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[Despatch Abstract.]

Port of Cocanada: certain Papers on the subject of improvements to the — and of the constitution of the Godavari Dt Ports Conservancy Board, recorded with reference to G.O. No. 255 Marine / of 4 April 1898.

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Marine (1897) Department.

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CURRENT No. 1240

~~The Hon Sir Henry [illegible]~~ K.C.I.E.

For orders.

Submitted with reference to the Hon. Member's note dated 1st July 1897 in the ~~Order~~ linked file (Flag H)

The Presidency Port officer says that the "Wenlock" when altered can be worked at Cocanada, but is at present unable to say whether the vessel could be spared for the purpose. If arrangements can be made for hiring out the vessel, the large capital outlay on the purchase of a new dredger for Cocanada, in regard to which so many technical difficulties have arisen, will be saved –

R.S.

22/9/97

I don't think we can rely on being able to use the "Wenlock" at Cocanada. We had better, therefore, proceed with the measures which are necessary to provide Cocanada with a suitable dredger of its own. These are (1) see if we can get India to lend the money; or failing that, to legislate or allow us to legislate so that the Cocanada Rd. can borrow in the open market; and (2) find out the best sort of dredger for the place & what it will cost.

KS
24/9/97

From

The Presidency Port Officer,
Madras

No. 695/332 G

Dated 13 September 1897

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SUBJECT.

Informing that the Harbour Trust Board contemplate altering the "Wenlock" into a sand pump dredger and it could be worked at Cocanada when altered into such.

Await the [illegible] [illegible] 27.8.97

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Heading.

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE.
Madras, 13th September 1897.

From

Commander H. A. Street, R. I. M.,
PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Chepak

Sent in Cir today the 16/9/97

SIR,

In reply to the query regarding the Dredger "Wenlock", contained in Marine Department Memorandum No. 574, E, dated 10th September 1897, I have the honor to state that the Harbour Trust Board contemplate altering the "Wenlock" into a sand pump dredger, and are in communication with the Deputy Director, Royal Indian Marine, Calcutta, on the subject. Pending the receipt of estimates and plans connected with the proposed alteration, the Board are not in a position to address Government on the subject. The ordinary repairs to the Dredger have not yet been commenced, as I considered it advisable to await the decision of the Board regarding the proposed alteration before requesting the Deputy Director, R. I. M., to undertake work which might affect the alteration. I do not think that the Board have any intention of ordering hopper barges.

2. The "Wenlock" when altered into a sand pump dredger could be worked at Cocanada, but it is impossible at this date to say whether she could be spared for the purpose. It will take some months to effect the proposed alteration and when carried out the departure of the vessel from Calcutta will depend on the time of year.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obdt. servant,
H. A. Street
Commander, R. I. M.,
Presy. Port officer

md.

Marine (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 1317

B/

Order

Recorded with the remark that the subject of para 1 of the ~~Order~~ Minutes is now under reference to the Committee vide Memo No. x Ed/.

As regards para 2 the Government will be glad to consider the question of the amendment of the law, if specific proposals are made through the Presidency Port officer.

From The Port officer, Cocanada.

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No. 172/O.T.8

Dated 2-10-97

Received } 9-10-97
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SUBJECT.

Godavari Dt. Ports Conservancy Board

Submitting a copy of the Proceedings of a meeting of the — held on the 21st August 1897

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The District Ports Conservancy Board, Cocanada, thro' the Presidency Port officer

R.S.

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SUPPLEMENT

TO THE

GODAVARI DISTRICT GAZETTE

గోదావరి డిస్ట్రిక్టు గజెట్ సప్లిమెంటు

COCANADA—FRIDAY 1, OCTOBER 1897.

కాకినాడ—శుక్రవారం ది 1. అక్టోబరు 1897 సం॥

Minutes of a Meeting of Members of the Godavari District Ports Conservancy Board, Cocanada, held in Port Office, Cocanada, on Saturday the 21st August 1897, at 7·30 A.M.

Present :

V. A. Brodie, Esq.—*Chairman*
W. T. Highton, Esq.—*Vice-Chairman.*
C. W. Simson, Esq.—*Member*
M R Ry Batham Venkatarathnam Gar,—*Member*
,, Nalam Padmanabham Gar, ,,

SUBJECTS

1. Read G. O. No. 657 Marine, dated 22nd July 1897, asking the Port Conservancy Board, whether the proposed enhanced rates should not be raised at once under certain circumstances.

The Board is surprised at the demand now made and must refuse to pay it as its funds have always hitherto been at its own disposal, and the work now being done is being done in the Public Works Department which has not consulted the Board as to rates or in regard to any other matter. It is not being done in pursuance of any resolution of the Board, but by the Public Works Department under the orders of Government direct.

Moreover the Board agreed to enhance the rates for the specific purpose of paying interest on a loan for the purchase of a dredger and except for that specific purpose and until the loan for the dredger is actually made must decline to enhance the rates.

This matter has come up separately & has been dealt with by G.O. [illegible]

2. Read letter dated 4th August 1897, from the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Cocanada, to the Chairman, Godavari District Ports' Conservancy Board, bringing to notice the wholesale robbery that is now being carried on between the shore and the shipping, and asking to take necessary steps to put a stop to the thefts. Also a letter, dated 4th August 1897, from Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe & Co., Cocanada, to the President, Ports Conservancy Board, Cocanada, on the same subject.

