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For orders

So provides the sum
of the 8000 required for a
Steam Cutter at Interior
(Eastern group) the P.F.O.
proposes to transfer
under an allotment at
the disposal of the P.W.O.
This allotment is, moreover,
made from the Mangrove
Landing & Shipping Dues
Fund (Western group). The
Fund itself is in an
unpleasant condition.
It closes with a deficit
balance of the 17,771.
Such a fund is not in a
position to lend money
for an object with which
it has no concern. The
deficit in the Landing &
Shipping Dues Fund, the
Mangrove Fund, of
course, he must temporarily
from Western group Int.
Fund.

Further, it seems the
duty of the P.F.O., and
not of this office, to make

+ note p. 6 of the budget.

Department.

all preliminary inquiries
before coming up to Govt.
Before proposing a rep.
propriation of funds, he
thinks it is submitted,
first, a statement
whether the funds can be
shared from the Bangalore
Redemption work.

Suite to A.S.

6 May 99
When the P.S.O. thinks
as is to propose a rep.
propriation from some
fund, in his own
disposal in the Eastern
group. A.S.

Yes. I have not yet
seen the budget & cannot
say what can be
shared from Eastern
group. But I believe
the 20000 was provided
for Port Office Master
at Cochin & Ch inform
me that he can build
it for Rs 17000 so the
3000 might come from there
H.S. 15.5.99

Marine (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 576

H.E. the Governor

From

The Presidency Port Office
Madras

For Order S.

Should the purchase
of the Steam Cutter be sanctioned,
the requisite funds (Rs 8000
plus cost of carriage) can be
found from savings in the
Public Works Budget. The
purchase is strongly
recommended by the
H.S. 15.5.99

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Dated 2nd May 1899

Received 4-5-99

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for favorable
consideration the proposal
of the Port Officer, Tuticorin
to supply him with a
Steam Cutter from the
Government Dockyard.

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Presidency Port Office,

Madras, 2nd May 1899.

From

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

Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MARINE DEPARTMENT,

CHEPAK.

Sir,

The Port Officer at Tuticorin has brought to my notice the great difficulty he experiences in carrying on his duties afloat with the plant at his disposal for the purpose. He writes as follows:—

"I have frequently to make visits to the outer anchorage, to inspect passenger steamers, to 'Hare Island' for the purpose of inspecting the light; to the 'Devils Pass' for inspecting native craft regarding their lights and screens, also to visit the boundary pillars and port limit stones; and the only means at my disposal is a

a small five-oared water gig,
so that the work is most tedious
and entails much exposure not
to speak of loss of time; I therefore
write to ask that a small steam
cutter (such as are used on men-
of-war with folding hoods) may
be supplied, she would do all that
is required here and as the "Margarita"
runs her without extra expense
in the way of establishment.

3. "As you know during the strong
westerly wind prevalent here for
about four months of the year
it is next to impossible for a
rowing boat to pull up against
it; and with adverse winds or
calms it is a work of great diffi-
culty to get a boat through the
Devils' pass as the current there
runs very strong, the distances
also are great, 5 to 6 miles to
outer anchorage; 3 to 4 miles
to Island, 4 to the Devils' Pass,
and the Southern Boundary
Pillar is 3 miles to the southward
of that."

2. On every occasion of my
visiting the port the necessity
of

of a steam cutter being at the
Port Officer's disposal became
more and more apparent to
me, and I therefore do not
hesitate to ask you to place the
matter before Government for
favourable consideration. A
boat of the description required
could be obtained from the
Government Dockyard at Cal-
cutta for about Rupees (8,000)
eight thousand plus cost of
conveyance by steamer to
Inticoria which I am unable
to quote at present. The Port
Officer seems confident that
no establishment would be
necessary as he could use the
engine room crew of the "Marge-
rita" and his own boat crew.

+ Provided for expenditure in the
Landing Shipping & Mangalore
The cost might be met from the
sum of Rs 60,000 provided in the
Budget for reclamation of foreshore
and pier at Mangalore provided
the whole sum will not be required
during the year for the above purposes.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
H. A. Theet
Commander, R.S.M.,
Presy. Port Officer.