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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Directing that the Secretary of the East of India be requested to make a grant from Imperial Fund of Rs 2,50,000 for the prosecution of —

Lighthouse Works in 1899-1900

Forwarding, with remarks, Copy of the Directing that the Secretary of India be requested to make a grant from Imperial Fund of Rs 2,50,000 for the prosecution of —

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G.O., No. 29, 10th January 1899.

JANUARY.

Lighthouse Works in 1899-1900

Directing that the Government of India be requested to make a grant from Imperial funds of Rs. 2,58,850 for the prosecution of —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

Letter from Commander W. AVES, R.I.M., Ag. Presidency Port Officer, dated 1st September 1898, No. 1271/299 G.
 Telegram from Commander W. AVES, R.I.M., Acting Presidency Port Officer, dated 27th September 1898.
 Unofficial note from Commander W. AVES, R.I.M., Acting Presidency Port Officer, dated 8th October 1898, No. 1271/347 G.

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 Simla, 2nd November 1898, No. 4778 S.R.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 733, dated the 30th August 1898, requesting sanction to the grant of a loan of Rs. 2,15,000 from Imperial funds for the prosecution of lighthouse works in 1899-1900.

2. It is stated that enquiry is being made as to the estimated receipts from the light dues which it is proposed to levy in order to meet the cost involved in providing additional lights on the Madras Coast, and that when the requisite information has been obtained, final proposals will be laid before the Government of India in view of legislation. The scheme, however, will take time to mature and meanwhile the Government of Madras ask the Government of India to sanction a loan for the purpose of carrying on the new lighthouse works which have been included in the programme of operations during 1899-1900, and for which a special establishment has been organized.

3. In reply I am to say that it is not clearly understood from your letter for what class of lights the loan of Rs. 2,15,000 is required, and whether the sum is to be lent to Port funds or is intended to be an advance to the Government of Madras or to some other authority in anticipation of the contribution of system of light dues. If the lights in question are of the nature of coast lights, the provisions of section 36, sub-section (3) of the Indian Ports Act, 1889, restrict the application of advances made to Port funds to the class of lights defined in sub-section (5). On the other hand, if they are port lights they could not properly be charged against capital outlay which is intended to be liquidated hereafter by general light dues.

4. I am further to explain that lighthouse construction is not a productive work on which Government can spend money and charge it otherwise than against the revenues of the year in which it is spent; and that, as the Government of Madras are doubtless aware, the financial relations between the Imperial and Provincial Governments do not admit of money transferred from the former to the latter being reckoned otherwise than as a charge either against Revenue or against Provincial surplus which has already been charged to Revenue.

5. I am accordingly to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the Government of India may be favoured with a fuller explanation of the conditions on which the proposed loan is asked for and in what way the Government of Madras propose to close the transaction; as it appears extremely doubtful if the outlay can be dealt with otherwise than as Government expenditure.

Office-note from Commander W. AVES, R.I.M., Acting Presidency Port Officer, dated 18th November 1898, No. 1271/402 G.

ORDER—No. 29, Marine, dated 10th January 1899.

In their letter recorded above the Government of India reply to the request of this Government for a loan of Rs. 2,15,000 from Imperial funds for the prosecution of lighthouse works in 1899-1900. They point out that if the lights to be constructed are of the nature of coast lights the expenditure on them of Port funds is inadmissible, such expenditure as regards lights being limited by sub-section 5 of section 36 of the Indian Ports Act to "lights maintained chiefly for the benefit of vessels being in or entering or leaving the port or passing through the rivers or channels leading thereto"; while if they are "port" lights, they can not properly be charged against capital outlay, which is intended to be liquidated hereafter by general light dues. They accordingly request fuller explanation of the conditions on which the proposed loan is asked for, and in what way the Government propose to close the transaction.

2. It is observed that the lights for the construction of which the loan of Rs. 2,15,000 was applied for, include both "coast" and "port" lights—Rs. 2,06,000 for the former, and Rs. 9,000 for the latter.

3. In paragraph 7 of their letter, No. 3285 S.R., dated 27th July 1898, the Government of India intimated that any fresh expenditure to be incurred for erecting and maintaining lights on the Madras Coast, over and above past standards, should be provided for by the imposition of light dues. Measures for raising such dues will be taken into consideration as soon as possible, but as already pointed out, legislative sanction will be required and some considerable time must necessarily elapse before the dues can be realized and made available for expenditure. Meanwhile, the scheme of lighthouse construction and the provision of improved apparatus, already started, must proceed; the alternative being the breaking up of the existing organization, with consequent loss and delay. It is thus of great importance that the aid of Imperial funds should be promptly forthcoming, for the provision at all events of those lights classed as "sea" or "coast," and which are needed for general, and not local, purposes. As pointed out by the Government of India, the expenditure of Port funds on lights of this class is barred by law, and as no provision for such expenditure has been included in the Provincial Contract made with the Government of Madras the charge would seem to fall legitimately on Imperial funds, pending the imposition of special dues to meet the expenditure.