The Board admits that the evil has reached such a pitch that stingent measures are necessary to suppress it, and with a view to this the Board desires the Deputy Conservator to enforce the boat rules strictly in so far as they are applicable to this end and also to patrol at sea with the steam Launch. The District Superintendent of Police is also to be requested through the District Magistrate to have the beach effectually patrolled. The Board however thinks it very necessary that there should be some amendment of the Act and rules rendering tindals responsible penally for loss of cargo between the shore and the steamer, and for communicating with fishing or other boats without leave, To encourage detection the Board also resolves to pay rewards on conviction at the rate of 10 per cent on all property recovered, subject to the minimum of Rs. 5 for every case convicted. Further the Board considers that the law should be amended and every one with cargo in his possession for which he cannot satisfactorily account, should be punishable criminally.

3. Read Deputy Conservator's report for the month of July 1897.
Read and recorded.

4. Read Port Fund and Landing and Shipping Dues accounts for July 1897.
Recorded.

5. Read correspondence received from the Chairman, Municipal Council, Cocanada, for remarks, regarding repairs and re-construction of the main sewer sluice, &c.

The Board does not approve of the work as designed as it is likely to cause a deposit of silt. The Board would have no objection to an iron or earthen pipe instead.

6. Read thirty-eight refund applications of Landing and Shipping Dues amounting to Rs. 270-7-6.
The refund of Rs. 270-7-6 is sanctioned.

(Signed) V. A. BRODIE,
Chairman,
Godavari District Ports Conservancy Board.

(True copy)
(Signed.) G. W. WICKS,
Deputy Conservator of the Port.

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No. 172/P.J.8

PORT OFFICE, COCANADA,
Dated 2nd October 1897.

FROM G. W. Wicks Esqr
PORT OFFICER,
COCANADA.

TO The Secretary to Government
Marine Department
Chepauk

HEADING.

SIR,

ENCLOSURE.

I have the honor to submit a Copy of the Proceedings of the Godavari District Ports Conservancy Board Cocanada Dated 21st August 1897 and Published with the District Gazette of 1st October 1897, for information.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt servant
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No. 172/P.S.8 of 1897.

From The Port Officer, Cocanada.

To The Secretary to Government Marine Dept. Cochin

Dated 2nd
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Subject.

Submitting Proceedings of a meeting of the G.D.P.C. Board 21-8-97.

L.O. No. 29.

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 10797

Order

From J.C. Lamming Esq. M.I.C.E.
Supdg. Engr. I Circle

No. C/678

Dated 26.10.97
Received 1-11-97
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SUBJECT.

Inspection Notes on Cocanada Port & new Training Walls.

— Submits his →

Cah
Has anything been done about purchasing the Dredger?
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W
Nothing has been done yet. The papers are at present with His Excellency – vide linked file C No 1240. Marine.
N.S.
5 Nov 97

Await their return
5/11/97

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No C/678

Dated 26/27 . 10 . 97

Inspection Notes of J. C. Larminie Esquire
M. I. C. E. Supdg Engineer I Circle
on Cocanada Port and
new Training jetties
Dated 14 . 10 . 1897

Some Change has taken place in the position and Condition of the bar since my last inspection on 18th July. The Channel over the bar which was then nearly in line with the centre line between the Jetties, has shifted to the southward, so the northern or red Buoy is now slightly to the South of the line of the South Jetty or nearly in the position before occupied by the South or black Buoy, which has been moved to the South by a Corresponding amount.

2/. The northern end of the bar has shoaled to some extent and shows broken water with $5\frac{1}{2}$ ft in the bar Channel, which has slightly increased in depth, while its (the bar) position has moved outwards being now outside the line of the buoys instead of inside them, as it lately was. The position of the buoys was only changed at end of last month.

3. The shoving out, as it were, of the bar, can only be ascribed to the heavy floods in the Yelairoo early in the month. The results of this flood are not as great as might have been expected, for although on the whole the condition of the Channel and the bar has improved, still the tendency of the Channel to work to the Southwards, is not desirable and if it continues it may result in a reversion to the old order of things, i.e. a circuitous Channel to the South-wards.

4. Possibly when floods are over, the ordinary tidal scour may resume its former action, but the only reliable safeguard will be the provision of a suitable Dredger and the recent rejection by the Port Conservancy Board of the Government proposal to share a Dredger with

Vizagapatam

Vizagapatam is only another instance of the shortsighted obstructive line of Policy they have followed for some time past and which promised at one time to seriously hamper the movements of this Department in dealing with the question.

5. More than one member of the Board is satisfied, that he alone is a born Harbour Engineer who alone understands the question and they are now in Communication with a Dredging Expert in England as to the most suitable kind of Dredger.

6. It is understood that the Wenlock is being converted into a sand pump Dredger by the Madras Harbour Board. Could she, after conversion, be lent to Cocanada for a fortnight, much valuable experience might be gained. Bucket and grab Dredgers have been tried for many

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years past, but with un-satisfactory results. So, notwithstanding the opinion of the Dredging expert, I think, the Sand pump should now have a trial.

7. Owing to the inability of the Railway to supply the Contractor with Trucks not much progress has been made with the additional raising of the Jetty ordered last Inspection, only 1000 c yards having been deposited. Better progress may now be expected

Suptg Engineer First Circle
27/10/97

To
The Chief Engineer
P.W. Department
Madras

LD. 92 CW. 1433

C.R.

