

Marine (1899) Department.

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✓ *1899-7-1*
G.O., No. 126 Marine

DATED 7th Feb. 99

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Improvement of the Vizagapatam Harbour

Directing that the subject of the
by means of funds to be raised by a
private company, be referred to the repre-
sentatives of the shipping interests concerned
and the local Chambers of Commerce.

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FEBRUARY.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From H. H. RISLEY, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Marine Department, dated Calcutta, 26th January 1899, No. 383-S.R.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 769, Marine, dated the 8th September last, forwarding a copy of correspondence on the subject of the improvement of the Vizagapatam harbour by the agency of a company; and requesting the general approval of the Government of India to the works being undertaken on the lines suggested in the correspondence subject to the approval, hereafter, of the detailed agreement which will have to be drawn up.

2. In reply I am to say that the Governor-General in Council is not prepared at present either to accept or to reject finally the principle of a work of this kind being undertaken by a company (which, so far as India is concerned, is a new development), but will be glad to consider the matter further in connection with the detailed proposals which the Government of Madras, after negotiation with the promoters, may have to make. I am to observe, however, that the entire question in any case will have to be referred to the Secretary of State for India, especially if, as appears to be intended, the company is to be an English one with a sterling capital and domicile in London. Before making such a reference the Government of India would wish to be in possession of a general sketch setting forth the terms and conditions to be embodied in the detailed agreement which would ultimately have to be drawn up in connection with the scheme. I am accordingly to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, these details may be furnished to the Government of India.

3. I am also to say that His Excellency the Governor-General in Council considers that the representatives of the shipping interests likely to be affected and the Local Chambers of Commerce should be consulted, and their views on the subject of the proposed scheme communicated to the Government of India. It appears to the Government of India that special legislation will in any case be necessary, and it is desirable to know what rights at present possessed or exercised by the public (which at present has, it is presumed, free entry into the port of Vizagapatam, subject to payment of dues) will be restricted or limited, under any arrangements made with the proposed company.

ORDER—No. 126, Marine, dated 7th February 1899.

The subject of the improvement of the Vizagapatam harbour by means of funds to be raised by a private company will, as suggested by the Government of India, be referred to the representatives of the shipping interests concerned, and the local Chambers of Commerce, who are requested to be so good as to favour the Government

with an expression of their views on the proposed scheme, the details of which will be found recorded in the undermentioned Proceedings of Government, copies of which will be furnished for information :—

G.O., No. 256, Marine, dated 17th March 1897.

G.O., No. 768, " " 8th September 1898.

2. The further information required by the Government of India will, meanwhile, be collected and will be dealt with on receipt of replies to the present reference.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Madras Chamber of Commerce,
 " Agents, British India Steam Navigation Company, Madras, ✓
 " " Asiatic Steam Navigation Company, Madras, x
 " " Clan Line Steamers, Madras, x
 " the Landing and Shipping Dues Committee, Vizagapatam ✓
 (through the Presidency Port Officer),
 " the Presidency Port Officer.
 " A. MacNab, Esq.

with copies of the undermen-
 tioned P.Gs.—
 G.O., No. 256, Marine,
 17th Mar. 1897.
 G.O., No. 768, Marine,
 8th Sept. 1898.

Note

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Points to be dealt with
in Connection with the Govt
of India letter N-383 S.R.
of 26. Jan'y: 99 - with S.O. 126
Mar of 7. Feb'y: 99:—

(1) Recis of information to
be embodied in agreement
This must await Mr
Maitland's reply to
Mr de Winter's letter N-879
Mar of 20. Oct: 98.

(2) Public right to be ex-
plained
This must await reply
from Comtee to reference
now made to him—

27 Feb 99

Read the following:—

Letter from the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department,
No. 3835.12., dated 26th January 1899.

Improvements to the port of Vizagapatam

Circulated to

~~His Excellency the Governor.~~

ORDER.

