Marine (1899) Department.

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Port Limits of Azhikal, Malabar District

Forwarding a copy of the Proceedings informing that it was found desirable to alter the limits of the port of Baliapatam, and to change the name of the port to Azhikal, and requesting sanction to the proposed alterations.

No. 950, Marine, 13th October 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 forward, for the information of the Government of India, the accompanying copy of the Proceedings of this Government, No. 949, Marine, dated 13th October 1899, from which it will be seen that it is, in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council, desirable to alter the present limits of the port of Baliapatam (No. 125 in part II of the first schedule to the Indian Ports Act) and to change the name of the port thus altered to Azhikal, the village where the Custom house will be built.

2. I am to request that, under section 5 (1) of the Indian Ports Act, the sanction of the Government of India may be obtained to the proposed alterations as shown in the accompanying draft notification and map.*

* To be kindly returned.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Secretary to Government.

Ootacamund,
13th October 1899.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

NOTIFICATION.

Whereas the limits of the port of Baliapatam, in the district of Malabar, were declared by notification published on page 305 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 28th June 1881, Part I, and whereas it is expedient to alter those limits;

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the Indian Ports Act (X of 1889) and with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is pleased to alter the limits of the said port and to declare that the precise extent of these limits shall, in future, be as follows, namely:

To the North.—A line drawn from a point on the Cannanore-Mangalore road 50 yards north of high water mark on the northern bank of the Baliapatam river to a pillar on Matool Point and thence due west to ten fathoms of water.

To the South.—A line drawn from a point on the Cannanore-Mangalore road, 50 yards south of high water mark on the southern bank of the Baliapatam river, to the Azhikal Custom House, thence to a point one mile due south and thence due west to ten fathoms of water.

To the East.—A line intersecting the northern and southern boundaries at their easternmost ends across the ferry on the Cannanore-Mangalore road.

To the West.—A line intersecting the northern and southern boundaries at their westernmost ends in ten fathoms of water.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is further pleased to direct that the port constituted in accordance with the foregoing notification shall, in future, bear the name of Azhikal.

Government {1899} of Madras.

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OCTOBER.

Port Limits of Azhikal, Malabar District

Approving the proposal to alter the limits of the port of Baliapatam and to change the name of the port of Azhikal, and directing that the sanction of the Government of India be obtained to the proposed alterations.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers:—

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department (through the Secretary to the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), dated Madras, 6th January 1897, No. 1767/7 G.

I have the honour to forward herewith, for the information of Government, a copy of the correspondence marginally specified which I have had with the Port officer, Tellicherry, and the Collector of Malabar, in respect to the port of Baliapatam, and with reference thereto would remark that, in my opinion, a better supervision than now exists over the port appears requisite.

From the Port officer of Tellicherry, to the Presidency Port Officer, dated 19th October 1896, No. 4/103.

From the Presidency Port Officer, to the Collector of Malabar, dated 24th October 1896, No. 1767/126 C.

From the Collector of Malabar, to the Presidency Port Officer, dated 20th December 1896, No. 640 S.C.

2. As pointed out by the Collector in paragraph 3 of his letter "a greater number of vessels touched at Baliapatam than at Kallai or Quilandy and of a larger tonnage and paying more port dues," but according to the Port officer, Tellicherry, the supervision of the port is under existing arrangements left to the head clerk of the Cannanore Port office who does not even live in Baliapatam, and I think that a separate Superintendent of Sea Customs for the port is necessary.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 1784, dated 25th April 1899.

Read—the following papers:—

From the Collector of Malabar, dated 7th March 1898, No. 209 S.C.
Board's reference thereon, No. 187, dated 10th May 1898.
From the Collector of Malabar, dated 18th July 1898, No. 1 R./S.C.
Board's reference thereon, No. 692, dated 19th August 1898.
From the Collector of Malabar, dated 16th October 1898, No. 15 R./S.C.
From the Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division, dated 29th October 1898, No. 4537.
Board's reference thereon, No. 999, dated 14th November 1898.
From the Collector of Malabar, dated 15th January 1899, No. D. 36/S.C.
Board's reference thereon, No. 83, dated 25th January 1899.
From the Collector of Malabar, dated 21st March 1899, No. D. 182/S.C.

Resolution—Mis. No. 1784, dated 25th April 1899.

