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[Despatch Abstract.]

Enhancement of the port dues: Approving
and directing the publication in the *Port & Harbours*
of the draft notifications *in the*
for the of the Eastern
group of ports, as amended by Government
and stating that ^{the revised rates} will come into
force from date of publication in the *Port*
Harbours.

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Enhancement of the Port Dues

Approving and directing the publication in the Fort St. George and District Gazettes of the draft notifications for the — of the Eastern group of ports as amended by Government, and stating that the revised rates will come into force from date of publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 18th March 1897, No. 942/96 G.

I have the honour to forward, herewith, the draft notifications called for in Marine Department memo., No. 118 E., dated 19th February 1897, in respect to the proposed levy of port dues at ports in the Eastern group at the maximum rates leviable under the Indian Ports Act (X of 1889).

ENCLOSURES.

NOTIFICATION A.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 34 of the Indian Ports Act (X of 1889) and in supersession of Notification No. 55 published at page 390 *et seq.*, of the *Fort St. George Gazette* of 18th June 1889, and of Notification No. 88 published at page 582 of the *Fort St. George Gazette* of 3rd September 1889, Part I, so far as they relate to the levy of port dues at ports on the East Coast of the Madras Presidency, other than the port of Madras, the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is pleased to declare—

(i) That from the date on which this notification is first published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, port dues shall be leviable on vessels entering the ports specified in the first column of the schedule hereunto annexed at the rates laid down in the third column of the said schedule.

(ii) That such dues shall be levied subject to the conditions mentioned in the fourth column and the explanation given at the foot of the said schedule.

(iii) That as regards the levy of port dues, such ports as have been included within double brackets in the first column of the said schedule shall be treated as if they were only one port; every vessel in respect of which such dues have been charged and taken at one of any of the said ports being exempted from the dues on entering another port bracketed with it immediately after leaving the one in which the dues were charged and taken.

SCHEDULE.

Name of port.	Vessels chargeable (sea-going vessels of 15 tons and upwards).	Rates of port dues per ton.	How often chargeable in respect of the same vessel.
1	2	3	4
<i>East Coast Ports.</i>			
Ganjām ..	1. Gopalpur ..	(1) Vessels calling at only one port on the East Coast.	
	2. Sonnapuram.		
	3. Baruva.		
Vizagapatam ..	4. Calingapatam.	(a) Vessels trading with the Straits Settlements.	The payment of the due at the port will exempt the ship or steamer for a period of sixty days from liability to pay the due again at that port.
	5. Konada.		
	6. Bimlipatam.		
	7. Vizagapatam ..	(b) Other vessels ..	The due is payable on each entry into the port.
	8. Pudimadaka.		
	9. Pentakota.		
Gódvári ..	10. Uppada.	(ii) Vessels calling at more than one port within the Eastern group.	
	11. Cocanada.		
	12. Coringa.		
	13. Bendamuralanka ..		
	14. Narsapur ..		
	15. Perupalam ..		
Kistna ..	16. Masulipatam.		
	17. Penumudi.		
	18. Morutota ..		
	19. Nagayalanka ..		
	20. Kottapalem ..		
	21. Gangadipalem ..		
	22. Nizampatnam ..		
	23. Ipurupalem ..		

Memo. No. 118 E., Marine, dated 19th February 1897.

The Government has under consideration the question of raising the port dues in Eastern group of ports to the maximum rates leviable under Act X of 1889. undersigned is directed to request that the Presidency Port Officer will be so as to submit, for approval, a draft notification to give effect to this intention.

D. McNEIL CAMPBELL,
Secretary to Government.

the Presidency Port Officer.

