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Government of Madras.

Machine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	358	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
15th October 1860.*

No. 37. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 3rd October 1860, No. 4,364.

In returning the accompanying Petition from Amboo Syrang of Vizagapatam, representing that he had been deprived of three mud docks in the back water of that Port, and praying that they might be restored to him, I have the honor to inform you, that I addressed the Collector of the District on the subject, requesting that the Petitioner might not be deprived of the use of the docks he claimed until the decision of Government was known, unless they injured the Port ;

Sections 4 and 19 of Act XXII of 1855.

and pointing out that if they really were his property he could only be deprived of them by Government, not the Conservator, on compensation being made.

2. The original correspondence herewith forwarded will shew that the space occupied by Amboo Syrang for his docks never did really belong to him, and moreover that the operation of docking there was highly injurious to the Port. There appears to be therefore ample reason for prohibiting his using that part of the back water for this purpose in future.

From E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, dated 22nd September 1860, No. 985.

With reference to your letter of the 10th September, No. 4,013, I have the honor to forward herewith an explanation from the Master Attendant of Vizagapatam, regarding Amboo Syrang's docks.

2. The ground claimed belongs undoubtedly to Government. Amboo Syrang like many others in Vizagapatam, has from time to time excavated docks there, but they were quite temporary affairs.

3. When Act XXII of 1855, was introduced into Vizagapatam in 1858, and the new Port Rules brought into operation, Mr. Reade ordered that all Vessels should be docked on the western, and not on the eastern side of the back water, as there were quite as many conveniences there, and as that side had been as much used for docks as the eastern.

4. This order was carried out and the docks removed, and along the shore where the docks were, a good metalled road has been made.

5. Under these circumstances, no action upon Amboo Syrang's motion can be taken.

From R. W. MEPPEN, Esq., Master Attendant, to E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, dated 20th September 1860, No. 313.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Memo., No. 955, dated 17th instant, with an original letter* from the Superintendent of Marine to your address, respecting 3 docks which Shaick Amboo Syrang represents as his property.

2. The docks in question, I beg to state, are within the limits of the Port and under water at flood tide, the operation in docking Vessels on the Coast is well known, but the situation of these docks are such that at every flood tide the sand raised to keep the Vessels up, is washed down and eventually carried into the bed of the river and the bar at ebb tide, which is injurious to the Port, this circumstance I brought to the notice of C. W. Reade, Esq., then Collector of Vizagapatam, who in conjunction with Lieutenant Vertue, District Engineer at that time (1858) surveyed the spot and decided that no Vessels should be allowed to be docked there as it was their opinion that it was injurious to the bed of the river. In May 1859, when I was taken ill, Shaick Amboo Syrang docked his Vessel without my knowledge, I reported the circumstance to C. W. Reade, Esq., late Collector, who ordered that the Vessel should be at once removed which was done at the spring tide; this year the Syrang's Vessel was in the river but he never desired to dock her, nor did I interfere.

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In conclusion, I beg to state, that I carried out the orders of my superior Officer, and it is my opinion still that if Vessels are allowed to be docked at that place, the bar will be greatly injured and boats will also sustain serious damage to the risk of life and property; on the other hand, Shaick Amboo Syrang has no documents to prove his right to the spot in the river which he calls docks, and are under water at every flood tide.

(True Copy)

(Signed) E. FANE,
Collector.

No. 38.

ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1860, No. 358.

Ordered that the following endorsement be made on Petition, No. 2,251.

"The Government, having received a report from the Local authorities on the subject of Shaik Amboo Sarungu Saheb's Petition, see no occasion for their interference in his case."

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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"The Govt., having received a report from the local authorities on the subject of Shaik Amboo Sarungu Saheb's petition, see no occasion for their interference in his case."

The Suptt. of Marine.

"Collector of Viragapatam." }
Petition returned endorsed.