Memo No. 553 E of 31. 8. 1897 quoted by the P.P.O. have been put up with CW. 1184 & sent to H.E. the Governor on the 29th Sep 1897

10 Nov 97

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Await the return of the papers still with H.E.

11-11-97

10 Nov 97

P.W. Department
Madras

Marine (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 14330

Order

From

The Presidency Port Officer,
Madras

No. $\frac{48}{387}$ G

Dated 4th November 1897

Received 3-10-11-97

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SUBJECT.

Submitting with remarks papers regarding the proposed dredger for the ports of Cocanada and Vizagapatam.

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Note

The currents below have been awaiting the disposal of the general question of the powers & position of the Conservancy Board at Cocanada.

11 March 1898

Extract from the Minutes of a meeting of the Godavary Dt. Ports Conservancy Board held on 16th September 1897.

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8. Letter from the Presidency Port Officer Madras to the Chairman of the Board d/ 4th September 1897 enclosing copy of specification of a Dredger which it is proposed by Government to obtain for use at Coconada and calling for any remarks on the matter which the Board may have to offer.

Resolved that the Presidency Port Officer be informed that the proposed Sand Pump Hopper Dredger is in the opinion of the Board, not suitable for this port. The Board proposes to obtain a Dredger for its own sole use in consultation with Mr. S.M. Cockburn who is a well known expert, and is acquainted with the Port.

(s/d) W.T. Highton

Vice Chairman G.Dt.P.C. Bd.

No.159/ P.T.1.

(True copy) forwarded to the Presodency Port Officer, Madras, with reference to his letter No.48/1026 M 4th September 1897 to the Chairman of the Board.

Coconada)
21-9-97.)

(s/d) G. Wicks
Deputy Conservator of the Port.

(True Copy)

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

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Landing and Shipping Office
Vizagapatam

No96.

Dated 18th September 1897.

From

The President of the
Landing and Shipping Committee
Vizagapatam,

To

The Presidency Port Officer,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.48/1262 P dated 4th September 1897 and in reply have now to inform you that a special meeting of the Members of the Landing and Shipping fees Committee was held in this office to discuss the specification for a dredger forwarded by you.

As regards the specification the members are of the opinion that it would be suitable with perhaps one or two minor alterations as for instance the height of the bull-work might with advantage be ft.4-6 in. in height otherwise every roller that comes in would sweep her decks. Further the Committee are of the opinion that if the specification is forwarded by Government with a future view of providing a dredger to carry on the work of the both ports, that they would before expressing their opinion, as to the advisibility of having a dredger under the proposed conditions like to hear fuller particulars with reference to the following.

1. What portion of the year would the dredger be at the disposal of Vizagapatam.

2. What the approximate cost of the upkeep of the dredger would be during the time she is working at Vizagapatam.

3. What would be debited against us as interest on the Block Account?

The Committee are of the opinion that the two latter questions are important in as much that the funds at the disposal of the Landing and Shipping Committee are comparitively small as compared with Coconada.

I have &c.

(s/d) F. Icely
President of the Landing
& Shipping Committee.

(True Copy)

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

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No. 199/P.S.I. Coconada, 30th October 1897

From
W. J. Highton, Esqr., Vice Chairman,
Godaveri Dt. Ports Conservancy Board,
Coconada,

To
The Presidency Port Officer,
Madras.

Sir

With reference to your letter No. 48/1231, M, dated 12th October 1897, addressed to the Chairman of the Board, I have the honor to state some of the grounds on which the Board considers the proposed dredger unsuitable for service at Coconada.

2. Although no draft of water is given in the specification, from the fact of the proposed dredger being a sea-going vessel and suited to stand the weather on the coast, it is evident that she will, even in a light condition, draw considerably more water than will be suitable for the shallow flat anywhere near to the bar at this port.

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3. It appears from the specification that the proposed dredger is intended to cut its own floatation in advance of the hull. This may be all very well where the water is comparatively deep, and where the distance to be cut to reach the actual bar is trifling but at this Port, the Board submits, it means a great expenditure of time and money before the bar is reached. The Board would prefer having a dredger which could be placed in position to tackle the actual obstruction at once.

4. It is useless expense and unnecessary to have a self-propelling dredger at Cocanada for the "Godaveri", can be utilized (as she is sufficiently powerful) for towing the dredger in and out to the bar, as for discharging the spoil into a hopper this is also an unnecessary and expensive addition for the time lost in steaming the dredger out and in would operate

against

against the usefulness of the dredger as very little work would be done.

5. The Board further thinks it would never do to share a dredger with Vizagapatam. When the weather was fine, we should both want the use of it, when bad, it would have necessarily to be at Cocanada, and these periods would reckon as Cocanada's share of the time.

Besides the Board strongly objects to let any dredger, in which it has an interest run the risks of going to sea or of getting caught in a sudden storm off Vizagapatam.

6. The Board thinks it may fairly claim to have managed well in the purchase of such plant as has already been obtained by its own agency, viz, the steam tug "Godaveri", the dredger "Connemara", and the steam Crane all of which were secured at moderate cost and have

proved to be fully capable of performing the work they were intended to do.

I have &c.,
(S/d) W. J. Highton
Vice Chairman, G.D.P.C.Bd.

(True Copy)

H. A. Street
Commander, R.I.M.,
Presy. Port Officer

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Heading. No. 48/387 G

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,
Madras, 4th November 1897.

From

Commander H. A. Street, R.I.M.,
PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Chepak.