Madura	57. Azhampatnam.			on the East Coast will exempt the steamer for a period of thirty days from liability to pay the due again at that or any other port on the East Coast.
	58. Gopalapatnam.			
	59. Kattumavadi.			
	60. Krishnajiapatnam.			
	61. Annapatnam.			
	62. Kottaiapatnam.			
	63. Sundarapandiapatnam.			
	64. Pasipatnam.			
	65. Damodarapatnam.			
	66. Tondi.			
	67. Nambitalai.			
	68. Padupatnam.			
	69. Karangadu.			
	70. Tiruppalankudi.			
	71. Devipatnam.			
	72. Mudiyanpatnam.			
	73. Attankarai.			
	74. Emanangundu.			
	75. Pillaimadam.			
	76. Pamban.			
	77. Ramesvaram.			
	78. Mandapam.			
	79. Vedalai.			
	80. Marakkavapatnam.			
	81. Muttupettai.			
	82. Kilakarai.			
	83. Ervadi.			
	84. Valinokkam.			
Tinnevely ..	85. Vembar.			
	86. Vaippar.			
	87. Pattanammaradur.			
	88. Tuticorin.			
	89. Káyalpatnam.			
	90. Kulasekarapatnam.			

Explanation.—In this part of the schedule—

(a) "Ship" means a sailing vessel, and "steamer" a steam vessel.

(b) "Coasting ship" or "coasting steamer" means, respectively, a ship or steamer which at any port discharges cargo exclusively from, or takes in cargo exclusively for, any port in the Island of Ceylon or in any part of India between the westernmost part of Sind and the south-easternmost part of Burma; and "coasting steamer" includes a coasting steam vessel having a general pass under section 164 of the Sea Customs Act, 1878.

(c) "Foreign ship" or "foreign steamer" means, respectively, a ship or steamer not being a coasting ship or coasting steamer.

NOTIFICATION B.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 46 of the Indian Ports Act (X of 1889), His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that the rates of port dues chargeable on any vessel entering a port in ballast and not carrying passengers shall be three-fourths of the rate laid down in Notification A above.

NOTIFICATION C.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 47 of the Indian Ports Act (X of 1889), His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that when a vessel enters a port but does not discharge or take in any cargo or passengers therein (with the exception of such unshipment and re-shipment as may be necessary for purposes of repair), she shall be charged with a port due at half the rate specified in Notification A above.

ORDER—No. 351, Marine, dated 12th April 1897.

His Excellency the Governor in Council having, * on consideration of the financial position of the Eastern group of ports and of the demands to be met in the near future on objects connected with trade and safe navigation, come to the conclusion that it was necessary to raise the port dues of this group to the maximum rates allowed by the Act, the Presidency Port Officer now submits two draft notifications to give effect to this resolution. As amended by Government, they are approved and sanctioned, and will be published in the Fort St. George and District Gazettes. The revised rates will come into force from date of publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

(True Extract.)

C. H. R. Burston.

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent, Government Press.
 „ the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
 „ the Accountant-General.
 „ the Financial Department.
 „ Collectors, Maritime Districts.

Presidency Port Officer.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 351, MARINE, DATED 12TH APRIL 1897.

[SUBJECT.—*Levy of enhanced Port dues—Eastern group.*]

From the Presidency Port Officer, No. 942/96 G., dated 18th March 1897.

For orders—

The Presidency Port Officer submits draft notifications for the enhancement of the port dues of the Eastern group, in order to give effect to the intention expressed in paragraph 11 of G.O., No. 261, Marine, dated 19th March 1897.

2. It will be seen from letter No. 262, Marine, of the same date, that the sanction of the Government of India is awaited to the issue, under section 37 (2) (a) of the Act, of notification C, appendix No. I of the Government Order. Until this notification issues, practical effect cannot, apparently, be given to the proposed grouping of the ports. The issue of notifications A and B has accordingly been deferred pending India's reply.

3. Similarly, the issue of the notifications now drafted by the Presidency Port Officer should perhaps be deferred. The words "with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council" should, it is thought, be omitted from the Presidency Port Officer's notification A. This prior sanction does not seem to be necessary under sections 33 and 34 of the Act; the enhancement of dues not exceeding the maximum rates prescribed by the Act.

D. McNEIL CAMPBELL —30-3-97.

R. PARSONS.

Section 33 refers to the fixing of the rate of port dues (1) on the Act coming into force, (2) on the Act being newly extended to any port. Neither of these things is now in question, the matter for disposal being the varying of the rates now charged, which is provided for by section 34. So far, therefore, as I can see, section 33 does not apply at all. This being so, no sanction of India is needed, nor need two months' notice be given. The new rates may be brought into force at once. I think they should be; for, whether we regroup the ports or not, we shall certainly want more money. I would therefore issue the notifications at once as amended by me.

