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DEPARTMENT.

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*Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 10th August 1858.*

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No. 13. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Secretary Marine Board ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq.,  
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, 27th July 1858, No. 2965.

SIR,

I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board, to acknowledge receipt of Extract Minutes Consultation of the 8th Instant, No. 265, communicating para : 10 of the Honorable Court's Despatch of the 18th May last, No. 15, on the subject of the establishment of a Light at the Port of Shedashegur.

2. The Honorable Court fully admit the desirableness of having a Light at this Port, but their opinion does not coincide with that of Lieutenant Taylor as to the position it should occupy. The Government, in the 10th para : of Extract Minutes Consultation of 24th December 1855, No. 286, and in the 2nd para : of Extract Minutes Consultation, 16th July 1856, No. 198, expressed a disposition to view Carwar Head as the best site, if a single light were exhibited. The Board at first differed from this, believing that as the Oyster Rocks were situated further to seaward, it would be more advantageous to have the light on one of them. Since this, however, they have had an opportunity of personally conferring with Lieutenant Taylor on the subject, and they have been thereby led to alter their first opinion, and to select Carwar Head as the most eligible spot from which to exhibit the light : and in reply to a reference from the Chief Engineer on the subject they have communicated to him this modification of their views.

3. There is this serious objection to a light on the Oyster Rock : that it is likely to be shut off from communication with the shore during a great part of the S. W. Monsoon. In a letter from the Collector of Canara, dated 23rd April 1857, to the District Engineer, he states that "the Oyster rocks would not even be approachable probably during the monsoon and provision must be made for men and stores accordingly." This difficulty is of course not insuperable, but as Carwar Head is but two and a half miles S. W. of the Rock, and is (640) six hundred and forty feet high, while the latter is only (160) one hundred and sixty, the Board believe that there would be little difference in the distance at which a light would be visible at either place, the more so, as in the lower position it is likely to be obscured by the haze rising from the heavy Surf that beats on that coast from May to August.

4. Under these circumstances, therefore, the Board beg now to recommend that the Light be exhibited from Carwar Head, and that an Obelisk be erected on the Oyster rock.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, No. 307 ; dated 10th August 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Public Works Department, in reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, 8th July 1858, para : 2.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,  
Chief Secretary.

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