SIR,

With reference to Marine Department Memorandum No. 553, E, dated 31st August 1897 (Enclosure herewith returned), I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that I forwarded a copy of the specification in question to the Chairman, Godavari District Ports Conservancy Board, and to the President, Vizagapatam Landing and Shipping Dues Committee in view to obtaining an expression of their views thereon. Copies of the replies received are forwarded herewith and it will be seen therefrom that the Vizagapatam Landing and Shipping Dues Committee while considering that the proposed dredger would be suitable with perhaps one or two minor alterations desire, before expressing an proved to be fully capable of performing the work they were intended to do.

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Vice Chairman, G.D.P.C.Bd.

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(a) what portion of the year would the dredger be at the disposal of Vizagapatam?

(b) what the approximate cost of the upkeep of the dredger would be during the time she is working at Vizagapatam?

(c) what would be debited against the Landing and Shipping Dues Committee as interest on the Block account?

With respect to these points I would observe as follows, viz:—

(a) The months during which the smoothest water prevails are from November to middle of March.

(b) The cost of upkeep of the "Wenlock" is Rupees (2,000) two thousand per mensem in round numbers and might be taken as a guide.

(c) The original cost of the dredger and its upkeep when not working might be divided equally between Vizagapatam and Cocanada, and the entire upkeep when working borne by the port at which the vessel is employed.

2. The Godaveri District Ports Conservancy Board in reply first of all

passed

passed a resolution to the effect that the proposed dredger is in the opinion of the Board not suitable for Cocanada — see copy of Resolution attached — and as no reasons were afforded, I addressed the Board again on the question and their reply is contained in their letter of 30th October 1897 — copy attached.

(a) The first objection is in respect to the vessel being a sea-going craft and intended to stand the weather on the coast and that she would probably draw more water than is obtainable near the bar. No draft is given in the specification but as it is stated therein that the minimum depth of dredging will be 3 feet, the Board could have gathered from that that the draft of the vessel would be light enough to meet their requirements.

(b) The second objection appears to be due to some misconception as to working of a vessel which is able to cut its own floatation, and to the advantages gained thereby.

(c) The objection to the vessel going to sea to discharge her spoil has some force in it, for at Cocanada a vessel has to go a long way to drop her spoil, but this could be got over by keeping the vessel stationary and discharging into boats.

(d) The fourth objection might be got over by a little arrangement; the last is scarcely worth consideration for the vessel would not be sent to Vizagapatam during season of bad weather.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obdt: servant,
H. A. Street
Commander, R.I.M.,
Presy: Port Officer

Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 45

From

The Presidency Port Of
Madra

Order

No. 48/13 G

Dated 11th January 1898

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SUBJECT.

Reporting on the Resolution of the Godavari District Conservancy Board regard bills for Port Fund charg being countersigned by th Vice President.

go a long way to drop her spoil, but this could be got over by keeping the vessel stationary and discharging into boats.

(d) The fourth objection might be got over by a little arrangement; the last is scarcely worth consideration for the vessel would not be sent to Vizagapatam during season of bad weather.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obdt. servant,
H. A. Street
Commander, R.I.M.,
Presy. Port Officer

Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 45

Order

From

The Presidency Port officer,
Madras

No. 48/13, G

Dated 11th January 1898

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SUBJECT.

Reporting on the Resolution of the Godavari District Conservancy Board regarding bills for Port Fund charges being countersigned by the Vice President.

BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

Port Office, Cocanada

No. 214/239 December 1897

~~From~~

G. W. Wicks Esqr

P. Officer and Dy Conservator of the Port of Cocanada

To

The Presidency Port Officer

Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for your information copy of a resolution passed by the Godavari Dt Ports Conservancy Board at its meeting held on 29 November.

2. The bills referred to in the Resolution include the Port and Light House Pay bills and the Port and Light House contingent bills, which have hitherto been drawn from the Treasury without the countersignature of the Vice chairman and the detailed contingent bills have been sent direct to you. This has been the practice since the formation of the Board the Vice chairman countersigning only the bills payable from Landing

and shipping Dues under Act III of 1885.

3. I request the favour of your early instructions in the matter.

I have &c

(Sd) G. W. Wicks

P. Offr and Dy Consr
of the Port.

Extract from the Minute of a Meeting of the Godavari Dt Ports Conservancy Board Coconada held on the 29 November 1897.

Present

Subject.

8. Read letter dated 12 November 1897 from Mr W. T. Highton, member, to the Vice chairman President, Godavari Dt Ports Conservancy Board, Coconada proposing that all payments relating to the Port Fund accounts be laid before the Board and all bills be countersigned by the Vice President.

Resolved that all bills be countersigned by the Vice President as proposed.

(Sd) W. T. Highton

Vice Chairman

G. Dt Ports C. Board

(True copy and Extract)

H. W. Street

Commdr R.N.

Presidency Port Officer

E.A.H.

Mal Go/46/98

No. 48/13 G

Heading.

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,
Madras, 11 January 1898.

From
Commander H. A. Street R.I.M.
PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
Madras,

To
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Chepak

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith copies of letter from the Port Officer and Deputy Conservator of the Port of Coconada No 214/P.37, dated 1st December 1897, and of an extract from the Proceedings of Godavari District Port Conservancy Board dated 29th November 1897, and to point out, for the information of Government, that up to date the bills specified by the Port Officer have been forwarded to this office without the Vice Chairman's countersignature, and as the board has no control over the Eastern Group Port Funds there appears to be no necessity for altering the existing practice, for the bills in question are met from Port Funds and not from Landing and + Shipping dues.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
H. Atheel
Commander R.I.M.
Presidency Port Officer

+ The Board has no control over Landing & Shipping Dues either.
15' Jan 98

E.A.H.

Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 46

From

The Presidency Port Officer, Madras

Order

No. 48/14 G

Dated 11" January 1898
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SUBJECT.

Bringing to notice of Govt. the objection of the Godavery district Ports Conservancy Board for debiting Groynes charges to Landing and Shipping Dues.

BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

Cocanada 11 December 1897.

No. 46/a2.

From

The Vice Chairman

Godavari Dt. Ports Conservancy Bd.

Cocanada

To

The Presidency Port Officer,

Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No 1462 M of 1st Instant, and to request that you will explain under what circumstances the item of Rs 47668 - 11 has been debited to +Landing and Shipping Dues Fund. This is the first intimation the Board has had of the debit and I would point out that under order dated 21st May, 1890 No 196 Marine, the Board was placed in charge of the Port Improvements and of the accounts of the Port Funds under section 36 Act X of 1889.

Our accounts for the past financial year were duly forwarded to you and were never challenged as incorrect in any way.

Under

+The Landing and Shipping Dues do not come under Act X 1889 as was before pointed out. Papers with H.E.
15 Jan 98

Under the Government Order appointing the Board, it would appear the Accountant General has no authority to make any entries to the Landing and Shipping Dues Fund on account of this Board nor has any control over the same.

An early reply will oblige.

I have &c
(Sd) W. Heghton
Vice Chairman
G. D. P. C. Board.

(True copy)

~~H. A. Street~~
Commdr R.I.M.
Presidency Port Officer

E.A.H.

As a matter of fact it is the Board that has control over the Landing & Shipping Dues
15 Jan 98

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No. $\frac{48}{14}$ G

Heading.

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,
Madras, 11 January 1898.

From
Commander H. A. Street R. I. M.
PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
Madras,

To
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Chepak.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of letter received from the Vice chairman, Godavari District Ports Conservancy Board, No $\frac{46}{a2}$ dated 11th December 1897, and to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that the attention of that officer has been drawn to para 3 of G.O. No 657 M dated 22d July 1897, in respect to the debit of the Landing and Shipping dues, Coconada, of the sum of R 47688 - - 11 in the accounts for 1896-97, and he has been informed that the Accountant General acts under Orders of Government, referred to.

With

2. With regard to the view of the Vice chairman as expressed in the first para of his letter, the accounts referred to in clause II of Notification published in G.O. No 196, Marine, dated 21st May 1890.- refer to dues over which the Board has never had any control, and in order to prevent misapprehension in future, I think that this clause might be cancelled with advantage.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
H A Street
Commander RIM
Presidency Port Officer

G.A.H.

Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 51

From The Port Officer,
Cocanada

No. 237/P.J.

Dated 10th January 1898
Received } 14 — do —
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SUBJECT.

Submitting copy of Pro: of th
Godavari Dist Ports Conserva
Board, Cocanada, dated 21
October 1897 published wit
the Dist Gazette of 4th Jany/

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SUPPLEMENT
TO THE
GODAVARI DISTRICT GAZETTE
గోదావరి డిస్ట్రిక్టు గజెట్ సప్లిమెంటు

COCANADA—TUESDAY 4, JANUARY 1898.
కాకినాడ—మంగళవారం ది 4, జనెవరు 1898 సం॥

Minutes of a Meeting of Members of the Godavari District Ports Conservancy Board, Cocanada, held in Port Office, Cocanada, on Thursday the 21st October 1897, at 7-30 A. M.

Present:

W. T. Highton, Esq.—*Vice-Chairman*
C. W. Simson, Esq,—*Member*.
T. Kipping, Esq,—*Member*.
M. R. Ry. Batham Venkataratnam Gar,—*Member*
" Nalam Padmanabham Gar, "

SUBJECTS

Read and confirmed Proceedings of the last Meeting.

1. Read Deputy Conservator's report for the month of September 1897.

Resolved that the Deputy Conservator be requested to call for the records in the case in which the Light-house keeper at Vakalapudi, prosecuted some parties found with gingelly in their possession, also that the Shipping Masters at Calcutta and Bombay be written with reference to securing a suitable man for Patrol Inspector.

2. Read Port Fund and Landing and Shipping Dues Accounts for September 1897.

Resolved that Rs. 50,000, of the balance at credit of Landing and Shipping Dues be invested in 3½ per cent paper through the Bank of Madras.

3. Read Deputy Conservator's letter No. 178 P. I., dated 14th October 1897, to the Board, reporting that he has enquired into the complaint of Messrs. Simson Brothers.

Recorded.

4. Read application from Messrs. Innes & Co., Cocanada, of 11th instant, requesting permission to construct a wharf 10 yards to the East of the Municipal Drain close to their present one which is in a bad state of repair.

Resolved that the site be left to the Deputy Conservator, but it must not infringe on present rights.

5. Read letter No. $\frac{48}{1216}$, M., dated 11th instant, from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Chairman, enquiring why the usual practice, adopted at all other places where a Harbour Board exists, of circulating a Government order to several members of the Board cannot be observed at Cocanada.

Resolved that the Presidency Port Officer be informed that the individual members of the Board cannot pay proper attention to the conduct of the Board's business unless they have a copy of the Government orders issued from time to time for ready reference. The Board will be glad to pay for any extra expense incurred in striking off the eight copies asked for.

