

Marine (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 280 Mar

DATED 11 April 1898

[Despatch Abstract.]

Godavari & Port Conservancy Board Coastal
Letter
from the P.P. officer suggesting for season 8
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of the - by which the official element will be
increased or that the port officer should be
made Vice Chairman recorded with reference
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Suggesting, for reasons pointed out, either a change in the constitution of the Godavari District Port Conservancy Board by which the official element will be increased or that the Port officer should be made Vice Chairman.

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No. 48/68G.

Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 5th February 1890.

From

Commander H.A. Street, R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer,
Madras,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

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3. The position of the Port Officer at Cocanada will be affected by the changes above proposed as he will be no longer the Conservator of the port. I submit that the designation should remain as at present, and that on the transfer of the Conservancy from his hands he should be appointed Chairman of the Conservancy Board. My reason for making this proposal is, that in my opinion it is advisable that the Chairman should be a Government Official. At an outport the Collector and Assistant Collectors are not always in the station and it is desirable that the Chairman of a Conservancy Board should be a person who is a permanent resident of the port and one whose business would permit of his exercising supervision and control over the acts and proceedings of all Officers and servants of the Board in matters of executive administration and in matters concerning the accounts and records of the Conservancy Board. The Port Officer therefore I submit

submit would be the best person to fill the post of Chairman of an out-
port Conservancy Board.

4. The question as to the number of persons to constitute the
Conservancy Board has now to be considered, and in my opinion should
not exceed seven including two representatives of the Native Community.
The present Groynes Committee consists of the Collector who is Chairman
ex officio, a Vice Chairman who is one of the European merchants and
Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, the Superintending Engineer of
the district, the Port Officer, two members of the European Chamber of
Commerce and two members of the Native Chamber. As the Collector and
the Superintending Engineer are not always in the station it is for con-
sideration whether they should be appointed members of the new Board.

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

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Marine Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:-

From the Presidency Port Officer, No. 48/68,G, dated
5th February 1890.

Order, dated 13th February 1890, No. 56.

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3. As to the constitution of the new Board of Conservancy -
and the conditions under which it should work, the Government is
of opinion that it should be Conservator of the port and keep the
accounts, but the Customs authorities should continue to collect -
the port dues at Madras. The Board should consist of the Port Of-
ficer as Chairman and Executive Officer and of four members, two
elected by the European Chamber and two by the Native Chamber of
Commerce. The Board would be in administrative subordination to
the Presidency Port Officer and should submit its budget and ac-
counts to and through him.

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

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Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 21st March 1898.

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From

Commander H. A. Street, R.I.M.,

Presidency Port Officer,

Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MARINE DEPARTMENT,

CHEPAK.

Sir,

In the Inspection Notes regarding the port of Coconada which accompanied my letter, No. 1730/103, G, dated 12th March 1898, I drew attention to the unsatisfactory position of the Port Officer at that port in connection with the control exercised by the Godavari District Port Conservancy Board over port conservancy arrangements, and I beg now to submit herewith, for perusal and consideration, extracts (paras 3 and 4) from my letter No. 48/68, G, dated 5th February 1890 to Government on the subject of the position of the Port Officer, and also from G.O. No. 56, Marine, dated 13th February 1890 (para 3) passed by Government on the proposals contained in the letter above quoted. The Order making the Port Officer Chairman of the Board was subsequently cancelled by G.O., No. 196, Marine, dated 21st May 1890, for reasons therein stated, but I submit that the time has now arrived for a re-consideration of that Order, for, owing to the frequent absence of the Chairman of the Board from the Port, its business has necessarily to be left in the hands of the Vice-Chairman who is not an Official, and I submit that the

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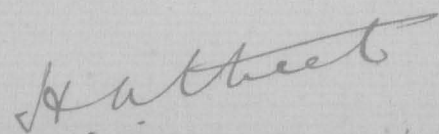
the recent proceedings of the Board show the necessity of having a Government Official as the Vice Chairman.

2. Under existing arrangements the Port Officer, in his position as Deputy Conservator of the Port, receives instructions relative to his port conservancy duties from a Board where the official element is conspicuous by its absence, and the consequence is, that he finds the position almost untenable. He has made no official complaint about the matter, but during my recent visit to Coconada he made me verbally acquainted with all his grievances, and I strongly advocate either a change in the constitution of the Board by which the official element will be increased, or that the Port Officer should be made Vice Chairman, following the practice obtaining in the Municipality at Madras where certain officials, such as for instance, the Engineer and the Health Officer are, I believe, Vice Chairmen.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



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