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[Despatch Abstract.]

Dredgers at Cocanada — Explanation
from the Quowiney Port officer as to the
Cause of the difference in the average working
expenses of the two — ^{during 1894 & 95} recorded.

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PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE.

Madras, 11 January 1896.

From

Commander N. J. Powell, R.N.,
PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,

Madras,

To

THE ~~CHIEF~~ SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MARINE DEPARTMENT,

~~Fort Saint George.~~

SIR,

Chepauk

With reference to para 11 of G.O. Marine No. 334 dated 14 November 1895, I have the honor to state that the cause of the difference in the average working expenses of the two dredgers during the year 1894-95 was due to the extra repairs to the hull of the dredger "Connumara"; owing to the vibration of the machinery it was found necessary to strengthen the bottom of the vessel.

2. The variation in the charges for the past 3 official years is explained by the fact that in some years there are more repairs to be done to the dredgers than in the others. It is also sometimes the case

case that one dredger does a good deal more work than the other, as in 1892-93 when the dredger "Connermara" worked for 132 days against 67 working days of the "Freestiman" dredger; this was owing to the boiler of the "Freestiman" dredger giving out, and the average expenses therefore were heavier—both dredgers however did comparatively less work that year than in other years, owing to the punts being wanted for the "Menlock".

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedt. servant,

Walter Powell

Commander, R.N.M.,
Presidency Port Officer