The Board begs to submit to Government letter No. 1767 G., dated 6th January 1897, from the Presidency Port Officer addressed to Government in the Marine Department with the correspondence that accompanied it, containing proposals for better supervision of Baliapatam, a sub-port of Cannanore. The Presidency Port Officer states that, while it would appear from the statement furnished by the Collector of Malabar that

vessels in greater number and of larger tonnage and paying more port dues touched at Baliapatam than at Quilandi or Kallai for which separate establishments have been sanctioned, its supervision is under existing arrangements left to the head clerk of the Cannanore Custom-house who does not even live at the spot, and proposes in view of its importance that a separate Superintendent of Sea Customs should be appointed in order that he may pay increased attention to his duties as Conservator.

2. After communicating with the local officers the Board has come to the conclusion that a village called Azhikal at the mouth of the back-water would be a better place for a port than Baliapatam for the following reasons:—

(1) While Azhikal is at the mouth of the back-water, Baliapatam is 3½ miles from the sea, and the sea and back-water cannot be seen from it.

(2) The situation of Baliapatam and its distance from the sea afford vessels passing up the back-water numerous facilities for clandestine landing of goods, the land on both sides being well cultivated and covered with houses; and the branching off of the back-water northward at about a quarter of a mile from the sea and its extension for miles inland enable vessels to avoid going to Baliapatam at all.

3. The principal merchants of Baliapatam who were consulted by the Collector have no objection to Azhikal being constituted an independent port instead of Baliapatam, and the Port officer of Tellicherry on whose report the Presidency Port Officer's proposal is based states that Azhikal is undoubtedly the place where the Custom-house should be located.

4. The Collector, however, proposes at the instance of some of the merchants of Baliapatam that the eastern limit of the Azhikal port should be so fixed as to include the river bank from Azhikal to the Baliapatam ferry so that goods may be taken by water and landed at Baliapatam at less expense than it would cost to take them by land, there being no metalled road for some distance from Azhikal. In consideration of the facilities which the extension of port limits inland as above proposed would afford for the clandestine landing of goods and the difficulty of watching the 3½ miles of river bank, the Board is not prepared to recommend that landing and shipping of goods should be allowed so far up the river as the Baliapatam ferry. It would, however, propose in view of the facts that paddy is largely imported at Baliapatam (*vide* statement appended) and that timber, the chief article of export, which is not the produce of the place, can as well be floated down to Azhikal as it is to Baliapatam, that only paddy be allowed to be landed at the Baliapatam landing place, the landing of all other goods and the shipment of all produce being restricted to the Azhikal village, especially as imports and exports of all articles except paddy and timber have hitherto been carried on at that place (*vide* Tellicherry Port officer's letter, No. 4/103, dated 19th October 1896).

5. The Board accordingly submits for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* a draft notification constituting Azhikal a port, instead of Baliapatam, for carrying on coasting trade with Customs ports only, and defining its limits, with the restrictions above indicated regarding the landing and shipment of goods.

6. As regards establishment the Collector states that he can spare the head clerk on Rs. 25 and three peons on Rs. 6 each attached to the Cannanore Custom-house, and the Board proposes to permanently transfer to Azhikal this portion of the Cannanore establishment, to raise the pay of the head clerk to Rs. 30 and to style him Superintendent, and to provide three more peons on Rs. 6 each for the supervision of the port and of the three sub-ports, viz., Ettakolam, Pudiangadi and Kavai, which are associated with Baliapatam. The additional cost to Government will be Rs. 23 per mensem.

7. A proposition statement for the establishment proposed, a sketch of the port and a statement showing the principal exports and imports of Baliapatam in 1895–96 are also submitted herewith.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. TODHUNTER,
Acting Secretary.

No. 949, MARINE, 13TH OCTOBER 1899.

Procs. of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 2259, dated 19th May 1899.
Endorsement of the Revenue Department, Mis. No. 2054, dated 8th June 1899.
From the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, dated 12th July 1899, No. 1767/253 G.
From the " " " " 29th Aug. " " 1767/294 G.
From the " " " " 4th Sept. " " 1767/298 G.

ORDER—No. 949, Marine, dated 13th October 1899.

His Excellency the Governor in Council, on consideration of the reasons advanced in the papers read above, approves of the proposal to alter the limits of the port of Baliapatam as defined in G.O., No. 287, Marine, dated 18th June 1881, and to call the port by the name of Azhikal.

2. The sanction of the Government of India to the altered port limits will be requested under section 5 (1) of the Indian Ports Act.

