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Government of Madras.

*Marine* DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 444

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1858

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*Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 5th November 1858.*

No. 9. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 24th September 1858, No. 3906.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation, Marine Department, of the 9th Instant, No. 356, referring for report two proposals emanating from the District Engineer of Madura, and submitted for the consideration of Government by the Chief Engineer at Madras, namely.

1st. The amalgamation of the Keelakurray with the Paumben Pilots, and

2ndly. The grant of a small monthly Allowance to the Manager of Sea Customs at Paumben, in consideration of his having to collect the tolls from Vessels passing through the Channels.

2. With respect to the first proposal, I  
\* *Honorable Court's Despatch, 9th July 1849,* would respectfully solicit a reference to the orders\* of the Honorable Court of Directors marginally noted, as well as to the late Marine Board's letter of the 27th November 1848, No. 1569. Formerly the Paumben Pilots were salaried Servants of Government, and like all Indians were averse to change. In 1848, however, to put an end to the delays and irregularities which the increasing trade through Paumben was subjected to, the system was altered and thenceforth the Pilots were licensed, their opposition being overcome by its being shewn that they would be no losers by the change.

3. The number then was nine, which has been since increased to thirteen, and the policy has always been to limit the number proportionally to the number of Vessels requiring their services, so as not to reduce their emoluments unduly. That the Honorable Court took the same view may be gathered from their Despatch just quoted.

4. It is clear therefore that if the thirteen now licensed were to be increased by the 18 Keelakurray Pilots, their earnings would be scarcely half what they now are. I would therefore strongly recommend that the arrangement, which has hitherto obtained of keeping the Pilot's distinct, shall not be disturbed.

5. There is no doubt that the Keelakurray Pilots, as stated in the concluding part of the 9th para : of the District Engineer's letter, are most anxious to be admitted to the privilege of navigating the Paumben Channels, and thus participating in the advantages thereof; but before any further addition to the body of Paumben Pilots takes place, it has to be shewn that there is a necessity for it. When the trade through the Channels increases, so that the present number becomes unequal to the pilotage, it will, I submit, be time to call in the aid of others.

6. With respect to the 2nd proposition, I would solicit information as to the present salary of the Manager of Sea Customs at Paumben. If it remains as formerly at 50 Rupees a month, I am of opinion that an addition of 25 Rupees would not be unreasonable for his trouble in collecting and proportioning the tolls between Government and the Pilots. This charge, however, will be in the Public Works Department, to which the tolls are credited.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, No. 444; dated 5th November 1858.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing communication, the Governor in Council is not prepared to assent to the amalgamation of the Keelakurray and Paumben Pilots as proposed by the Chief Engineer in his communication of 22nd April last, No. 9218.

2. He also cannot recommend to the Government of India that any increase be granted to the pay of the Sea Custom Manager at Paumben for the duty of collecting the tolls.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,  
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

*Mr. Marine { Despatch 97*

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*Pro. Officer*

Marine Department

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation  
Dated 5 November 1858.

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