No. 126. Mar 27. 2. 99

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- G.O. 256 Marine, d/14th March 1897
- " 768 Marine d/ 8th September 1898

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1,000-14-11-98.]

18.12.99

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W. B. S. 1.2.98

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Note.

The Government of India ask for

- (1) a general sketch setting forth the terms and conditions to be embodied in the Agreement.
- (2) the views of the Shipping interests and of the Chambers of Commerce, and
- (3) information as to what rights now possessed by the public will be affected.

The complete file on the Subject is now with the Financial Department, having been sent on the 8th December last under the Honorable Member's instructions, vide Office Note 630 E, dated 8th December 1898 and it is desirable to await the return of these papers before dealing with points (1) and (3) above.

Point

To
The Chairman, Madras Chamber of Commerce.
" Agents, British India Steam Navigation Co., Madras.
" " Asiatic Steam Navigation Co., Madras.
" " Clan Line Steamers, Madras.
" Landing & Shipping Dues Committee, Vizagapatam
Thru the Presy: Port Officer.
" Presidency Port Officer.
R. MacNab Esquire.

With copies of the under-mentioned Pro.
of Govt. ~~to the P.O.~~:-
S.O. 256 Mar 8 14th March 1897
" 768 Mar 8 1st Sept. 1898.

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8/2/98

x Harg. D.

Point (2) ^{VP} ~~may~~, however, be dealt with at once by an order on India's letter inviting the requisite views, leaving points (1) and (3) for further disposal. The above draft order is submitted accordingly.

My own strong opinion is that in view of
(1) the difficulties which beset the whole matter,
(2) the fact that, when port dues are relieved of lighthouse charges, sufficient money will be forthcoming during the next 5 years to carry out the proposed improvements, the matter should be dropped.

CL

W. B. S. 1.2.98

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63P CRO 145. of 1899.

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the original of G.O. 768. 69 mar
8-9-98
to which the present current is a
reply has been furnished to the
financial department in connection
with papers relating to the contribution
from Port Funds to the proposed Company.
A copy is put up (tag F)
G.O. No. 878 and letter to Mr.
Macrae No. 879 of 20th Oct 98
which give a general sketch of the
terms & conditions subject to which
the Company is to be formed and
worked are also with that depart-
ment now in connection with the
same question.

A copy of G.O. 61-62 mar
of 16-2-91 extending the L.T.S.
Dues act to the port of Vizagapatam
is also put up.

put
31-1-99.

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Vizagapatnam C. No 145

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The Govt of India
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N.S.

31 Jan 99

No. 10 - ask for the opinion
of

(1) Indian Chamber of
Commerce.

(2) Landing & Shipping Des
Committee by J. J.

(3) B. I. S. N. Co

(4) British Co

(5) Clan Line Co.

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L. J. J.
21.1.99

Marine (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 145

Order

From

The Govt of India

No. 383 S. L.

Dated 26-1-99.

Received 31-1-99

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SUBJECT,

Improvement of the Vizagapatnam
Harbour.

Requesting to be furnished
with a sketch setting forth the
Terms and Conditions to be embodied
in the agreement which would
have to be drawn up in connection
with the scheme for the
by the Agency of a Company.

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
630	20	12-90.	
946	11-90		
1010	12-9-90		
768-9	9-9-90		
491	15-6-90		
467	17-6-90		
66	25-1-90		
256	12-3-90		
608	13-3-90		
609	13-3-90		
2103	20-7-92		
2707	10-9-91		
2902	10-11-91		
1935	13-8-1000		
709	22-3-1000		

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
630	20	8-12-98	
768-6	21-7-98		
256	17-3-99		
467	17-3-99		
61-6	16-2-51		
2-3	6-1-91		

No. 383-S.R.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

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Original furnished to
Sd/- on 24-1-99
for signature.
Copy put up.
H. F.

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Sent to Finch
Heath with
reference to the note
by Mrs. Mrs. Arnold
on 8.12.98.

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Sir,

H. H. Risley