4. The estimated cost of the provision of coast lights amounts to Rs. 6,73,000 as shown below:—

Coast Lights.						Estimated cost.
						RS.
(1) Calingapatam	...	...	...	...	...	5,000
(2) Santapalli	...	...	...	...	...	1,00,000
(3) Vakalapudi	...	...	...	...	...	18,000
(4) Sacramento	...	...	...	...	...	1,00,000
(5) Kistna	...	...	...	...	...	91,000
(6) Arneghon	...	...	...	...	...	18,000
(7) Pulicat	...	...	...	...	...	23,000
(8) Madras	...	...	...	...	...	1,000
(9) Seven Pagodas	...	...	...	...	...	53,000
(10) Negapatam	...	...	...	...	...	5,000
(11) Tuticorin	...	...	...	...	...	13,000
(12) Manapad	...	...	...	...	...	47,000
(13) Muttum	...	...	...	...	...	12,000
(14) Tangasséri	...	...	...	...	...	88,000
(15) Tellicherry	...	...	...	...	...	3,000
(16) Mulki	...	...	...	...	...	96,000
						6,73,000

Of this amount, Rs. 2,16,000 *plus* Rs. 42,850 for immediate maintenance charges will be required for expenditure next year. The Government of India will accordingly be requested to make a grant from Imperial funds to this extent, the amount to be refunded on the proceeds of the proposed light dues becoming available.

[Here enter No. 30, Marine, dated 10th January 1899.]

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. B. DEWINTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
" Financial Department.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Government {1899} of Madras. MARINE.

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Letter, No. 30, 10th January 1899.

JANUARY.

Lighthouse Works in 1899-1900

Forwarding, with remarks, copy of proceedings directing that the Government of India be requested to make a grant from Imperial funds of Rs. 2,58,850 for the prosecution of —.

No. 30, MARINE, 10TH JANUARY 1899.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

W. B. DEWINTON, Esq.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Marine Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 4778 S.R., dated 2nd November 1898, in which the Government of India request to be furnished with fuller explanation of the conditions on which the proposed loan from Imperial funds for lighthouse construction in Madras is asked for, and in what way it is proposed to close the transaction. It is added that it appears extremely doubtful if the outlay can be dealt with otherwise than as Government expenditure.

2. In reply I am to forward, for the information of the Government of India, the accompanying copy of Proceedings of this Government, No. 29, Marine, dated 10th January 1899, from which it will be observed that unless immediate aid is afforded it will be necessary to break up the special Lighthouse division and to abruptly close the scheme of lighthouse improvement which is now in operation, and which was started under the erroneous impression that the cost could be defrayed from Port funds.

3. The total cost of the scheme amounts to Rs. 8,80,000; of this sum Rupees 6,73,000 are to be spent on coast lights—an object which, as pointed out by the Government of India in paragraph 3 of your letter under reply, cannot be undertaken from funds raised under the Indian Ports Act. The Madras Government thus being precluded from the expenditure of Port funds on lights of this character, it remains to be considered from what other source the outlay is to be met, pending the imposition of light dues on shipping. His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that the charge is not one to be met from Provincial funds, no provision for such expenditure having been made in the Madras Provincial Contract. The lights in question will, moreover, be of benefit to general navigation and the expenditure on them would thus seem to be more of Imperial than of Provincial obligation.

4. There is also the question whether it may not be necessary to refund to Port funds the expenditure already wrongly incurred in past years on this class of lights, not only on construction but also on maintenance. His Excellency in Council will not, however, press this point, but hopes that the Government of India will on reconsideration be disposed to entertain the application of this Government for a grant from Imperial funds next year to the amount of Rs. 2,58,850 as given in paragraph 4 of the accompanying proceedings. The amount will, I am to say, be refunded when the proposed light dues become available. The requisite measures for obtaining legislative sanction to the raising of these dues will be taken into consideration as soon as practicable.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Secretary to Government.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
10th January 1899.

Ed. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

be liquidated hereafter by General Light dues. They accordingly request fuller explanation of the conditions on which the proposed loan is asked for, and in what way the Government propose to close the transaction.

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3. In para 7 of their letter No. 3285-S.R. dated 27th July 1898, the Government of India intimated that any fresh expenditure to be incurred for erecting and maintaining lights on the Madras Coast, over and above past standards, should be provided for by the imposition of Light dues. Measures for raising such dues will be taken into --- consideration as soon as possible, but as already pointed out, legislative sanction will be required and some considerable time must necessarily elapse before the dues can be -- realised and made available for expenditure. Meanwhile, the scheme of light house construction and the provision of improved apparatus, -- already started, must proceed, the alternative

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(8) Madras.....	1,000
	<u>3,56,000</u>

Note

These figures have been taken from statement flagged D on page 10 of Co. 12316 Marine 2/29 April 1898

Coast Lights.