3. On this sanction being received and the revised port limits notified as required by the said Act, the Revenue Department will then declare these limits to be limits for Sea Customs purposes under the Sea Customs Act.

4. The question of removing the Customs house to the Azhikal village and of the increase of the Customs establishment will be considered in the Revenue Department.

[Here enter No. 950, Marine, dated 13th October 1899.]

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
" Revenue Department, with proposition and reappropriation statements, draft notification under the Sea Customs Act and B.P. Mis. No. 2259, dated 19th May 1899.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Port limits of Azhikal & Baliapatam

Circulated to

H. E. the Governor

ORDER. No. 949 Mar. d/ 13-10-99.

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F.E. No. 950 mar. d/ 13-10-1899.

From

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Finance and Commerce Deptt.

To

The A.D.O.
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port of Baliapatam (No. 125 in
Part II of the First Schedule to the
Indian Ports act) and to change
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I have &c.

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Marine Department.

Note for H.E.

With the first of his letters read in accompanying draft order, the Presidency Port Officer submitted proposals for the better Supervision of Baliapatam port in the Malabar District, where vessels call in greater number than at certain other ports of the district having local Establishments. After communicating with the local officers, the Board of Revenue has suggested the alteration of the port limits as shown on the map submitted by the Presidency Port Officer, and the removal of the Customshouse to the village of Azhikal at the mouth of the backwater. It is also proposed to call the altered port by the name of Azhikal.

2. The following are the reasons advanced for the changes:—

(1) Baliapatam is 3½ miles from the Sea, and the Sea and backwater are not visible from it. Azhikal

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on the other hand is at the mouth of the backwater.

(2) The situation of Baliapatam, owing to its distance from the Sea, affords vessels passing up the backwater numerous facilities for the clandestine landing of goods.

3. The accompanying draft order and letter are accordingly submitted for approval.

RJ.

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From

The Presidency Port Officer

No. 1767 G
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Dated 6th January 1897

Received 8th January 1897

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SUBJECT.

Reporting that a Separate Superintendent of Sea Customs is necessary at Baliapatam Malabar District.

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Port Office
Tellicherry 19th October 1892.

No. 4/103

From

Lieut. W. S. Brown R. N. R.
Port Officer,
Tellicherry.

Heading
Bahapatam

To

The Presidency Port Officer,
Madras.

Sir, I have the honor to inform you that
According to your instructions, I visited the
port of Balapatam and remained there for
3 days and made careful enquiries regarding the
port and also Spent one day with the pilots
there Sounding on the bar and on the different Channels

Bahapatam itself is about 3 miles up
the river and is a large village with some fine
houses and a very handsome mosque, all the principal
buildings being in one long Street. I was not able
to get much information from the Customs Officer
in charge although he has had charge of the
port for over 25 years. It seems that the port is
worked through Cannanore as it were, and that
during the busy season viz:- from October to May

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the Head Clerk and 2 peons from Cannanore. office are sent to manage the Port. The Clerk does not even live in Baliapatam but in Cannanore, Some 6 miles away; and from what I could gather from others and see for myself, the Port is left to look after itself, and every one does as he pleases. The Officer himself informed me that no European official had inspected his office for 22 years. The papers such as they were are all kept in Vernacular. His office consists of a Small loft on the top of a moplas shop, and is primitive in the extreme. Paddy is brought to the landing place a few yards from the Customs office, and the timber is shipped from all parts of the river, and opposite the different merchants' timber yards. All other produce is landed and shipped at a village called Azikkal at the mouth of the river, and this is undoubtedly the place where the Custom House should be. I stayed at Azikkal the best part of 2 days. It is only a Small village with about 1000 inhabitants. There are two unlicenced pilots here, and they informed me that they earned from 15 to 20 Rupees

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a month. Nearly all the vessels took pilots and they charged Rs 2 to every vessel irrespective of her Size both for taking them out of or into the river. Some of the vessels calling here are very large especially from Surat and other ports in the Gulf of Cambay, to which places large quantities of timber are taken. There is a channel over the bar 50 yards wide with 8 feet of water L.W.S.T. The pilots tell me that in January, December and February, this channel is at least 1½ ft deeper; the bottom is hard sand, but just inside the bar there is 30 ft of water with Sand and mud, and outside the bar the bottom is mud with less Sand than inside. The Sea breaks on the bar in rough weather, but while I was there the water was Smooth right across the Shallow water. The river is a magnificant one and at the mouth is Some 3500 feet across with very deep water in the middle of the Channel. About 100 yards from the mouth, another branch of the river

runs

runs to a place called Kasaragode in the South Canara District, and I am told there is a very considerable traffic principally in paddy by this route between the 2 districts. There are no rocks either in the Channels, in the river, or on the bar.