6. Read letter No. $\frac{48}{1231}$ M., dated 12th instant, from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Chairman of the Board, requesting to know in detail for the information of Government the grounds on which the Board considers the proposed Dredging apparatus unsuitable for Cocanada.

Objections will be sent.

7. Read Government Order No. 834, of 24th September 1897, received from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, regarding freight on Government Stores.

Recorded.

8. Read letter dated 28th September 1897, from the Manager, Vacuum Oil Company, Bombay, stating that they have got for sale Etna Engine Oil at Rs. 1-12-0, per gallon f. o. b. Cocanada

Recorded. Resolved that the oil be tried.

9. Read letter No. 95L., dated 12th instant, from the Executive Engineer, Eastern Division, Godavari, to the Port Officer, Cocanada, informing him that only the new extension of the Groynes are under the charge of the D. P. W.

Recorded.

(Signed) W. T. HIGHTON,
Vice Chairman,
Godavari District Ports Conservancy Board.

(True copy)

(Signed) G. W WICKS,
Deputy Conservator of the Port.

Cocanada :—Printed by V. Seshiah at Messrs. Hall, Wilson & Co.'s Printing Press.

Mad E/ 51/98

No. 257/P.9.7

Port Office, Cocanada,
Dated 10th January 1898

From
G. W. Wicks Esqre
PORT OFFICER,
COCANADA.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Chepak.

Heading.

Enclosures.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit a Copy of proceedings of the Godavary District Ports Conservancy Board, Coconada, dated 21st October 1897, published with the District Gaz. of 4th January 1898.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Geo. W. Wicks
Port Officer & Dy Conserv
of the Port

3/ but finding that the
Collector was absent
by a late post, he wrote
to the Vice Chairman and
informed him that, he
purposed taking a [illegible]
days casual leave, and
had written to the Collector
as Chairman of the Board
for permission. The Vice
Chairman wrote back,
~~that~~ in the absence of the
Chairman it was the
duty of the Deputy Commissioner

ask the permission of
the Vice Chairman to
absent himself.
Before the formation of
the Board, the P.O. always
obtained short leave from the
Collector, but now it would
appear that the Board
expect him to ask the
permission of their Vice
Chairman who might
be any mercantile
person selected for the
post. Should the Vice
Chairman be unfriendl
it is in his power to
make matters very
unpleasant to the Por
Officer. It is only since
Mr Highton has been
Vice Chairman that
all this friction has
arisen. Before he becam
a member of the Board
& while Hall, Wilson & Co
were represented, matters
went on quietly enough.
I think that the Constitutio

of the Board requires alteration and that the Vice Chairman should be a Govt. Officer. His powers with respect to the ~~Port Officer~~ Deputy Port Conservator should be also clearly defined. I certainly think that, the Port Officer in his capacity as Deputy Port Conservator has a most unpleasant time of it and care should be taken to place him in a more independent position!

Yours truly

A Albert

~~Presidency Post Office,~~
Madras, 180 .

Govt. Sr. "Margarita"
~~Presidency Port Office~~,
Vizagapatam. 6th Feb
~~Madras,~~ 1898.

My dear de Winton,

I sent from Coconada yesterday an official letter respecting the difficulty experienced by the Port Officer in enforcing the revised regulations regarding the carrying of side lights by sailing boats over 20 tons. As explained in that letter it is only the Native Boat owners who object to the regulations, and their objection is mainly due to the expenses connected with the provision and upkeep of the lights. The European boat owners have complied with the regulations. Brodie, the Collector, takes the part of the native Boat owners, and apparently fails to understand that the regulations have been made by the Home Govt, and are applicable to all British Possessions, and cannot be altered in any way without the permission of the Home Govt. His contention that they are not applicable to boats plying in the Roadstead of Coconada appears to me to be based on wrong grounds. The Roadstead is an open one, and sea going vessels approaching the anchorage by night are often met by the large cargo boats of over 20 tons coming out or returning with cargo. These boats must therefore be provided with some kind of light to show their whereabouts while underway, and according to the revised regulations for preventing collisions at sea

boats over 20 tons have to carry
the same kind of side lights
as any sailing vessel. As
Brodie had directed the
Port Officer to delay enforcing
my order regarding the lights
I considered it inadvisable
to cancel his direction, and
have placed the matter
before Govt. Should Govt decide
to relax the regulation, the
European boat owners will
consider that they have been
fools to provide their boats
with lights, and that they have
been put to unnecessary
expense. This is a point for consideration

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SUPPLEMENT
TO THE
GODAVARI DISTRICT GAZETTE
గోదావరి డిస్ట్రిక్టు గెజెట్ సప్లిమెంటు

COCANADA—TUESDAY 1, FEBRUARY 1898
కాకినాడ—మంగళవారం ది 1. ఫిబ్రవరు 1898 సం॥

Minutes of a Meeting of Members of the Godavari District Ports Conservancy Board, held in Port Office, Cocanada, on Monday the 29th November 1897, at 7-30 A M

Present.

W. T. Highton Esq.— *Vice-Chairman.*
C. W. Simson. Esq.,—*Member*
T. Kipping, Esq , Do.
J. Eagleson, Esq., Do.

SUBJECTS.

1. Read and confirmed Proceedings of the last meeting.

2. Read Deputy Conservator's report for the month of October 1897.

Recorded.

3. Read Port Fund and Landing and Shipping Dues accounts for October 1897.

Passed.