H. W. B[LISS]—31-3-97.

J. G[ROSE]—5-4-97.

I concur.

A. E. H[AVELOCK]—8-4-97.

[G.O., No. 351, Marine, dated 12th April 1897.]

Marine (1897) Department.

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From,

The Presidency Office
Madras

No. $\frac{942}{96}$ 4

Dated 18 March 1897

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding Draft notification
in respect to the proposed
levy of Port dues at ports
in the Eastern Group at
the maximum rates leviable
under the Indian Ports
Act of 1889.

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PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,

Madras, 18 March 1897.

From

Commander H. A. Street R. I. U.

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,

Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MARINE DEPARTMENT,

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SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith the Draft Notifications called for in Marine Department Memorandum No. 118E dated 19th February 1897 in respect to the proposed levy of Port Dues at ports in the Eastern group at the maximum rates leviable under the Indian Ports Act (X of 1889).

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. A. Street

Commander R. I. U.,

Presidency Port Officer.

Notification A.

2 S. P.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections ~~31 and~~ 34 of the Indian Ports Act (I of 1889) and in supersession of Notification No. 55 published at page 390 et seq. of the "Fort Saint George Gazette" of 18th June 1889, and of Notification No. 88 published at page 582 of the "Fort Saint George Gazette" of 3rd September 1889, Part I, so far as they relate to the levy of Port Dues at Ports ^{on} the ^{Coast} Eastern Group of the Madras Presidency, other than the Port of Madras, the Governor of Fort Saint George in Council, ~~with the previous sanction of the Governor General in Council~~, is pleased to declare:-

- (1). That ~~after the expiration of sixty days~~ from the date on which this Notification is first published in the "Fort Saint George Gazette" Port Dues shall be leviable on vessels entering the ports specified in the first column of the Schedule hereunto annexed at the rates laid down in the third

third column of the said Schedule.

(ii) That such Dues shall be levied subject to the conditions mentioned in the fourth column and the explanation given at the foot of the said Schedule.

(iii) That as regards the levy of Port Dues, Such ports as have been included within double brackets in the 1st column of the said Schedule shall be treated as if they were only one port; every vessel in respect of which such dues have been charged and taken at one of any of the said ports being exempted from the dues on entering another port bracketed with it immediately after leaving the one in which the dues were charged and taken.

W. A. Street
Commanded S. M.
Presy: Port Officer

Schedule

Name of Port		Name of Port	
1		1	
Ports - Eastern Group.	1. Gopalpur	South Arcot.	45. Conelung
	2. Sannapuram		46. Buddalore
	3. Batruva		47. Popto & Novo.
	4. Calingapatnam	Tanjore.	48. Tirumalavassal
	5. Konada		49. Kootiyampalainyam
	6. Bimilipatnam		50. Tranquebar
	7. Vizagapatnam	Madura	51. Nagore
	8. Pondicherry		52. Negapatnam
	9. Pentakota		53. Velankanni
	10. Uppada		54. Toppur
	11. Cocanada		55. Point Calimere
	12. Coringa		56. Muttupet
	13. Bendamkulam		57. Adirampatnam
	14. Narsapur		58. Gopalapatnam
	15. Pempalam		59. Kattumavadi
	16. Masulipatnam		60. Krishnapatnam
	17. Penumudi		61. Ammapatnam
	18. Morutola		62. Kottaiapatnam
	19. Nagayalakota		63. Sundarapandiyapatnam
	20. Kottapalem		64. Pasipatnam
	21. ...		65. Damodaraapatnam
			66. Pondi
			67. Nambitalai
			68. Pudukpatnam
			69. Karungadu
			70. Tiruppalankudi
			71. Devipatnam
			72. Mooliyampatnam
			73. Attankarai
			74. Emanangundu
			75. Pillaimadam
			76. Pamban
			77. Rameswaram
			78. Mandapam
			79. Vedalai
			80. Marakkayaapatnam
			81. Muttupettai
			82. Kila Karai

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(ii) That such dues shall be levied subject to the conditions mentioned in the fourth column and the explanation given at the foot of the said Schedule.