There are 9 licensed boats at Azikkal, and they are all properly manned. The vessels can come quite close to the beach, and consequently, do not often require boats for loading and unloading. The Port has been visited by the Port Conservator at Cannanore by my orders three times during the last 18 months, but prior to that, no Conservator appears to have visited the place. As the Customs officer in charge is paid 10 per cent on the Port Dues by the Port Department, it seems to me he should at least live in the place and pay some attention to his duties as Conservator.

The following Statistics will give some idea of the importance of the place.

No. of Vessels arrived at the Port during 1895/96.

No.	Tonnage	Port Dues.
449.	14,760.	Rs 578-12-8.

Value of:—

Exports	Imports
Rs 3,99,796-"-"	2,23,908-"-"

I have &c.
(Sd) H. S. Brown.
Lieut R.N.R.
Port Officer.

No. 1767/126C.

Presidency Port Office,
Madras 24th October 1896.

From The Presidency Port Officer,
Madras.

To The Collector of Malabar,
Calicut.

Sir,

I forward for your information copy of a report from the Port Officer of Tellicherry (No. 4/103 of 19th October 1896) relative to

to the port of Baliapatam, and with reference thereto beg to enquire what arrangements you would propose for the better care of the port. In view of the growing importance of the place, I concur with Mr. Brown in the opinion that the Sea Customs Officer at Ayyikal should reside on the spot and devote increased attention to his duties as Conservator.

I have &c
(Sd) H. A. Street
Commander R. I. M.
Presy: Port Officer.

No. 640/S.C.

Malabar Collector's Office.
Camp Palghat, 20 December 96.

From
G. W. Dance Esquire
Acting Collector
of Malabar.

To
The Presidency Port Officer,
Madras.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 24th October 1896, No. 1767/126C, I have the honor to state that there is no separate Customs officer for the port of Baliapatam as you appear to suppose. This port is attached to Cannanore and is managed by the Cannanore Sea Customs Head Clerk, under the management of the Cannanore Sea Customs Superintendent. It would not be expedient to order either the Cannanore Superintendent or his head Clerk to reside at the minor port.

2. If you consider that Baliapatam should be placed under Stricter Supervision, the only course will be to appoint a separate Superintendent for it. I subjoin a statement showing the imports and exports etc during the last year at Baliapatam as compared with Kallai and Quilandy which are granted Superintendents.

Statement showing the total value of Imports and Exports and the number of vessels with tonnage and port dues entered and cleared during the official year 1895-96.

Ports	Total Value of		Number of Vessels							
			Arrived					Left		
	Imports	Exports	Vessels	Tons	Port dues			Vessels	Tons	Port dues
Kallai	250695	165999	404	12589	537	13	9	401	12548	- - -
Quilandy	262581	230486	329	8622	332	15	6	330	8647	- - -
Baliapatam	52135	289796	405	12908	474	9	-	409	12987	- - -

3. You will note that a greater number of vessels touched at Baliapatam than at Kallai or Quilandy, and of a larger tonnage and paying more

more port dues. But the value of the imports and exports at Baliapatam was nevertheless not so great as at the other two ports.

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(Sd) M. Srinivasa Rao.

for Collector.

(True Copies)

H. A. Street

Commander R. I. M.

Presy: Port Officer.

Ports	Arrivals						Clearances					
	Steam Vessels		Sailing Vessels		Total		Steam Vessels		Sailing Vessels		Total	
	No.	Tons	No.	Tons	No.	Tons	No.	Tons	No.	Tons	No.	Tons
Tellicherry	250	337	15	1201	265	1538	250	337	15	1201	265	1538
Quilandy	232	232	15	330	247	562	232	232	15	330	247	562
Baliapatam	13	-	4	109	17	109	13	-	4	109	17	109

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No. 1767/126/G

Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 6th January, 1897.

From

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

BOARD OF REVENUE
13 JAN. 97
MADRAS.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
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Shaveta
(Sd) M. Srinivasa Rao.
for Ag. Collector.

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H. A. Street
Commander R. I. M.
Presy: Port officer.

