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[Despatch Abstract.]

*Encroachment of the Sea
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letter from Mr. G. J. J.
Power, Indian Civil
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Sir

In answer to your reminder post dated 22nd March I have the honour to say that reply to G.O 369 of the 14th September

was sent on the 2nd October last from the manner in the North Arcot district -

2 I have submitted a copy of that reply -

I have called it a "true copy", but cannot say that it is a verbatim copy as I have only a rough in pencil of what I then wrote, but is at any rate very nearly an exact and contains all that I have to say on the matter -

3 On the occasion of his transfer last from North Arcot to this station -

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Said that and 1/2 the Rs 500 or in all about Rs 3000 -

The 1st hogues were apparently never constructed by the Public Works Dept. and seem to be the product of ballast thrown out by vessels during their stay here -

If you desire the Public Works Department to carry out these works I request you will obtain the sanction of Government -

On the 18th September 1893 the Head Assistant Collector reports from Kandarapattinam in continuation of his report of 28th July as follows: "Most of the land marked A on the sketch submitted with my former report has been restored to its former place, but of course without the coconut trees and there seems no probability of any further erosion for the present. The state of the shore immediately in front of the warehouses on the bund has not altered" -

I submit that this correspondence shows that by the latter part of September very much of the damage done early in the monsoon has been repaired, and that it appears that there is no danger of further erosion. It is made that we should await further report from the Engineer before making any expenditure on the bund. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours faithfully,
S. S. S. S. S.

The front of the row of warehouses G. then has been
considerable encroachment - both in the last year - It is not
going on much now, but the deep channel is un-
pleasantly near the front of the warehouses, as
they are built on sand so that the owners have
much ground for anxiety - Some of the merchants
have attempted to protect themselves by building a
bulk marker as a, but as the sand is washed
away from under it the work is not very easy.
They ask therefore that the groynes E(1) and E(2)
shall be repaired at public expense, after
which they would perhaps be able to build their walls
with more security - I have not been able to
ascertain exactly when these groynes were built
by the public works department, so the report that
they shall be repaired seems to be a reasonable
one.

About ten months ago when the Collector was here, these
merchants represented to him in person the danger
their position from the encroachments which was then
advancing rapidly - The District Engineer was sent
at once to inspect the place and see what could
be done, and I believe he was instructed to proceed
with any necessary work at once. He came, looked
at the place and went away, but it has not been
heard here whether he formed any opinion, or
any proposals. The proposal now made by
the merchants is to build a point of the sand spit H, &
to that point. I am not sure
with the Collector

Mr. F. F. Power
Madras Civil Service.

Pelmarer
2nd October 1894.

To - The Chief Secretary to Government, Marine Dept
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of G.O.
369 of the 14th September 1894, and to submit
the following reply - After writing my letter of
the 22nd November 1893 to the Presiding Post Office
I went to Kundapur and on the 7th or 8th of December
1893 (I am not sure of the exact date) I inspected
the shore near the Custom house at Gangoli
and near the light house, and what I then saw
confirmed the opinion I had already formed there,
before deciding what work should be done to pre-
vent erosion, or whether any work was necessary at
all, it was expedient to wait till the following
monsoon and observe the action of the river
on the shore. Had I remained in South
Canara I should have visited Kundapur
at the beginning of the monsoon of this year, and
then I have 2