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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 23rd to 29th July 1859.*

No. 32. Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 29th July 1859, No. 344.

Under date 26th October last, Lieutenant Taylor, R. N., reported, in reply to a reference made to him on the 8th idem, the duties which he had still to perform on account of the Madras Government on the Western Coast.

2. In a subsequent letter, 3rd March last, he stated what progress he had made and what work he proposed doing in this season. He added that though most anxious to get these Canara Rivers and Harbours all surveyed, he must yield to failing energy, the result of 18 years uninterrupted hard work. Though still in apparent good health, he felt that the time had arrived for him to seek a change. He applied for the sanction of the Madras Government to his taking the "Bheema" to Bombay in May, there to settle his Vessel's accounts, for which a month would suffice, and then to be allowed to go by Steamer to Madras to give in all his work, for he was convinced that if this be not done the Government would be the losers.

3. In the event of Government wishing the survey to be continued next season, he strongly recommended Lieutenant Williams as his successor.

4. The Government, 30th March 1859, authorized Lieutenant Taylor taking the "Bheema" to Bombay and coming by Steamer to Madras afterwards.

5. In a letter of 6th May last, Lieutenant Taylor in reference to the permission granted him to proceed to Madras by Steamer from Bombay, represented that the interests of navigation would be greatly advanced, if he was ordered to visit in a Government Steamer Viziadroog, Goa, Seda-shighur, Alipee, and perhaps Tuticorin, in June and July, to settle at once the practicability of approaching those Ports during the South West Monsoon, and to note throughout the whole length of Coast the appearance of the land from the Sea at that season, the degree of shelter afforded, the best sites for light houses, the set of currents, the prevailing direction of the winds, the extent to which the land is observed during rain, the prevailing height of clouds, and to test the holding ground of the Roadstead at Alipee and elsewhere.

6. The Madras Government deeming Lieutenant Taylor's proposal likely to be productive of much public benefit applied to the Government of Bombay, 25th May 1859, that a Steamer might be placed at his disposal for the purpose.

7. No reply has been received to this application, but there seems reason to believe that the Bombay Government will not be able to supply the required Steamer.

8. Under these circumstances the Madras Government are led on further consideration to question whether it be necessary that Lieutenant Taylor should come to Madras as before authorized. They resolve that he be requested to state what work he has completed but has not yet reported on, whether all the information that he has to furnish in respect to this work may not be communicated by him (with Surveys, Plans, &c.) in writing and whether any advantage would result from his visiting Madras in person. He will also be desired to explain what work, on account of which he was placed at the disposal of the Madras Government, still remains to be done.

9. When they have Lieutenant Taylor's answer, which he will be so good as to send with all despatch, the Government will decide on the propriety of his coming to Madras, and whether it be desirable to apply to the Bombay Government for the services of Lieutenant Williams to complete the work yet remaining.

10. When Lieutenant Taylor's final Report has been received, His Honor in Council will be prepared to consider whether some honorable acknowledgement will not be due to him for his services under this Government.

11. It is presumed that Lieutenant Taylor has finished the duty for which he was deputed by the Bombay Government to Dharwar.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

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