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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 25th February 1859.

No. 3. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 7th February 1859, No. 554.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that in November last the Master Attendant at Cocanada brought to my notice the great inconvenience that was experienced in watering Vessels at his Port, and sought permission to establish a water Tank from which the water could be pumped into Ships. He undertook to provide the Tank at his own expense conditionally on his being allowed to charge (2½) two and half Rupees a ton for the water.

2. Reference was made on some points, when the annexed letter was received with an appeal from the Commanders then in the Port, urging the supply of water in the mode proposed. To a second reference, the reply of the 31st Ultimo, also appended, was received. These so fully shew the want of some better arrangements for watering Ships that I beg to recommend Captain Thomson's offer to Government for favorable consideration.
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From H. THOMSON, Esq., Master Attendant at Cocanada; to J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, dated 15th December, No. of 1858.

SIR,

In reply to your letter, No. 4899, dated 7th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that the Boat I propose converting into a Water Tank is capable of taking about 8 to 10 Tons of Water at a time. The price at which the Water will be delivered alongside Rupees 2-8-0 per Ton, and if a suitable hose can be procured it will be pumped on board, which will be a great advantage to the shipping. This is the lowest price that it can be sent off for as the Boat would have to go nearly three Miles above this to fill the Water from the Canal every trip, and this is the price that the Commanders of the Vessels in the roads *have themselves fixed*. I enclose a Document from the Commanders of Vessels to use my influence to establish a Water Tank, and I have no doubt as soon as it is established that the Bazar Boat Owners here will join together and take it up as soon as they see that any benefit is to be derived therefrom.

To the Master Attendant of Cocanada.

SIR,

We, the undersigned, beg to bring to your notice the inconvenience that Masters of Ships are put to in consequence of not being able to obtain a supply of fresh Water for their Crews, &c., several Ships being in want of Water at the same time, and often only one Boat available, some Ships are obliged to wait till others are served, and others very short even to a small allowance. Should a Gale or bad weather set in, no Boat could get to the shipping.

Therefore we, the undersigned, wish that you will use your influence for the benefit of the Port, and Ships in general, to establish a Water Tank Boat for the supply of fresh Water to the shipping in the Roads.

We are, &c.

- (Signed) W. H. GREGORY, Ship "City of Bristol."
(") GEORGE HUMPHREY, Barque "Medium."
(") H. G. RUGG, Barque "Sally."
(") G. FREEMAN, Barque "Emma."
(") J. T. BRAITHWAIT, Ship "Talavera."
(") Captain D. CHANDERNAGAR,
(") J. GIRNON, Captain of the French Ship "Lily."
(") P. NOGERIZ, Captain of the French Ship "Helain."
(") L. CLARELLY, Captain of the French Ship "Madras."
(") HOUISTY, Captain of the French Ship "Suger."
(") J. R. BOURDOY, Captain of the French Ship "Sainte Anne."
(") W. EASSON, "Mary Henzill."
(") ALEXANDER MALL, Barque "George Avery."
(") SAMUEL PLANS, Barque "Edmundsbury."
(") R. S. STUART, "Scindian."
(") HENRY MAJOR, "Eastern Empire."
(") STEWYRD "Eskdale."

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 25th February 1859.

From H. THOMSON, Esq., Master Attendant at Cocanada ; to J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq.,
Superintendent of Marine, dated 31st January 1859, No. 18 of 1859.

SIR,

In reply to your letter, No. 5118, dated 23rd December 1858, I have the honor to inform you that with your permission the Water Tank I propose to establish will be on my own private account, and as it is a thing so much required here for the benefit of the shipping, I hope I will get your permission to establish it forthwith.

To shew you what a benefit it would be to shipping in general, when the Her Majesty's Screw Steamer "Australian" was last here, the Commander indented for 10 Tons of Water, but when I sent it off, the Commander refused to take it, because it was a little discoloured with mud, although perfectly sweet. This Water was taken from the Calingalah at the Covoer Lock, the only place where a large supply can be had on emergency here.

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ORDER THEREON, No. 52; dated 17th February 1859.

Resolved that the above letter and its enclosures be referred to the Collector of Rajah-mundry and to the Madras Chamber of Commerce for their opinion on the proposal generally, and on the rate of charge intended to be made for the water. They will be requested to give an early answer.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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The intention of the Government
to establish a Water Tank
at Cocanada is a thing so much
required here for the benefit of
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There are perhaps objections
principally to Master Attendant
and all Government Officers
giving in such matters as these
their private account.

At the same time the practical
advantages may outweigh them -
and a thing which the port should
maintain and unless the Master
Attendant does, it may not be under-
taken at all - or get into worse hands.

The Collector of Rajahmundry & the
Chamber of Commerce might be
asked their opinion of the
scheme and of the change pro-

posed to be made

There are many other matters
which are of importance to the
public and which require the
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Fort St. George, 3
17 February 1859.

Col of Rajahmundry

Chamber of Commerce

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