4. Read Extract from Government order No. 804, Revenue, dated 22nd September 1897, sanctioning extra allowance owing to dearness of provisions.

Recorded.

5. Read D. P. W. bills for Rs. 81-14-0 and Rs. 7-0-2, being cost of repairing shaft for the Tug "*Godavari.*"

Passed.

6. Read Estimate for Rs. 181-2-8, for building a new jolly boat for the Dredger "Connemara."

Resolved that a Dhoney be purchased.

7. Read seventeen refund applications of Landing and Shipping Dues amounting to 1-2.

d.

8. Read letter, dated 12th November 1897, from Mr. W. T. Highton, Member, to the Vice-President, Godavari District Ports Conservancy Board, Cocanada, proposing that all payments relating to the Port Fund accounts be laid before the Board, and all bills be countersigned by the Vice-President.

Resovled that all be countersigned by the Vice-President as proposed.

9. Read letter No. 18, dated 15th November 1897, from the Inspector of Police, Cocanada Town, stating that no case could have been made out from the gingelly seed seized as there was no complainant, and that the seeds were sent to the Magistrate as suspicious property on the 19th August 1897.

Recorded.

10. Read Government order No. 922 Marine, dated 12th November 1897, sanctioning the supply of additional copies of printed Proceedings through the Presidency Port Officer.

Recorded.

11. Letter from Shipping Master, Bombay, dated 20th November, recommending Mr. Lindsay as a suitable man for employment as Patrol Inspector.

Resolved that Mr. David Lindsay be entertained on Rs. 80 per mensem, subject to sanction of Government.

(Signed) W. T. HIGHTON,
Vice-Chairman,
Godavari District Ports Conservancy Board.

(True copy)

(Signed) G. W. WICKS,
Deputy Conservator of the Port.

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TO THE

GODAVARI DISTRICT GAZETTE

గోదావరి డిస్ట్రిక్టు గెజెట్ సప్లిమెంటు

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కాకినాడ—మంగళవారం ది 1 ఫిబ్రవరు 1898సం॥

Minutes of a Meeting of the Godavari District Ports Conservancy Board, Cocanada, held in Port Office, Cocanad, on Thursday the 23rd December 1897, at 7-30 A. M.

Present.

W. T Highton, Esq.,—*Vice-Chairman.*
C. W. Simson, Esq.,—*Member.*
T. Kipping, Esq., *Do.*
M. R. Ry, B. Venkatarathnam Gar,—*Member.*
" N. Padmanabham Gar. *Do.*

SUBJECTS.

1. Read and confirmed minutes of last meeting held on the 29th November 1897.

2. Read Deputy Conservator's report for the month of November 1897.
Recorded.

3. Read Port Fund and Landing and Shipping Dues accounts for November 1897.
Recorded.

4. Read letter No. 1462M., dated 1st December 1897, from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Vice-Chairman of the Board, re-investment in Government securities of a sum of Rs. 50,000, out of Landing and Shipping Dues Fund, Cocanada, and the Vice-Chairman's reply thereto.
Recorded pending receipt of reply from the Presidency Port Officer.

5. Read correspondence relative to appointing a reliable European as Patrol Inspector on a salary of Rs. 80 per month.
Resolved that Mr. W. Lindsay be at once engaged on Rs. 80 per month, and that the Deputy Conservator wire to Bombay.

6. Read G. O. No. 971 Marine, of 30th November 1897, sanctioning further extension of 6 months for the retention, in the service of 2 Groynes Light-keepers.
Recorded.

7. Read letter, dated 30th November 1897, from Messrs. Hall, Wilson & Co., to the Deputy Conservator of the Port, stating that the stone flagging in the Custom House Jetty requires repairing, also Deputy Conservator's estimate for Rs. 500, for the work required.

Resolved that the sand laid down by Messrs. Hall, Wilson & Co., remain for the present

8. Bill for Rs. 72-11-7, received from the Vacuum Oil & Co., Bombay, for cost of $41\frac{5}{9}$ gallons of Etna Engine oil supplied for Dredgers, &c.

Passed.

9. An application from Mr. J. LeFaucheur, for the work of discharging mud punts at Rs. 2-4-0 each, for the large ones and Re. 1-1-0 for the small ones.

Postponed for enquiries.

10. Read bill for Rs. 206-4-0, being cost of 600 cubic yards of wood supplied for use of Dredgers, &c.

Passed.

11. Read application from Head Clerk, Port Office, requesting the Board for an increase to the office allowance paid to him hitherto for keeping correspondence and accounts in connection with Landing and Shipping Dues, as the work has been increased to a great extent.

Resolved that an increase of Rs. 5 be sanctioned.

12. Read letter from N. Bapirazu, requesting to cancel his offer for supply of stores for December 1897, unless the whole supply taken from him.

Cancelled as requested.

13. Read extract from the *Madras Mail*, regarding a theft detected at Madras, said to have been committed on board a steamer in the roads.

Resolved that Mr. Seshagiri Rao be requested to appear for the Board in the next case of theft that comes to the notice of the Board.

14. Read letter No. 74E., dated 22nd December 1897, to the Vice-Chairman of the Board, requesting approval of the retention, in the service of Boddu Narayudu, Port serang, for another year from 1st April 1898.

Under the circumstances the Board has no objection to retain the services of Boddu Narayudu, Port serang, for another year.

(Signed) W. T. HIGHTON,
Vice-Chairman,
Godavari District Ports Conservancy Board.

