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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 16th February 1858.

No. 9. From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated Manjerri, 29th January 1858, No. 15.

SIR,

From Chairman to the Chamber of Commerce, dated 16th January 1858, without enclosure.

* For the Levy of Port Dues and Fees at Ports within the Presidency of Fort Saint George, dated 12th December 1857.

I have been requested by the Secretary to the Cochin Chamber of Commerce to submit the accompanying papers relative to the Draft Act* noted in the margin.

British Vessels 1 Anna per Ton every six months.

Native do. 1/2 " " "

2. The scale of Port Dues now leviable in Cochin is shown in the margin. The maximum being Rupees 43-12-0, on 700 Tons. Taking the

average probable Tonnage of Ships resorting to Cochin at about 400 Tons, it does not exceed 1 Anna and 6 Pies per Ton. It is evident that the new Tonnage rates will affect this Class of Ships very seriously.

	Tons.	Rupees.
1852/53.....	56,718	2,255
1853/54.....	74,311	2,739
1854/55.....	79,074	2,859
1855/56.....	76,622	2,101
1856/57.....	82,024	2,573
Total...	368,749	12,527
Average say...		2,500

3. A marginal Statement shows the Tonnage on which Port Dues were charged at Cochin during 5 years last past, and the amount realized, and I enclose a copy of a Report recently submitted to the Marine Board on the subject of the Cochin trade, it shows an important increase in the square rigged Shipping resorting to that rising Port, and I think that the utmost care should be taken in imposing a scale of Port Dues which is likely to check it.

4. There seems little doubt that the P. and O. Company's Steamers will be quite unable to call on the Coast. Even now the Mercantile Community are unable to make full use of these Ships, as Shippers are obliged to pay the Harbour Dues of Cochin.† The Harbour Dues of these great Ships will amount to a prohibition against their use.

No. 10. From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar; to J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Secretary to the Marine Board, Madras, dated Mallapooram, 21st January 1858, No. 153.

SIR,

From Master Attendant, Cochin, dated 31st December 1857, No. 177.

I have the honor to submit with enclosures a copy of a Report on the trade of Cochin during the past year, from which it appears that there was an increase of 8,554 Tons of square rigged Shipping loaded at Cochin.

1856.....	Tons	28,548
1857.....	"	37,102
Increase	"	8,554
Do.	"	30 per cent.

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TONNAGE.

	Tons.	
	Inward.	Outward.
1847/48.....	20,842	19,745
1848/49.....	21,471	21,441
1849/50.....	19,381	20,259
1850/51.....	22,242	21,344
1851/52.....	25,836	24,321
1852/53.....	29,144	27,908
1853/54.....	35,071	34,064
1854/55.....	38,512	37,524
1855/56.....	29,495	29,450
1856/57.....	46,559	44,873
Average.....	28,855	28,093

STATEMENT.

	Import.	Export.	Total.	Duty levied.
1847/48.....	5,99,885	6,16,866	12,16,751	17,394
1848/49.....	4,30,859	8,01,436	12,32,295	9,454
1849/50.....	6,85,146	8,94,906	15,80,052	17,344
1850/51.....	6,65,798	9,81,657	16,47,455	14,080
1851/52.....	8,20,369	11,24,953	19,45,322	16,089
1852/53.....	8,88,929	13,31,595	22,20,524	28,277
1853/54.....	16,74,178	17,55,840	34,30,018	44,955
1854/55.....	16,71,567	17,10,559	33,82,126	50,877
1855/56.....	24,56,438	16,27,274	40,83,712	47,964
1856/57.....	26,17,185	19,45,770	45,62,955	54,331
Total.....	125,10,354	127,90,856	253,01,210	3,00,765

2. I have noted in the margin a Statement showing the Tonnage for 10 years last passed, in confirmation of the highly prosperous state of this important harbor.

3. In the margin are given likewise the Imports and Exports together with duties levied at the Port during the past ten years. No Sea Port in the Country shows a more advancing condition.

4. No account is here taken of the Native Craft, the number of which however resorting to this harbor is very large and increases annually.

5. It must be borne in mind that the Port of Cochin admits of Ships even of large Tonnage entering the inner harbor and taking in a considerable portion of their Cargo alongside the jetties, an inestimable advantage.

	Tons.
1856.....	4,375
1857.....	1,614
Difference...	2,761

6. In my letter, dated 9th January 1857, No. 83, I submitted Statements of the square rigged Shipping built at Cochin during the year 1856, to the value of nearly (£ 90,000) 9 lacs of Rupees. A falling off has occurred this year, still 1,614 Tons of square rigged Ships were constructed at Cochin the value of which is nearly 3 lacs of Rupees (£30,000).

	Tons.	Pilot Fees.
1856.....	22,736	2,125 Rs.
1857.....	34,449	2,920 "
Increase.....	11,713	795 "

7. The Pilotage Fees manifest an important increase of about 800 Rupees as compared with 1856, the whole of which are received and appropriated by the Licensed Pilot Mr. J. Lafrenais.

	Rupees
1854.....	2,625
1855.....	2,260
1856.....	2,125
1857.....	2,920
Average.....	9,930
Monthly say	2,482
	200

8. I have likewise shown in the margin the Fees of 4 years, 1854 to 1857, from which it will appear that there is a marked increase in the past year. I do think that an average of 200 Rupees per month is an excessive remuneration for a Pilot, who for 4 or 5 months has absolutely little or nothing to do. On this subject, I beg to refer to Mr. Clarke's letter, dated 3rd September 1856, No. 2810, and enclosures, being copy of a letter from the Master Attendant at Cochin. I agree in the opinion of these Officers, that the present system is unnecessarily liberal, and such is the feeling likewise of the Mercantile Community at Cochin.

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9. If the Government would be prepared to give consideration to a proposition on the subject with a view to greater efficiency, &c., I would gladly submit, in communication with the newly formed Chamber of Commerce at Cochin, some distinct proposals on this subject. The present Pilot Fees would suffice to maintain a Steam Tug of which the Pilot might be the Captain and receive 75 or 100 Rupees per month.

10. The improvement of the Canal communication between Ponany (Railway Station) is of the highest importance.

No. 11. From T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government; to the Clerk of the Legislative Council of India, dated Fort Saint George, 11th February 1858, No. 73.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter of the 21st Ultimo, No. 40, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit copy of one from the Acting Collector of Malabar and of his communication to the Marine Board which accompanied it, relative to the Draft Bill for the Levy of Port Dues and Fees at Ports within this Presidency, now before the Legislative Council of India. The Memorial of the Chamber of Commerce at Cochin referred to in the Acting Collector's letter has been already forwarded to you.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Sept. 18th

Marine Department

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To The Clerk of the Legislative Council
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Dated 27th Aug 1858 No 15

Fort St George
11th February 1858

I am
Yours
J. C. and J. P.

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