Estimated Cost.

(9) Seven Pagodas.....	3,56,000
(10) Negapatam.....	53,000
(11) Tuticorin.....	13,000
(12) Manapad.....	47,000
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Of this amount, Rs. 2,16,000 plus Rs. 42,850 for immediate maintenance charges, will be required for expenditure next year. The Government of India will accordingly be requested to make a grant from Imperial -- Funds to this extent, the amount to be refunded on the proceeds of the -- proposed light dues becoming -- available.

* Total of items (3), (4) and (14) + Rs. 1,00,000 proposed for expenditure on items (5), (7), (10), (11), (12), (13), (15) and (16) vide Statement B & C.

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This is not as per estimate made by maintenance charges vide May H. for existing lights as shown below:-

Cattinapattanam	3900
Sankupalle	5500
Nakalapudi	3800
Arumugham	3800
Pulicat	3800
Madras	2500
Seven Pagodas	4800
Negapatam	1200
Tuticorin	1150
Manapad	5800
Muttum	5300

Rs. 42,850

The Presidency Port Officer.
,, Financial Department.
,, Public Works Department.

H.E.No. 9

It is necessary that the proposed classification of light houses are division between "Sea" & "Port" should be accepted before the forecast of dues and the draft bill are drawn up.

I think the last given by G.O.B. at Play R may not be consistent correct

7.12.98

H.E.No. 30-Mar-91-99

To
The Secretary to the
Government of India,
Finance & Commerce Dept.
Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 4778-S.R. dated 2nd November 98 in which the Government of India request to be furnished with fuller explanation of the conditions on which the proposed loan from Imperial Funds for Light-House construction in Madras is asked for, and in what way it is proposed to close the transaction. It is added that it appears extremely doubtful if the outlay can be dealt with otherwise than as Government ---- expenditure.

2. In reply I am to forward for the information of the Government of India the accompanying copy of Proceedings of this Government No. 29th Mar d/ 10th Jan 1999 from which it will be observed that unless immediate aid is afforded to this Government, it will be necessary to break up the Special Light-house Division and to abruptly close the scheme of Lighthouse Improvement

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Improvement which is now in operation, and which has ^{started} under the ^{severe} ^{imperial} ^{that the cost could be} ^{defrayed from Port Funds}

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I presume this means ^{practically a} ^{modification} of Sec 36 (5).

(b) of the Indian Ports Act. But this cannot be done ~~not~~ except by the Govt of India. The local Govt could legislate for a separate tax or due. Before this letter goes to India with a promise of legislation it should be quite clear what legislation this Govt proposes.

Has this been considered - if so please put up papers.

I have &c

L. B. S. 2.12.98

S. A. S.

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Light dues

The Hon Mr. Arundel
The Hon Mr. Winterbotham

Very well. The letter
should state only in
general terms that
legislation for the purpose
of raising the necessary
funds will be taken
into consideration.

Atk 13.12.98.

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14-12-98

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Para 8 of letter recorded with
G.O. 732 Marine d/30th August 98.

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Marine Dept.

Note.

With reference to the
enquiry of the Hon'ble Mr. Arundel
d/ 9th December 98, counterinitialed
by the Hon'ble Mr. Winterbotham,
it is submitted that the question
of legislation has not yet been
taken into consideration.

2. It is submitted that the
first thing to be done is to send
forward to the Government of India
the proposed application for the
grant of funds. If this ^{is} delayed
much longer, the Government of
India will ^{probably} be unable, even if
willing, to make a grant next year,
as provision will have to be made
in the Imperial Budget.

3. As soon as this letter can
be got out, it is intended that
the question of legislation shall
be taken up.

4. The Government of India
has already suggested ^x legislation
on the lines of the Burma Act IX
of 1879, and this will probably
be the simplest plan.

5. It is submitted that section
36 (5) (b) of the Indian Ports Act

will

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will not require amendment. This
clause refers exclusively to what
are now called "Port" Lights whereas
the proposed legislation will deal
with "Sea" Lights only, for which
separate funds must be raised.

W. H. S.
M. 12.12.98

Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 1406

From

The S. of India
Treasury & Finance Dept.
No. 4778 S. R.

Dated 2 - 11-98

Received 37-11-98

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Loan for light & house works

SUBJECT

Requesting to be furnished with a
fuller explanation of the condi-
tions on which the proposed
works are for aid in what way
the Government of Madras
propose to close the transaction.

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No. 4778-S.R.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

H. H. Risley

Offr. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

H. H.