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No. 53. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 20th June 1860, No. 2,944.

In the concluding paragraph of my letter of the 29th ultimo, No. 2,604, I stated that I purposed addressing Government on the subject of relieving the Port Fund at Masulipatam from the expense of the light at Point Divi. I have now the honor to offer the following remarks thereon.

2. The light at Point Divi was established in May 1851, not as a guide for the Port of Masulipatam, but as a Coast light to warn ships of the dangers lying round that point. It was originally at Masulipatam, but being found of little service there it was removed to the position it now occupies, and as it was too far removed from the Port to admit of the Master Attendant's supervision, an extra establishment, having at its head a Superintendent on 52 Rupees a month, was sanctioned for its charge; this addition being consequent on its being a Coast and not a Port light. The circumstances of the Santapillay and of the Armeghon lights are perfectly similar, and their expenses are chargeable to Government, there being no local Port Funds from which to defray them.

3. The trade at Masulipatam is not great, nor is it probable that it will much increase. The dues raised are consequently of moderate amount, and up to the close of the official year 1859-60, there was a balance against the Port Fund of Rupees 6,512-12-11. But this deficit has been mainly caused by debiting the fund with the expenses of the Point Divi light, when in reality they ought not to have formed any charge on it. The mistake has arisen from the Master Attendant having been ordered to exercise a general supervision, for which purpose the light Superintendent is placed under his orders. I have now to solicit therefore that the Masulipatam Port Fund may be credited with the expenses already debited to it on account of the Point Divi light, and that in future it may be entirely relieved from all charge on this account.

4. Before concluding I may observe that Masulipatam has a light of its own, a small red one, which was first exhibited in June 1857, and the expenses of which the Fund very properly bears.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 29th June 1860, No. 231.

The Government direct that the expenses of the light at Point Divi, including establishment, be charged to the Marine Department, and not to the Port Fund, Masulipatam. The sums already debited to the fund, will now be recredited to it.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Pamb Divi is
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15 June 1860

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The Suptt. of Marine.³
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