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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
10th November 1860.*

No. 25. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 2nd November 1860, No. 4,752.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of the 31st ultimo, No. 384, on Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department of the 26th idem, No. 2,201, directing me to report on the suggestion for increasing the Port dues at Cocanada to meet the cost of dredging and other improvements to the Port.

2. The principle which Act XXII of 1855 recognizes, is that each port should be self supporting, and that the funds raised in dues should be expended in improvements. Moreover if those funds are insufficient to meet such expenses, the Government are empowered to make advances charging the fund with simple interest. Advances however need only be resorted to when the dues already imposed are so high that it would be impolitic or unreasonable to increase them. In the case of the port of Cocanada the contrary is the fact. Large sums have been expended in rendering the mouth of the river accessible at all times, and in facing the banks inside with stone: still further expenditure has now to be incurred in dredging and in other improvements, and as the due is very trifling, only one Anna a ton, I consider that it might with propriety be raised to 2 Annas. It would then be only $\frac{2}{3}$ rd that of Madras and $\frac{1}{3}$ rd that of Rangoon. The annual amount raised is now about 6,000 Rupees.

3. Should the Government decide on augmenting the dues as proposed, it will be necessary to give timely notice of their intention before the increased rate comes into operation.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 10th November 1860, No. 399.

In Act VII, 1858, the maximum rate of Port dues leviable at Cocanada is fixed at three Annas per ton. The Government resolve now, under Section XLII, Act XXII, 1855, to raise the rate at present leviable at Coringa and Cocanada, under the Notification of the 9th April 1858, to two Annas per ton. The increased scale will be notified to take effect from the 1st February next.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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