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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
13th May 1861.*

No. 17. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 26th April 1861, No. 1,226.

I had the honor in my letter of the 12th September last, No. 4,034, to recommend that the Pilotage levied on vessels employing the licensed Pilot to carry them in or out of the harbour of Cochin should be apportioned as follows :—three-fifths to the Pilot and two-fifths to the Government and eventually to the Port Fund in aid of the expenses incurred in buoying off the channel. Government in their Proceedings of the 27th idem, No. 333, approved the measure, and the system was introduced on the 1st November following.

2. In the 5th paragraph of my letter referred to, I stated that no European or large vessels attempted to pass in or out without the aid of the Pilot appointed by Government, but that Native craft of small burthen and draft employed fishermen or boatmen for this purpose, and that Commanders having a local knowledge of the channel passed in and out without engaging any Pilot at all.

3. The Master Attendant at Cochin has brought to my notice that as two-fifths of the Pilotage are now set apart for the express purpose of keeping up the buoys and facilitating the entrance into the harbour, it would be but reasonable that a similar payment should be required from vessels entering and departing without calling for the services of the Government Pilot, for they are only enabled to do so from the facilities which are afforded and partly paid for by the proportion of Pilotage levied for this purpose. He suggests therefore that all vessels of 100 tons and upwards, which would exclude all the small coasting craft, not employing the Government Pilot should be required to contribute their fair share towards keeping up the Beacons by paying the two-fifths Pilotage.

4. The Collector of Malabar, to whom the question has been submitted, entirely concurs in Captain Castor's suggestion, and as I think the measure is equitable and reasonable, I beg to recommend it for the favorable consideration of Government.

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No. 18. ORDER THEREON, 13th May 1861, No. 166.

The Government think it very desirable and nothing more than reasonable that vessels entering the Port of Cochin under the circumstances stated, should, as proposed by the Superintendent of Marine, pay two-fifths Pilotage—but payment of such fee could not be legally enforced in case of recusancy, and the Government do not, therefore, feel themselves at liberty to make the demand.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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My dear Mr. Gifford. I think
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James King

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N^o. 166 — 15 May 1861 —

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The Suptt. of Marine &
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Pro 27th Sept 1860 No 46/7

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W. H.

24th March
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From

The Superintendent of Marine

To

The Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort Saint George

Dated 26th April 1860

Rec^d 29th

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Recommending for the favorable
consideration of Government a
suggestion that all vessels of 100
tons & upwards not employing the
Government pilot in entering or
departing from the Cochin Harbour
should be required to contribute
their fair share towards keeping
up the beacons by paying two
fifths of the established pilotage

With an Order.

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