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Marine (1896.) Department.

G.O., No. 51 Mar.

DATED 28 January 96

[Despatch Abstract.]

Light — Letter from the Presidency Port office regarding the proposed site for a light at Karakal Communicated to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

The opinion of the
Presidency Post Office, will
be communicated, through
the Political Department,
to the Resident in
Samarang & Cochin, in the
reference to his letter
No. 3166 dated 1st Novr
1895.

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The Pres. Post officer
" Political Secy.

Marine (1896) DEPARTMENT.

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The Port Light near Cachel:

From
THE PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
Madras,

To
THE CHIEF SECY. TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
~~Fort St. George.~~
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No. $\frac{690}{16} 4$

No. 7 Marine of 12-11-95 ✓
" 79 " " 20-12-95

No 51 Marine of 28 Jan 1896.

Dated 13th } January 1896.
Received

The Hon: the Chief Secy,
Political Dept for purpose of
counterintels.

No. _____

Subject.

Informing that the best
site for the proposed
new light is at Karakal
with a range of not
less than 10 miles.

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Resident's Office
Trivandrum 1st November 1895

From

J. Thomson Esquire

Resident in Travancore and Cochin

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

In his report on Light Houses in the Madras Presidency an extract from which was furnished with your Endorsement N^o 1735 of the 26th July last, Mr. J. W. Ashpitel of the Madras Public Works Department observed that as the Cochin light is close to Narakal, all that is required at the latter place is a small portlight. He recommended accordingly a cabin and mast red light and suggested that it might be located at Mallipuram instead of at Narakal whence the present light is exhibited.

2. On communicating Mr. Ashpitel's remarks to the Dewan of Cochin, that Officer referred the matter to Mr. M. Woodhouse Master Attendant, Narakal, who now reports that no light with a range of less than 10 miles will suffice for Narakal, to allow for ———
obstruction

with file now
with W.

J.P.

17-12-95

Attended

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17-12-95

obstruction on account of mist, rain &c. He also thinks that the proposed light should remain at Narakal, as the centre of the mud flat is abreast of that place and as smooth water on the beach for the past two years did not extend so far south as Mallipuram during the south west monsoon.

3. Mr. Woodhouse was absent on leave during the time of Mr. Ashpitel's inspection but the Senior Government Pilot, Cochin, was present and it was pointed out to Mr. Ashpitel how much too close for practical purposes and cross bearings a light at Mallipuram would be. The proposed site of the new light at Narakal was also inspected and it would seem that it was then virtually approved.

4. In view of the objections now raised to the nature and site of the proposed new light, I have the honor to request that Government will be pleased to ascertain whether Mr. Ashpitel will reconsider his decision regarding them. I may add that Mr. Woodhouse's opinion that a red light with a range of 6 miles will not be sufficient is based on the experience he gained at Kandapore, South Canara, where a 1st order Catadoptric Port Red light, visible 6 miles, was shown from 1891 to 1894 and had subsequently to be removed.

I have the honor to be

your most ^{for} obedient servant

Thos. M. J.
Resident

1895

Political Department

Marine Current No. 877

From

The Resident in Travancore
and Cochin

To

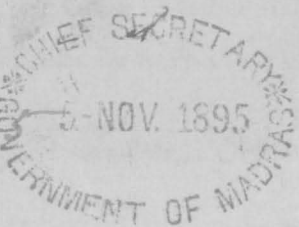
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Ref. memo. 3166

Dated 1st November 1895

Despatched 2^o

Received 6. 11. 95



Enclosure

New light at Narakal

Requesting to ascertain whether
Mr. Ashpitel would reconsider
his decision regarding the nature
and site of the proposed —

No. 7 Marine of 12 November
1895

Referred to

Mr. Ashpitel for
favour of remarks.

Sub. to
Col. Hb.

Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.

Col. Hb.

7. 11. 95

To

Mr. Ashpitel Esq. — to be
returned.

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Extract from the letter No. 2597 dated 6th Decr 1893
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of the Resident in Travancore and Cochin to
J. W. Ashpitel Esq.

late Post office, Cochin, has expressed the opinion
that the port of Narakal must be considered
to be in a state of transition at present in as
much as the mud bank which affords smooth
anchorage at the port during the South West monsoon
is evanescent in character. He thinks therefore that
if a new light is put up at all it must be at the
neighbouring Port of Malliporam. About this
however, Commander Street states that if
Narakal has eventually to be abandoned
as a port, the light that may be fixed
there may easily be removed to Malliporam.

Government of Madras.

