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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
29th August 1860.*

No. 55. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 18th August 1860, No. 3,779.

Referring to the Proceedings of Government of the 3rd May 1859, No. 168, I have the honor to submit the following report on the working of the Shipping Masters' Offices at Vizagapatam, Cocanada and Cochin.

2. In my letter of the 16th April 1859, No. 1,614, therein recorded, I recommended that the fees leviable under Table of Act I of 1859, should for the first year be taken as remuneration by the Shipping Masters on the understanding that they should themselves pay the subordinate establishment necessary. The Government concurred with me and instructions were accordingly issued.

3. I now find after a year's trial that the results are somewhat different from what was anticipated, and that the amount of fees has fallen short of the sum they were estimated at.

	Rs.	A.	P.	
At Vizagapatam they were.....	293	0	0	Official year.
At Cocanada..... „	537	8	0	Do.
At Cochin..... „	303	8	0	September to 15th August.

4. The transactions were largest at Cocanada, the number of Vessels engaging or discharging Crews or single men during the year being 36, or three a month on the average. It appears therefore that there is not sufficient employment for a Writer to be entertained expressly for this duty and probably a moderate increase to the salary of the Master Attendant's Writer would be all that is necessary. I think that it would be advisable to permit the Master Attendants at the Ports in question to continue to appropriate the fees as their perquisite, and to require them to make their own arrangements for the performance of the Office duties.

5. At Vizagapatam a Peon only has been employed at (4) four Rupees a month, the Master Attendant's Writer having performed the Office duties; and at Cocanada a similar arrangement was entered into. At Cochin a Writer at (20) twenty Rupees and a Peon at (7) seven Rupees a month have been engaged, whereby the expenses have exceeded the receipts by Rupees (27½) twenty-seven and half. If at Cocanada, where the transactions have been more extensive than at Cochin, the work could be accomplished without adding to the establishment, the same course may be pursued at the latter Port. I would however solicit that the Master

Attendant at Cochin may be reimbursed to the extent of his expenditure beyond the receipts.

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1860, No. 304.

The Government permit the Shipping Masters at Vizagapatam, Cocanada, and Cochin to continue appropriating, as their perquisites, the fees leviable under Act I of 1859, on the understanding that they will make their own arrangements for transacting the duties of their respective Offices.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Establishment.....	331	0	0
Fees.....	303	8	0
Rupees.....	27	8	0

2. The loss, twenty-seven Rupees and eight Annas, sustained by the Shipping Master at Cochin, will be disbursed to him.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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