(iii) That as regards the levy of Port Dues, such ports as have been included within double brackets in the 1st column of the said Schedule shall be treated as if they were only one port; every vessel in respect of which such dues have been charged and taken at one of any of the said ports being exempted from the dues on entering another port bracketed with it immediately after leaving the one in which the dues were charged and taken.

W. A. Street
Commander R. M.
Presy: Port Officer

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Schedule

1	2	3	4
Time of Port	Vessels chargeable (Sea-going vessels of 15 tons and upwards).	Rates of port dues per ton	How often chargeable in respect of the same vessel
Ports - Eastern Group.	Foreign Vessels, whether ships or steamers.		
1. Gopalpur 2. Sonmapuram 3. Baruva 4. Calingapatam 5. Konada 6. Bimilipatam 7. Vizagapatam 8. Ondimadaka 9. Pentakota 10. Uppada 11. Cocanada 12. Coringa 13. Bendamurulanaka 14. Karsapur 15. Pernipalam 16. Masulipatam 17. Penumudi 18. Morutola 19. Nagayalanaka 20. Kottapalem 21. Gangadipalem 22. Vizampatnam 23. Ippampalem 24. Bodduraniipalem 25. Kothipalle 26. Kanupatti 27. Kottapattanam 28. Itamukkala 29. Pakala 30. Karedu 31. Ramayapatnam 32. Chennayapatnam 33. Tummalapenta 34. Juvalladine 35. Iskapalle 36. Pennapudi 37. Maipadu 38. Kistnapatnam 39. Pamanji 40. Tupili	(1) Vessels calling at only one port within the Eastern Group. (a) Vessels trading with the Straits Settlements. (b) Other Vessels (ii) Vessels calling at more than one port within the Eastern Group. (c) Vessels trading with the Straits Settlements. (d) Other Vessels	3 Annas. 3 Annas. 1 1/2 Annas in addition to the due chargeable under 1(a) at the first port called at. 1 1/2 Annas in addition to the due chargeable under 1(b) at the first port called at.	The payment of the due at the port will exempt the ship or steamer for a period of 60 days from liability to pay the due again at that port. The due is payable on each entry into the port. The payment of the due at the first port called at in the group will exempt the ship or steamer for a period of 60 days from liability to pay the due again at that or any other port in the group. The due is payable once for the voyage.

vessels chargeable (Sea-
going vessels of 15 tons
and upwards).

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Rate of
port dues per ton

3

How often charge
respect of the same

4

Steamers calling at one or
more ports within the Eastern
Group.

3 Annas.

The payment of the due
port called at in the group
the steamer for a period of
liability to pay the due at
or any other port in the group.

Explanation. — In this part of the schedule —

(a) "ship" means a sailing vessel, and "steamer"
a steam vessel.

(b) "Coasting ship" or "coasting steamer" means respectively
a ship or steamer which at any port discharges
cargo exclusively from, or takes in cargo
exclusively for, any port in the island
of Ceylon or in any part of India between
the westernmost part of Sind and the
south-easternmost part of Burma; and
"coasting steamer" includes a coasting
steam vessel having a general pass under
Section 164 of the Sea Customs Act, 1878.

(c) "foreign ship" or "foreign steamer" means respectively
a ship or steamer not being a coasting ship
or coasting steamer.

Notification B.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 46
of the Indian Ports Act (x of 1889), His Excellency the Governor
-in-Council is pleased to direct that the rates of port
dues chargeable on any vessel entering a port in ballast
and not carrying passengers shall be three-fourths
of the rate laid down in Notification A above.

Notification C.

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section 47 of the Indian Ports Act (x of 1889),
His Excellency the Governor-in-Council is
pleased to direct that when a vessel enters a port
but does not discharge or take in any cargo or
passengers therein (with the exception of such
unshipment and re-shipment as may be
necessary for purposes of repair), she shall be
charged with a port due at half the rate specified
in Notification A above.

