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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Ganjam, Calingapatam, etc
Erection of Pillars & Obelisks
for indicating the minor ports of*

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 29th April 1859.

No. 20. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 24th February 1859, No. 812.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 10th and 27th July last, No. 882, Public Department, and No. 290, Marine Department respectively, on the subject of indicating the Minor Ports on the coast of Ganjam by the erection of Pillars and Obelisks, I have the honor to report that in August last the matter was referred to the Collector of the District, and that after some delay and correspondence, the following system appears to give promise of removing the difficulties that have been experienced in identifying those places.

2. Calingapatam being already distinguished by a large white obelisk is sufficiently obvious without other marks.

Baupanapaudoo about 24 miles further North, should be denoted by one black and white column.

Poondy, 5 miles beyond, by a white obelisk on a Hill near the Traveller's Bungalow.

Barwah, 17 miles more North, by two black and white columns, and

Sonapore, 20 miles further, by one column and one obelisk.

3. The district Engineer recommends that Sonapore should be distinguished by two white columns, from Barwah with its two in black and white; but bearing in mind the suggestions of Government expressed in Extract Minutes of Consultation, 27th July last, No. 290, I have altered this to a column and an obelisk.

4. Ganjam and Monsoorcottah are already sufficiently distinguishable.

5. The expense of each column is (250) two hundred and fifty Rupees, and of each obelisk (500) five hundred Rupees, aggregating for all (2,000) two thousand Rupees.

6. The plans and Estimates have been as usual submitted to the Chief Engineer Department of Public Works.

No. 21. From Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Public Works Department, dated 12th April 1859, No. 9504.

Marine. SIR,

Agreeably to the letter from the Superintendent of Marine, dated 24th February 1859, No. 812, to the Chief Secretary to Government, I do myself the honor

Enclosures 4. to submit for the sanction of Government the accompanying Plans
2 Plans. and Estimates for the erection of columns and obelisks to distinguish the
2 Estimates. Minor Ports on the coast of Ganjam, viz.

At Baupanapaudoo, one black and white column.

At Poondy, a white obelisk on a Hill near the Traveller's Bungalow.

At Barwah, two black and white columns and

At Sonapoor, one column and one Obelisk.

2. The estimated cost of each column on the revised design being Rupees 370, and that of each obelisk Rupees 500, the total Estimate amounts to Rupees (2,480) two thousand four hundred and eighty; and as distinguishing marks are represented by the Superintendent of Marine to be highly necessary for the better identification of the Ports in question, I beg to recommend that the sanction of Government may be given to the requisite outlay for the erection of the proposed structures.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, No. 158; dated 29th April 1859.

In his Minute of the 23rd June 1858, on his littoral tour to the North of Madras, the Right Honorable the President remarked on the difficulty of distinguishing the small Ports of Ganjam from each other, and stated that, in the course of his voyage, he had had proof of the very great inconvenience which

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exists, and which must frequently be very prejudicially experienced by Ship Captains ignorant of the coast. It would not be difficult, he thought, to fix some distinguishing marks at all these Ports, at a small expense and thus facilitate for Captains of large Ships the navigation of the coast.

Extract Minutes of Consultation, 10th July 1858, No. 822, Public Department.

to 50 feet in height should be constructed at the Ports, and that each should be differently colored to enable Commanders of Vessels, proceeding Northward, to distinguish each Port.

Extract Minutes of Consultation, 27th Idem, Marine Department.

It seemed, therefore, preferable to erect in conspicuous positions in each Port, land, marks varying in shape and description—as an Obelisk at one Port, a column at another—and at others, two Obelisks, or two columns, or an Obelisk and a column. The Marine Board were, accordingly, requested to re-consider the matter.

4. In the first letter recorded above, the Superintendent of Marine, submits a revised scheme. Calingapatam, he states, already possesses a large white Obelisk, and is sufficiently obvious. Ganjam and Munsoorcottah also are sufficiently distinguishable. The present proposal, therefore, provides for a column at Baupanapaudoo, 24 miles above Calingapatam—an obelisk at Poondy, 5 Miles higher up, to be raised on a Hill near the Traveller's Bungalow—two columns at Barwah, 17 miles beyond Poondy—and an obelisk and a column at Sonapore, 20 miles from Barwah.

4 Columns—1 at Baupanapaudoo, 2 at Barwah and 1 at Sonapore, at Rupees 370 each.....	1,480
2 Obelisks at Poondy and Sonapore at Rupees 500 each.....	1,000
Rupees	2,480

6. Government approve of the Plans forwarded and sanction the Estimates, amounting to two thousand four hundred and eighty, (2,480) Rupees. The erection of each structure will, from time to time, be notified in the Gazette.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Marine Department.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation. ^{N^o. 158}
Dated 29th April 1859.

Read the following letters—

From the Superintendent
of Marine

Inter 24th Febry 1859 N^o. 812.

From the Chief Engineer

" 12th April 1859 " 9504.

Paras. 7 to 9.

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for Captains of large Ships
the navigation of the
Coast.

2. The Marine Board, who were requested to report how the suggestion might be carried out, proposed in their letter of the 14 July 1858, N^o 2822 that Buoys of from 40 to 50 feet in height should ^{be} constructed at the ports, & that each should be differently colored to enable Commanders of Vessels, proceeding northward, to distinguish each port.

3. The proposal to color the obelisks appeared objectionable to Govt. The color would be affected by the paint, or could not be discerned in many weathered from a distance. It seemed, therefore, preferable to erect in conspicuous positions in each port, landmarks varying in shape & description

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a column at Sonapore,
the brass was taken from
Assyria &c 20 miles from
Barwah.

5. The Plans & Estimates for these structures were revised by the Chief Engineer, who submits them to Govt. in the second letter recorded above. The cost of each Column is esti.

4 Columns at Banpara.
pandoo, two at Barwah, 1 at
Dornapore, R. 370 each - 1,480

2 Obelisks at Pondichy
4 Sonapare Rs 500 each - 1,000

estimated at Rs 370, & that
of the obelisks at Rs 500 ^{only}.
The total cost will, there-

No. 2480 fore, be No. 2480.

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" Chief Engineer - with 2 Plans & 2 Schematics

" Superintendent of Marine,

Collector of Ganjam, Accts Gen & Auditor

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Column of
Obelisk for the
Small Parts in
Gangway.

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29. April 1859.

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No. 26. MINUTE OF CONSULTATION dated 29th April 1859, No. 160.

Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, dated 16th March, No. 8 of 1859.

Promising compliance with the requisition for Bridle Moorings to be laid down in the Munsoorcottah Roadstead.

The above Despatch is a copy of para. 13 of Despatch No. 7 of 24th February last, and orders on the subject of it were passed in Extract Minutes of Consultation, 7th April 1859, No. 128.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

Dear Collingford April 1859

My dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the matter of the
and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. W. Collingford