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DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 29th October 1858.

No. 17. EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF CONSULTATION in the Public Works Department
(*Marine*), under date the 9th October 1858, No. 2097.
(*Vide* Diary, Public Works Consultation, 12th October 1858, Nos. 75 to 77.)
(*Regarding the construction of Light Houses at Tuddry, on Carwar Head, and the Oyster
Rocks near Sedasheghur in Canara.*)

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, No. 433; dated 26th October 1858.

The above Extract Minutes of Consultation, Public Works Department, refers, for consideration in this Department, the Plan prepared by the Acting District Engineer in communication with the Collector of Canara and Lieut. Taylor, and the Estimates submitted by the Chief Engineer for constructing Light Houses on the Carwar-head, the Oyster Rocks and at Tuddree.

2. The Plan for all three Light Houses is the same, but the estimated cost for each varies, being Rupees 3,070, Rupees 2,670 and Rupees 2,310, respectively. In the Estimate for the Carwar-head Light House the probable cost of a 1st class Lantern is entered at Rupees 1,000, whereas the Marine Board in their communication of 25th June 1856, para: 1, calculated it at Rupees 594. That for the Tuddree Light House is given at Rupees 600, but it does not appear why the Lantern intended for the Coompta Light House, which it is to supersede, may not be transferred to this place. The Chief Engineer will be called upon for information on these points.

3. It is observed that orders have been already issued (16th July and 2nd September 1856,) for the construction of two first class Lanterns, one of white glass and the other of red, for the Oyster Rocks and Carwar-head Light Houses. The Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines will be requested to report what is being done in regard to these.

4. As under the recent orders of the Honorable Court only one Light is to be exhibited for the present in the proposed Butkul Cove Harbour, and the Carwar-head has been selected as the site for that Light, it may be deemed advisable, in reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, 2nd September 1856, that it should be a white and not a red Light as originally suggested. But in this case difficulties may arise in distinguishing it from the Light at Tuddree, not 25 miles distant. Reference will be made to the Superintendent of Marine on this point.

5. Meanwhile Government approve of the Plan of the column of the Light Houses for Carwar-head and Tuddree, and direct that the necessary orders be issued in the Public Works Department for the entry of the Works in the Budget for 1859-60. The question whether there shall be a Light House or Obelisk only on the Oyster Rocks will be reserved for future consideration, as the Harbour Works proceed.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Marine.

No. 2097.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 9th October 1858.

Read the following papers.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Marine Department.

Communicating to this Department a letter from the Marine Board, reporting with reference to the proposed establishment of a Light at the Port of Shedashegur that Carwar Head has been selected at the most eligible Spot for the purpose and that an Obelisk might be erected on the Oyster Rocks. (Here enter 10th August 1858, No. 307.)

Letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 22nd September 1858, No. 3901.

SIR,

With reference to Extract from Minutes Consultation under dates the 25th July 1856 and 8th September 1857, Nos. 1260 and 1699, I have the honor to forward a Plan, with three Estimates for the construction of Light Houses at Tuddry, and on Carwar Head, and the Oyster Rocks near Seedasheghur in Canara, prepared by the present Acting District Engineer, in communication with the Collector and Lieutenant A. D. Taylor of the Indian Navy.

2. The position of the proposed column at Tuddry is shown in the accompanying sketch by a small red cross on the summit of a hill jutting out some way into the Bay, north of the harbour, and the selection of that site has met with the approval of Lieutenant Taylor and other nautical men, as the very best to be found, from its elevation being such as to permit of the light being seen from seaward as far as the illuminating power of the lantern which it is intended to employ can be visible.

3. The Acting District Engineer, following the views of Lieutenant A. D. Taylor, proposes building exactly similar columns on Carwar Head and the Oyster Rocks, placing a first class light on the former and a second class one on the latter, but the Court of Directors, in accordance with the opinion of the late Captain Biden, having intimated its approval of the Oyster Rocks as the site of the sole light to be at present exhibited in that neighbourhood, I must leave it to the Government to decide whether both the Estimates submitted by Lieutenant Hunter shall be sanctioned, or only that one which, providing for the more expensive light, amounts to Rupees 3,070.

4. I am myself of opinion that, as light on both these conspicuous points of the coast will even now be most useful and must ultimately be indispensable, both columns should be erected as soon as possible, as landmarks by day, and to show different coloured lights by night, the brighter and larger being on Carwar Head, in order that full advantage may be obtained from the elevation of that promontory to render the beacon visible at a vast distance above the dense haze which, as Lieutenant Taylor has pointed out in the report on the rivers and harbours of Canara lately submitted to Government floats above the surface of the ocean during the monsoon months, and obscures the coast.

5. All authorities being agreed that even, if only one light be established, two columns should be erected, and the probable cost of the structure being much the same whether it bear a lantern or not; and in no case much less than that of the building designed by Lieutenant Hunter, I would recommend that both columns be sanctioned, even if it be determined to show only one light.

6. The Estimates, amounting to Rupees (2,310) two thousand, three hundred and ten for Tuddry, and to Rupees (3,070) three thousand and seventy and Rupees (2,670) two thousand, six hundred and seventy for Carwar Head and the Oyster Rocks, respectively, comprise the items

Marine Department

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Said 26th October 1858.

Read the following Int. Min.
Cons. Public Works Dept.

(Here enter 9th Dec 1858 as 2097)

The above Int. Minis Cons.
Public Works Dept. refers for con-
sideration in this Dept. - the
Plan - prepared by the Acting
District Engineer in communica-
tion with the Collector of Caruar
and Lieut. Taylor, - and the Esti-
mates submitted by the Chief
Engineer for constructing light
houses on the Caruar-head, the
Oyster rocks and at Lissue.

2. The Plan for all three
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the estimated cost for each
varies, being Rupees 3070, Rs
2670 and Rs 2310 respectively.

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Extract Marine Consultation
Cons in the Public Works
Dept. 2097.

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Regarding the consultation.
One copy of a letter from
the District Engineer
concerning a Plan, with
three estimates for the con-
struction of light houses
at Caruar, and on Caruar
head, and the Oyster rocks
near Lissue is
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In the estimate for the Carwar Head light-house the probable cost of a 1st Class Lantern is entered at Rs 1000, whereas the Marine Board in their communication of 25th June 1856 para. 1 calculated it at Rs 544. That for the Indore light-house is given at Rs 600, but it does not appear why the Coompta lantern intended for the Coompta light-house which it is to supersede, may not be transferred to this place. The Chief Engineer will be called upon for information on these points.

3. It is observed that orders have been already issued, - 16th Dec, and 20th Sept/56, - for the construction of two first class lanterns - one of white glass and the other of red - for the Aystem rocks & Carwar-head light houses. The Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines will be requested

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5. Meanwhile Govt. approve of the plan of the Column of the light-houses for Carwar head and Indore, and direct that the necessary orders be issued in the Public Works

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and Estimates

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