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maunder, R.D.M.,

Port Officer

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Notes Connected with 357 dated 2-4-97
 Marine P.W. DEPARTMENT.
 Read the following:—

from the Presidency Port officer, madras,
 No 942/96 G dated 18 march/97.

Mr. P. H. C. J. G.
 Mr. G. J. C. J. G.
 The Governor

FOR ORDERS.

refers to the fixing of the
 port dues (1) on the Act
 to force (2) on the Act being
 added to any port. Neither
 is now in question, the
 disposal being the varying
 to new charges, which is
 by S. 34. So far as
 S. 33 does not apply at
 being so, no sanction of
 needed nor need 2 months
 - The rates may be brought
 at once - I think they should
 then we report the port
 shall certainly want more
 and therefore issue the
 once, amended as above

The Presidency Port
 officer submits draft noti-
 fications for the enhance-
 ment of the port dues of
 the Eastern group, in order
 to give effect to the inter-
 view expressed in para 11
 of G. O. 261. Marine of 19th
 march/97.

2. It will be seen from
 letter No 262, Marine, of the
 same date that the sanc-
 tion of the Govt. of India
 is awaited to the issue,
 under Section 37(2)(a) of the
 act, of notification C,
 appendix No I of the G. O.

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given to the proposed
grouping of the ports. The
issue of notifications

A + B has accordingly
been deferred pending
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of the notifications now
drafted by the Presidency
Port officer should per-
haps be deferred. The
words "with the previous
sanction of the Governor-
General-in-Council"
should, it is thought, be
omitted from the Presidency
Port officer's notification - A.
This prior sanction does
not seem to be necessary
under Sections 33 + 34 of
the act; the enhance-
ment of dues not ex-
ceeding the maximum
rates

rates prescribed by the
Act.

R.A.

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FOR ORDER

Marine Department.

Note for Orders.

Revision of Port Dues.

In connection with the papers on the simplification of Port Fund Accounts the Hon. Mr. Bliss raised the question as to whether an enhancement of rates was not practicable. Since then, Hon. Members have had the benefit of personal discussion with Commander Street, the head of the Marine Department.

2. The Secretary now, in accordance with instructions, begs to submit the original papers^x which led to the fixing of the present rates.

3. A precis of the correspondence relating to the increase and decrease in the rates of port dues since the introduction of Act XII of 1875 is also submitted accompanied by the following statements:-

A. Statement comparing the -- maximum rates of port dues leviable under Acts XII of 1875, and X of 1889 with the actual rates charged.

B. Statement showing the probable increase of port dues recoverable by levying the maximum rates prescribed in Act X

.158 dated 15th April 89.
.243-44 Marine dated 10th
June 1889

of 1889.

3. Statement showing the surplus or deficit balances of Port Funds during the past 11 years.

4. Hon. Members will probably now be in a position to pass orders on the two questions of the enhancement of Port Dues and the simplification of Port Fund Accounts,

The Hon. Mr. Bliss, C.I.E.

The Hon. Mr. Gross, C.I.E.

His Excellency the Gov.

Port Funds.

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Many different rates have been proposed of different effect but no decision seems to be given by the proposals other than to have been this is a question for the members to decide upon. The members to be decided for Port dues.

From statement B it can be seen that if the Marine rates proposed for Dec 8 & 4 1885 & 1886 the income (approximate) will be

Category	Period
Eastern ports	11.186-19-8
Western ports	10.811-14-3
Madras	7.8043-6-3

From statement C it can be seen that the balance of Port Funds for 11 years from 1884-85 is

Category	Amount
Eastern ports including Madras	+16849
Western ports	+18575
Madras	+31645

+ 45769

but it seems to me that
the latter may be correct
for some mistake in
the form.


5/5/96

The rates given at page 3 of
G. O. Marine No 334, dated 14th
November 1895, are not the rates
at which Port Dues were actually
levied on each class of vessel, but
represent the share contributed per
ton towards the collection. For instance,
the total tonnage of Class A, British
Coasting Vessels, for Madras Port that
entered during the year was 560,642
and the total dues paid by that
class amounted to Rs 33,144; thus
each ton contributed 11 pies ($\text{Rs } 33,144 \div 560,642 \text{ tons}$); and so on for other
classes at Madras and at Coast
ports.

