

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
31st October 1860.

No. 93. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 26th October 1860, No. 2,201.

Communicating the Order passed on a letter from the Chief Engineer, reporting on the subject of the establishment required for working the Sea Dredges at Cocanada, and referring for orders the question whether a tonnage duty on Vessels resorting to the Port may not be levied to meet certain costs.

(Vide Proceedings Public Works Department, dated 26th October 1860, Nos. 336 @ 340.)

No. 94. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1860, No. 384.

The Superintendent of Marine will report on the suggestion in the last sentence of the foregoing Order.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ed. T. O'Connor:

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Chief Engineer.

Reporting on the subject of the Establishment required for working the Sea Dredges at Cocanada. } (Here enter 30th August 1860, No. 4,267.)

Official Memorandum from the Superintendent of Marine.

States that the sum at the credit of the Cocanada Port fund on the 31st July last, was Rupees 3,022-4-10. } (Here enter 7th September 1860, No. 3,991.)

From the Chief Engineer.

States that no provision has been made in the present or previous Budgets for working the Sea Dredges at Cocanada. } (Here enter 24th September 1860, No. 5,102.)

From the Chief Engineer.

Gives information in respect to the Estimate of Rupees 62,838 for the improvement of the Coringa Harbour. } (Here enter 9th October 1860, No. 5,722.)

ORDER THEREON, 26th October 1860, No. 2,201.

1. In his letter of the 30th August 1860 above recorded, the Chief Engineer requested action for a sum of Rupees 15,145 for the purpose of working in the Cocanada river during the remainder of the current official year, one of the two Sea Dredges now at that Port. He

Amount sanctioned for Groynes, No. 110, in Statement No. 2 of Budget of 1860-1	11,250	proposed to obtain the amount from two different sources; viz., 10,000 Rupees from the sum of 12,375 Rupees* allowed for Groynes in the river, and the remaining 5,145 Rupees from the general fund reserved for isolated
Share of superintendence and contingencies....	1,125	
Total....	12,375	

works. The remaining three papers recorded above furnish information in reply to enquiries made by Government on some points connected with the subject.

2. The Honorable the Governor in Council approves the proposed work; but he considers desirable to make some change in the means by which it is proposed to provide the necessary funds.

3. The dredging of the river appears to be urgently necessary; but the Groynes, it is stated, ought to be carried on simultaneously. It would therefore seem inadvisable to obtain funds for the former by stopping the latter to any great extent, which will necessarily be the case if a large sum as 10,000 Rupees be withdrawn from the sum allowed for them.

4. The Government are further of opinion that the dredging is not an object for which part of the small remaining amount for isolated works can properly be made available; especially as the Godavery District has already a very large share of the entire amount allowed for expenditure.

5. But other sources whence to draw the required funds suggest themselves. The Light House and Flagstaff for the Port entered in the Budget for this year are not urgently wanted. By the postponement of these works, Rupees 5,684, being the amount of their estimated cost including share of superintendence and contingencies, will become available.

6. Further, it seems to the Government that the cost of the dredging operations forms a very proper charge on the Port fund. According to the Memorandum from the Superintendent of Marine, included amongst the papers recorded in these Proceedings, that fund for Cocanada and Coringa amounted at the end of July to Rupees 3,022; and the Government think that Rupees 2,500 from this amount may be allowed for the Dredges in the current official year.

7. There will remain about Rupees 7,000 to be provided, out of the amount of the Chief Engineer's estimate; but this latter will be reduced by about 4,000 Rupees in consequence of the shorter working time now remaining within the current official year. The real remainder to be made up will therefore be about 3,000 Rupees; which may be taken from the repair fund of the District.

8. The Government accordingly grant Rupees 11,184 for the purpose in question, to be obtained in the manner indicated above in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7; and they resolve, with reference to paragraph 6, to instruct the Superintendent of Marine to place at the disposal of the Chief Engineer the sum of Rupees (2,500) two thousand five hundred therein referred to. Liberty will however be allowed to the Chief Engineer to apply a part of the Groyne money to the object in question, in diminution of that sanctioned above from the Light House and Flagstaff or from the repair fund, should he deem it expedient.

9. Colonel Horsley seems to think (paragraph 9) that the whole charge for dredging the Cocanada river will eventually be repaid by the sale of land for town allotments; but this cannot be expected. As the charge however is purely a local one and will besides be constant, the Government are of opinion that it ought to be met from local resources, and not from the general revenues of the State. It will be considered in the Marine Department whether a tonnage duty on vessels resorting to the Port may not properly be levied, to meet the cost of dredging and other improvements designed to promote the prosperity of the Port and Town, as is the practice in England and other countries.

(True Extract.)

J. H. Sandillon

Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer.

„ Superintendent of Marine.

„ Marine Department. ✓

„ Accountant General.

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The Superintendent of Marine
will report on the suggestion
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