduction of Port rules into this district, under Act XXII of 1855.

2 There are two ports viz. Bawa-napandy and Luddalapand too insignificant to be noticed, the latter, at which there was a peon who now does duty at Calingapatam, has long ceased to be a port. It is highly desirable that some rule should be introduced, at present I doubt if I can legally fine a Master of a ship for discharging stone ballast at the anchorage, the rules need be put simple, as all our ports are nothing more than open roadsteads, but if we have rules I trust we shall have officers to enforce them, at present it is impossible to expect a

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He will be able
to give the rule
about 500
passing - J.P.
27-4-58

Goornastat of 7 Rupes as at Barwah, to act with firmness and decision, when opposed by a ship Captain, a European. The trade of this district is increasing every year and the necessities of that trade require that our Sea Customs Establishment should be remodelled, as what was ample for a Native Coastings will not do now, that the trade is almost entirely in the hands of European. I had several conversations with Colonel F. Cotton on his last tour through this district, he visited several of the ports, and made himself master of our wants, and I would beg to refer you to him, should you wish to know more of the local features of each port.

3. It appears to me that to carry out the intentions of the act there should be two Master Attendants or Harbour Masters, one at Calingapatam with Poondy under his charge, the second at Munsoorcottah with charge of the other ports. an officer of this class with the powers of an Assistant Magistrate and of Justice of the peace, to act when breaches of the port and boat rules occur, and keep the boat men, an unruly class, in order, and to sign protests, and other legal formalities for Masters, and assist

assist them in, a number of ways, would be most valuable, both to the Master and shipper, he would also apprehend, be of great advantage to Government, indeed every thing that promotes trade must eventually be of advantage to Government.

4. While on the subject of Port rules, I beg to bring to the notice of the Board that even at Munsoorcottah where there is a Flag staff and Lascar, there are no flags, it is therefore impossible to communicate with ships, except by boat, and this is often in bad weather impracticable from high surf. There is then no way to warn a ship in danger from taking up an improper anchorage, or running in too close to shore the cost of a set of Marryatt's signals is so small, and their usefulness so obvious, that I can only wonder at the refusal of the Marine Board, to supply me with a set. I hope when the new rules are brought into use that patent screw moorings, a signal post and flags will speedily be supplied to each port, at present the ship owner pays his port dues

does, but gets little or nothing in return.

Ganjam District.

Collectors Office

Chatterpoor 22nd July 1856

to S.D.

I have the

(Signed) W. Knox

Acting Collector

/ True Copy /

Matthew Dunn

Secretary Marine Board

Department.

4 The Board think that these data will sufficiently prove the necessity for the appointment of some European or East Indian authorities at the Ganjam ports, but more particularly at Calingapatam where the increase in the European ships is so considerable, and the want of such an officer to superintend shipping transactions must be severely felt.

5 W^o Knox in the last para of his letter to them of the 25th November 1856, N^o 222, proposes that the officers appointed should also undertake the duties of the Sea Customs. The Board approve this suggestion, although of course those duties can only be exercised at the port to which the officer is permanently attached, and they beg to recommend that an officer be appointed at Calingapatam as Master Attendant and Superintendent of Sea Customs at a salary of 200 Rupees a month: that one half of this salary should be debited to the Marine and the remainder to the Sea Customs department

Marine Department

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 5th May 1858.

Read the following letters
from the Marine Board.

Here enter 16th April 1857. 121517

7th May 1761

25th August 2928

16th April 1858. 1644

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Letter to Capt
30th June 1858
Para 14 & 17

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No 169.

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Further from Superint^t Marine 20th August 1858 No 314
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To
The President of the
of the Monroe Board

2/28 May 1858.

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