2. The maximum rate fixed
for Coasting Steamers is only 3 Annas
per ton according to Schedule, but
the $4\frac{1}{2}$ Anna rate is arrived at
if the Coasting vessels be also required
to

to pay at the second port an additional 1/2 Assra (which is below the maximum rate) as is the case if foreign vessels call at more than one port and obtain an exemption of 30 days as at present in the group. Vide also Col. 2 Page 28 of the Indian Postal Act X of 1889 (Schedule of Postage).

3. The information called for in P.P.O. telegrams will be found in the statement attached.

13 July 1896

Since the maximum rate fixed for carrying telegrams is only 1/2 Assra, it is not necessary to collect the 1/2 Assra rate in cases where the telegrams are carried at the maximum rate.

Surplus or deficit of the Eastern & Western Groups & Funds from 1885-86 to 1894-95 (10 years.)

	Eastern Group			Western Group		
	Receipts	Charges	Surplus + Deficit -	Receipts	Charges	Surplus + Deficit -
	Lakhs	Lakhs	Lakhs	Lakhs	Lakhs	Lakhs
86 —	1.37	2.37	-1.00	.74	.73	+0.01
87 —	1.72	2.72	-1.00	.80	.54	+0.26
88 —	1.53	2.17	-.64	.82	.68	+0.14
89 —	1.28	1.80	-.52	.82	.54	+0.28
90 —	2.24	1.53	+0.71	.75	.69	+0.06
91 —	1.65	1.51	+0.14	.85	.68	+0.27
92 —	1.90	2.33	-.43	.94	.65	+0.29
93 —	1.82	1.89	-.07	.99	.55	+0.44
94 —	3.02	1.76	+1.26	1.29	.89	+0.40
95 —	2.24	2.80	-.56	1.36	.93	+0.43
	Total - 2.11			Total 2.58		
	Average .21			Average .26		

Includes charges on acct of Gopulpur river

Includes Rs 70200 loan paid to Pambur Railway Co.

— Rs 70000 loan repaid by —

— Rs — Interest on Rs 89340 incurred during the year.

Statement prepared in the office

Total for 10 years	-1.86	Total for 10 years	3.14
Average	-.19	Average	.31
Difference	-.02		.05

Marine Dept.

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Note

(1) The charges of the Madras Port during 1889-90 and 1890-91 appear high, as the figures included large contributions made to the Harbour Trust Board during those years. If these contributions (vide notes (d) and (e) to the statement) be left out of the account, there will be nothing unusual in the ordinary charges.

(2) The receipts under Madras in 1884-85 include an extraordinary credit to Port Funds amounting to Rs 3,70,623 on account of Harbour Dues; ~~Madras is~~ ~~quarantine~~; but in subsequent years, a separate account was kept of these Harbour Dues, and they thus no longer appear in the Port Fund receipts. The charges are no doubt unusually heavy this year, and this may probably be accounted for by the fact that as credit was taken for the Harbour Dues, costs of collection and other charges incidental

incidental thereto must have been taken over with the receipts. It will involve considerable further delay if all these causes of variation during past years are now to be investigated. The figures may themselves be relied upon as being perfectly accurate, as they are taken from authentic sources.

The Harbour Dues are collections made for special services performed in the landing and shipping of goods, and are distinct from ordinary Port Dues.

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Marine Department.

Note for orders.

Revision of Port Dues.

In connection with the papers on the simplification of Port Fund Accounts, the Hon. Mr. Bliss raised the question as to whether an enhancement of rates was not practicable. Since then, Hon. Members have had the benefit of personal discussion with Commander Street, the head of the Marine Department.

2. The Secretary now, in accordance with instructions, begs to submit the original papers which led to the fixing of the present rates.

3. A précis of the correspondence relating to the increase and decrease in the rates of port dues since the introduction of Act XII of 1875 is also submitted accompanied by the following statements. Many different rates have been proposed by different officers, but no reasons seem to have been given for the proposals which appear to have been made without reference to the revenue to be derived from Port -- dues.

