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27th August 1860.*

No. 49. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 17th August 1860, No. 3,775.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that for some years past the emoluments of the so called licensed Pilot at Cochin, have been steadily increasing until they have at last reached an amount which may fairly, I submit, warrant some portion being assigned to defray the expenses of the Port. At Paumben the Government levy the Pilotage and pay the Pilots a stipulated portion. The same principle might I think now be adopted without unfairness at Cochin. I have ascertained from the Master Attendant at that Port that the present Pilot was appointed by him without any understanding, either verbally or in writing, to lead him to infer that his privileges would remain undisturbed. So long as the fees were moderate in amount they were allowed to be taken by the Pilot as his perquisite; but now that they have so much increased it is not unreasonable to resolve that a portion should be assigned towards defraying in part the expenses of buoys and beacons kept up for the express purpose of facilitating the Pilot in the performance of his duties.

2. The following is a statement of the Pilotage fees received during the last four years, showing that during the year ending the 31st December 1859, the amount averaged 268 Rupees a month, avoiding fractions. This is 68 Rupees a month more than is received by the Master Attendant who has hitherto appointed him.

Years.	Tonnage of vessels piloted into the inner harbour by the licensed Pilot.	Pilotage fees paid to the licensed Pilot.	Remarks.
		Rs.	
1856	22,736	2,125	
1857	34,449	2,920	
1858	31,261	2,940	
1859	35,028	3,215	

3. Before proceeding further I would solicit the views of Government on the general question, and if favorable to my proposition, I would then submit my views more in detail.

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, 27th August 1860, No. 301.

Government concur generally in the view expressed in this letter—and request Mr. Franklin to report in detail what he would propose with reference to the receipts from Pilotage at Cochin.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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