(True copy.)
(Signed) G. W. WICKS,
Deputy Conservator of the Port.

Cocanada :—Printed by V. Seshiah at Messrs. Hall, Wilson & Co.'s Printing Press.

No. 257/P.98

Port Office, Cocanada,
Dated 14th February 1898.

From G. W. Wicks Esqr
PORT OFFICER,
COCANADA.

To
The Secretary to Government
Marine Department
Chepak.

Heading.

Sir,

Enclosure.

I have the honor to submit a Copy of the proceedings of the Godavari District Ports Conservancy Board Cocanada dated 29 November and 23rd December 1897 published in the District Gazette of 1st February 1898.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt Servant

Port Officer

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Passed.

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Postponed for enquiries.

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(Signed) W. T. HIGHTON,
Vice-Chairman,
Godavari District Ports Conservancy Board.

(True copy.)
(Signed) G. W. WICKS,
Deputy Conservator of the Port.

Cocanada:—Printed by V. Seshiah at Messrs. Hall, Wilson & Co.'s Printing Press.

No. 257/P.3.8

Port Office, Cocanada,
Dated 14th February 1898.

From G. W. Wicks Esqr

Port Officer,
Cocanada.

To

The Secretary to Government
Marine Department
Chepak.

Heading.

Enclosure.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt Servant
G. W. Wicks
Port Officer

The Secretary to Government
Marine Department
The Presidency Port Officer

I have the honor to submit a copy of the Proceedings of the Godavari District Ports Conservancy Board Cocanada dated 29th November and 23rd December 1897 published in the District Gazette of 1st February 1898

I have the honor to be
Sir

No. 257/P.38 of 1898;

From
The Port Officer,
Cocanada.

To
The Secretary
to Government
Marine Dept.
Chief

Dated 14 }
Despatched a } Feb 98
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Subject.
Submitting Minutes of meetings of the G.D.P.C. Board of 29th Novr 97 & 23rd Dec 97.

Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 251

From
The Presidency Port officer,
Madras

Order

No. 48/16 G

Dated 23rd February 1898
Received }
Registered } 24.2.98.
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SUBJECT.

Forwarding with remarks the Resolution of the Godavari district Ports Conservancy Board, dated 27th January 1898, regarding the lawful custody of proceeds of the Landing and Shipping dues.

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Minutes of a Meeting of members
of the Godavari Dt. Ports Conservancy
Board Cocanada held in Port Office
Cocanada on Thursday the 27th of Jany/98.

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5. Read - Letter No. $\frac{48}{50}$ P. dated 10th January
1898, from the Presidency Port Officer
Madras, to the Vice Chairman, relative
to the investment in Government
Securities of a Sum of Rs 50,000/. out
of the Landing and Shipping Dues
Fund, Cocanada; Also copy of the
letter from the Vice Chairman.

The Board is of opinion
that the action of the accountant
General is wholly ultra vires
and he is to be requested to recredit
the amount to the Board at once.
By law the Board is of opinion
that the custody of proceeds of the
Landing and Shipping Dues is vested
in the Board alone, and the Board
has never sanctioned the expenditure
in Question nor have any plans
or

or Estimates or accounts been submitted to it for it's Sanction or approval. The work has been carried out without any reference to the Board whatever and hence the Board has all along presumed the work was being done by Government at Government Expense.

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(Signed) W. T. Highton
Vice Chairman
G. Dt. P. C. Bd.

(True Copy)
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Dy Conservator of the Port

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Cocanada 5th Febry 1898 9-2-98

PRESIDENCY
FEB 98

No 52
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From W. T. Highton Esquire
Vice Chairman G. Dt. P. C. Bd
Cocanada.

To
The Secretary to Government
Madras
Through the Presidency Port Officer
Madras.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for the information of Government copy of Resolution of the Godavari District Ports Conservancy Board Cocanada, passed at its meeting held on the 27th January 1898.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obdt Servt.
W. Highton
Vice Chairman G. Dt. P. C. Bd

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Rar 257/98

Presidency Port Office,

No. 48/76 G

Madras, 23rd February 1898.

Heading

From

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

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
CHEPAK.

Sir,

In forwarding the accompanying Resolution of the Godavari District Ports Conservancy Board dated 27th January 1898, with covering letter from the Vice Chairman of the Board, I beg to point out that the contention of the Godavari District Ports Conservancy Board that by law the Board is entitled to the custody of proceeds of the Landing and Shipping Dues is not upheld by Madras Act No III of 1885 under which the dues are levied, for by section 7 of that Act all fees payable under the Act must be paid into a Government Treasury. There is nothing in the Act which requires the sanction of the Board to the expenditure of the fees on any purpose considered necessary by Government in connexion with landing and shipping operations.

2. G.O., No. 657, Marine, dated 22d July 1897, relating to the expenditure of landing and shipping dues on the extension of the Cocanada Groyne, was communicated to the Board by this Office on the 6th August 1897, and therefore it is not understood why the Vice Chairman of the Board should now state that the Board has all along presumed that the work of extending the groynes was being done by Government at Government expense. Every Government order connected with the expenditure of Cocanada Landing and Shipping dues, appears

to have been communicated in due course to the Board.

3. It is not clear from the copy of the Resolution forwarded with the Vice Chairman's letter whether the Chairman was present on the occasion or not. Judging from its tone I am inclined to think that the Resolution must have been passed in his absence, and should this be the case, I submit that the necessity of the Vice Chairman being a Government Official is apparent.

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