A. Statement comparing the maximum rates of port dues leviable under

0.158 d/15th April 1889.
0.243-44 Marine d/10th
June 1889.

under Acts XII of 1875, and X of 1880 with the actual rates -- charged.

B. Statement showing the probable increase of port dues -- recoverable by levying the maximum rates prescribed in Act X of 1880.

C. Statement showing the surplus or deficit balances of -- Port Funds during the past 11 years.

From statement B it will be -- seen that if the maximum rates -- prescribed by Act X of 1880 be -- levied the increase (approximate) will be

Eastern group ---- Rs. 11,186-12-8.
Western group ----, 10,811-14-3.
Madras. -----, 78,043- 6-3.

From statement C it will be seen that the average surplus or deficit balance of Port Funds per annum for 11 years from 1884-85 is

Eastern group including
extraordinary charges ---- 16,910
-Do- excluding -do- + 18,575
Western group ----- + 31,645
Madras. ----- + 45,76

4. Hon. Members will probably now be in a position to pass orders on the two questions of the enhancement of Port Dues and the simplification of Port Fund Accounts, but it seems to me that the latter may

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be decided irrespective of the -- former.

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The Hon. Mr. Bliss, C. I. E.

The Hon. Mr. Grose, C. I. E.

His Excellency the Governor.

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(a) The present statement deals with a period of 11 years, and taking the figures for this period there is a resulting deficit of Rs 1,86,116. The latest accounts, viz. for 1894-95, show that the Eastern Group closed with a surplus balance of Rs 85,532, and this is due to the fact that prior to the period under review there was a surplus in hand.

(b) The average annual surplus of the Eastern group excluding extraordinary expenditure as shown in Statement C. 18595.

Increase of Port Dues recoverable by levying maximum rates prescribed in Act X of 1884 as shown in statement B . . . 11,187

Rs 29,762

The amount required to carry out Mr. Ashpitel's scheme for the Eastern Group will be as shown below:—

Capital

Sea Lights

Structures	R. 2,71,000
Apparatus	1,30,000
Contingencies	14,800
P. W. charges	67,000
	<u>4,82,800</u>

Port Lights

Structures	36,500
Contingencies	1,200
P. W. charges	9,000
	<u>46,700</u>

Grand Total, Capital 5,29,500

Maintenance (Annual)

Sea Lights	50,870
Port Lights	8,400
Total Maint ^{ce} Annual	<u>59,270</u>

The closing surplus balance of the Western Group at the 31st March 1895 was R. 3,68,749.

The average annual surplus of the Western Group excluding extraordinary charges shown in statement C..... R.

R. 31,645

Increase of Port dues recoverable by levying the maximum rate of Port Dues under Act of 1884 as shown in Statement B..... 10,812

Total R. 42,457

The amount required to carry out Mr. Aschpater's scheme for the Western Group will be as shown below:—

Capital

Sea Lights

Structures	184,000
Apparatus	78,000
Contingencies	9,700
P. W. charges	45,500
	<u>3,17,200</u>

Port Lights

Structures	26,000
Contingencies	800
P. W. charges	6,500
	<u>33,300</u>

Grand Total Capital 3,50,500

Maintenance (Annual)

Sea Lights	27,030
Port "	6,600
Total Maint ^{ce} Annual	<u>33,630</u>

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Letter from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, No. 942/96 G dated
18th March 1897.

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His Excellency the Governor in Council having^x on consideration of the financial position of the --- Eastern group of ports and of the demands to be met in the near --- future on trade and safe navigation, came to the conclusion that it was necessary to raise the port --- dues of this group to the maximum rates allowed by the Act, *the* Presidency Port Officer now submits two draft notifications to give effect to this resolution. As amended by Government, they are approved and sanctioned, and will be published in the Fort St. George and District --- Gazettes. The revised rates will -- come into force from date of publication in the Fort St. George Gazette.

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„ Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

„ Accountant General.

„ Financial Department.

„ Collectors, Maritime Bts.

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