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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 20th to 26th August 1859.*

No. 13. Read the following letter from Lieutenant A. D. TAYLOR, I. N.; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Bombay, 9th August 1859, No. 50.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 29th July 1859, No. 344, and in reply to render the required statement.

2. The subjects upon which I have to report are as follows:

1. The levels of the Kalee Nuddy.
2. How to get down the Goond timber.
3. The line for Canal running Southwards from Beitkool.
4. The general subject of lights and light-houses for this Coast.
5. The improvement of Mangalore river mouth; considered after the Survey taken of Honore, as suggested in paragraph 9 of letter No. 14 of 1859, dated March 3rd.
6. The West Coast harbours generally, showing which can be rendered efficient for present purposes of trade, at the least possible outlay; and correcting errors in former reports.

3. Since my return to Bombay, I have been engaged upon the settlement of my late vessel's accounts, and in completing all Charts and Plans and copies thereof; both these duties still employ me and Lieutenant Williams, my share of the work should keep me till the end of this month, but the requisite number of copies will occupy my assistants for certainly one additional month.

4. Having done with the Charts, I can take the above reports in hand, but there are so many points which I wish to discuss with Colonel Arthur Cotton, with the Superintendent of Marine, and with the Forest Conservator, that I still hold to my former opinion, that advantage would result from my visiting Madras in person.

5. I am also anxious to lay before Government some remarks concerning the line of road to Sedashigur, selected by the Dharwar Commission, of which I was a Member, also concerning the unwise selection of many lines of road from above Ghaut to the Sea: that of Arbyle, upon which Messrs. Brice and Co., wanted to run their traction Engines, crosses three large and still unbridged rivers between Hulliah and Coomta, whereas by a proper inspection a line without such obstacles may doubtless be found.

6. Another reason for my wish to be permitted to draw up my reports at Madras, is that, here I cannot be certain of entire disengagement from all the other duties pertaining to the office of a supernumerary Lieutenant of the Flag ship; there are besides many little questions about distinguishing Coast-lights, whether they should be fixed, revolving, flashing, colored red, or green, &c., which I would discuss with the Superintendent of Marine, in the hope that I may be of service whilst in Europe in looking at the system of lights adopted there.

7. The work remaining to be done and for which I recommended Lieutenant Williams is,

1. A line of levels up the Baidlee Hullah, or Gungawelly river.
2. A survey of Tuddry river to the limit of tide water, above Cutgal some 18 miles up.
3. The screwing down of the Moorings on either side of Tuddry bar, for which purpose the "Bheema" is well adapted.
4. A survey on a large scale of those Basaltic Islands off Mulpay or Oodapee, (some 40 miles North of Mangalore) where great facilities offer for a harbour, an outlet for central Canara trade.
5. The survey to their tide limits of the Mangalore, Honore, Cundapore, and perhaps other rivers, which the Collector was anxious to get accurately mapped.

8. In conclusion, I would mention that though my hopes of getting a special Steamer have not met with success, I may still be able on a passage to Madras, in the early part of September, to gather a few notes, and perhaps to take Sketches of at least some portions of the Coast.

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No. 14. MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE THE PRESIDENT, dated 23rd August 1859.

It would take a life time even fully to discuss the subjects which have been initiated by Lieutenant Taylor, and I hope our Secretaries and the Superintendent of Marine will direct his attention to a few principal points and require a specific, and, as far as possible, *condensed* report upon them within a reasonable time. On this condition, I will cease to oppose his coming to Madras.

(Signed) C. E. TREVELYAN.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 25th August 1859, No. 418.

In the above letter, Lieutenant Taylor submits lists of the subjects, paragraph 2, on which he has still to furnish reports, and of the work, paragraph 7, remaining to be performed. He states that he is still of opinion that advantage would result from his visiting Madras, as there are many points to discuss with Colonel Arthur Cotton, the Superintendent of Marine, and the Conservator of Forests—and adds that at Bombay he cannot always calculate on being entirely disengaged from the duties pertaining to a Supernumerary Lieutenant of the Flag Ship.

2. The Honorable the Governor in Council accordingly will not object to Lieutenant Taylor coming to Madras, when he has finished the work alluded to in paragraph 3 of his letter—and resolves to communicate with the Bombay Government on the subject, as also on the employment of Lieutenant Williams on the duties suggested by Lieutenant Taylor, in paragraph 7 of his letter.

3. In communicating these Orders to the Superintendent of Marine, it will be intimated to him that His Excellency desires that in the personal conference with Lieutenant Taylor, his attention should be directed to a few principal points, in view to his preparing a specific and, as far as possible, *condensed* report on them, and submitting it to Government within a reasonable time.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 16. TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY, dated 25th August 1859, No. 419.
SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter, 23rd ultimo, No. 976, communicating the report of the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, that there is no Steamer available in which Lieutenant Taylor could visit the Ports of Western India during the South West Monsoon.

2. On further consideration, this Government were led to question whether it was necessary that Lieutenant Taylor should come to Madras as before authorized. He was thereupon requested to state what work he had completed, but had not yet reported on—whether all the information that he might have to furnish in respect to this work could not be communicated by him (with Surveys, Plans, &c.,) in writing—and whether any advantage would result from his visiting Madras in person. He was also desired to explain what work, on account of which he had been placed at the disposal of this Government, still remained to be done.

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4. Under these circumstances, I have to request that the Bombay Government may be moved to direct Lieutenant Taylor to proceed to Madras after he has settled the "Beemah's" accounts which, he states, will be by the end of the current month.

5. I am instructed further to request that, in the event of Lieutenant Taylor being granted leave to proceed to Europe, arrangements may be made to appoint Lieutenant Williams, who has accompanied Lieutenant Taylor in all his Survey operations, to be his successor to prosecute during the next season the work still remains to be done.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
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Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

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The suggestion about touching
on the Malabar coast to test
the practicability of anchoring
there during the monsoon
cannot for any useful pur-
pose be carried out this
season, as the Westerly winds
are now subsiding; and the
navigation of the coast is
re-opening. Nor do I think

it is necessary that an at-
tempt of this sort should
be made next monsoon.
With the experience Lieut
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ligent officer, must have
gained during the past
few years on that coast,
and with the local know-
ledge of Captain Foster, Master
Attendant at Pooh, and
Captain Crawford, the Sea-
bureau Commercial Agent
at Aljee, both of them
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I think therefore it would
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permitted to come to Madras
in September to complete his re-
ports and discuss such im-
provements in the buying and
lighting the Malabar Coast
as his experience might sug-
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I beg to remain

Yours very truly
and respectfully

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The Secretary
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Sept 27th

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To Lieut George
25 August 1859.

J.P.

Marine.

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Order thereon 25th August 1859
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Lt. A. D. Taylor I. N.
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