1895.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Machine CURRENT No. 877

From

The Resident in Madras

ENCLOS

No. 3166.

Dated 1-11-95

Received 6-1-96

SUBJECT.

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— Requesting to
ascertain whether Mr.
Ashpiter would re-
consider his decision
regarding the nature
and site of the
proposed —*

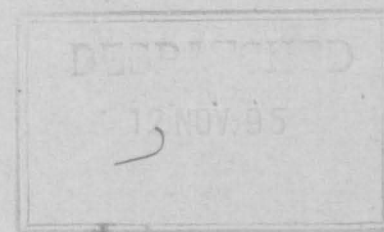
DISPOSAL.

No. 7 *Machine* dated 12-11-95

*Referred to Mr.
Ashpiter for favour
of remarks.*

1/10/95 J. B.

1/10/95 C. H. B.



To

*F. W. Ashpiter Esq.
to be returned*

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Marine Dept.

Please have this paper properly referenced. The previous papers quoted are not put up or entered in an

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Can. It is thought that the papers now put up will be sufficient for this current. They are all that can be got from the Records.

Pencil notes have been made to show where other papers are put now. It will be seen that they are all with the big file - "Mr. Ashpitel's Reports now with 1r. Please see portions marked in pencil on pages 14 and 32 of the Copy Report put up. They may be of some use - J.P.

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Marine Dept.

No. 79 Marine of 20th December 1895

Endorsement.

Letter from J. W. Ashpitel Esq. dated 11th Dec^r 1895.

C. No. 998 - Env. 3.

offering memoranda regarding
the nature and the site of
the proposed new Light
at Hamaudat.

Referred to the
Presidency Port Officer
for opinion as to the best
site for the proposed
new light, i.e., whether
at Narakul or Mala-
puram.

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20 DEC. 95

C. & M.
17/55
D.W.
Under Secy

To,
The Presidency Port Officer
to be returned.

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December 1895

No 10-L

M A D R A S .
11th December 1895.

From

P.W. Ashpitel Esquire

To

The Secretary to Government,
P.W.D. (Marine) Department.

Sir,

With reference to your Endorsement NO:7. Marine, dated 12th November 1895, I have the honor to inform you that it appears to me that Mr:Woodhouse merely wants a range of 10 miles in clear weather to allow for obstruction on account of mist &c and that in this there is no difference of opinion as I have provided for a light with a range of 6 miles in misty weather which will extend to 10 miles in clear weather. I presume that Mr:Woodhouse did not intend to maintain that a 10 mile range is necessary in all weather as the light is merely an anchorage light and is close to the existing light at Cochin.

*Vide contract from reference on the 25/9/95 from the President in Travancore dated 6/10/95
2. As regards site I can only say that Mr:Woodhouse differs from the late Port Officer and also from Captain Street the late Presidency Port Officer. One of these gentlemen actually recommended Malapuram as the best site for the proposed light and the other does not appear to have objected to it. Landing and shipping operations have been abandoned at Narrakal and there does not appear to be any advantage in placing the new light at a place where it cannot be so easily supervised or maintained. The question is one, however, which the Presidency Port Officer may well be asked to decide as either site will do though, provided that there are no objections from a nautical point of view, Mallapuram has distinct advantages over Narrakal.

3. With regard to the class of apparatus I would point out that there is no objection to the Cochin Government obtaining a fourth order port apparatus but the conditions at Mallapuram are very different to those at Kundapur. The one is a mere anchorage light

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and the other a port light on which vessels making for Kundapur have to depend. If a fourth order portlight is obtained it will be better to place it on the roof of a small building with means of withdrawing the optical apparatus into a small shelter during the day and for lighting and cleaning purposes.

I have the honor to be

S i r

Your most obedient servant

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Marine Currents: 975
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From

J. W. Ashpitel Esq.

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To

The Secretary to Govt.

J. W. (Marine) Dept.

No 10-L

Dated 11-12-95

Subject

Offering remarks re-
garding the nature & the
site of the proposed new
light at Karakal -

Heading

No. $\frac{690}{16}$ 4

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,

Madras, 13 January 1896.

From

Commander W. Powell, R.S.M.

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,

Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

~~PUBLIC WORKS (MARINE)~~ DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

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SIR,

In reply to Memorandum
No. 79, Marine, dated 20th December
1895 (enclosures in original herewith
returned) I have the honor to
state that the best site for
the proposed new light is at
Karakal with a range of not
less than 10 miles.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Walter Powell

Commander R.S.M.

Presidency Port Officer.

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