BOARD'S GEN. REG. No 127 OF 18
LAND REVENUE.

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Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 6th January, 1897.

From

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

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

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

Through the Accountant-General, Madras.

Revenue (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 357

From

The Secretary to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue, Madras.

Mis. No. 1784

Dated 25th April 1899.
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ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE 29 APR 1899 MADRAS

SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government, for approval and publication in the Fort Saint George Gazette, a draft Notification constituting Azhikal a port for carrying on coasting trade with customs ports only and defining its limits.

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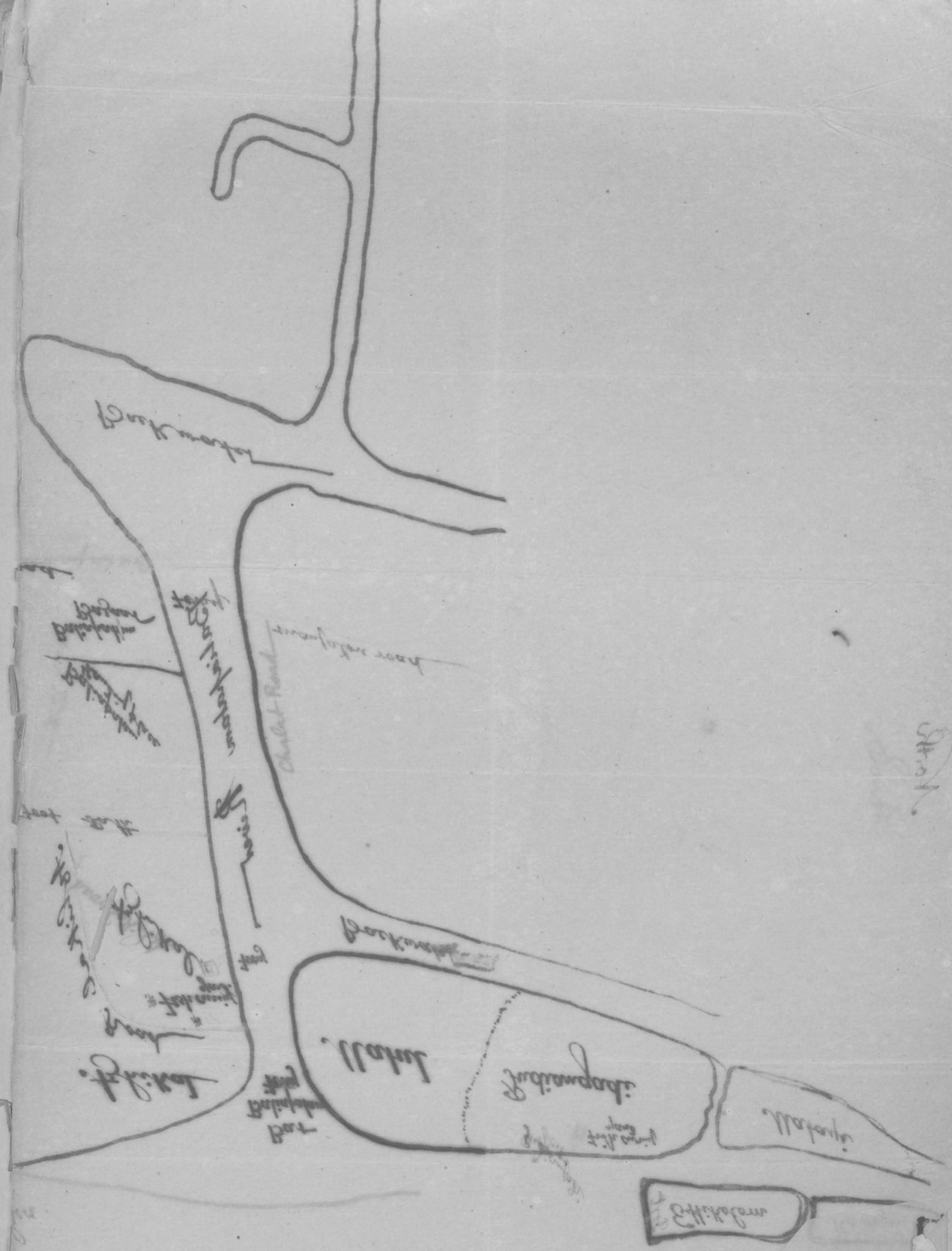
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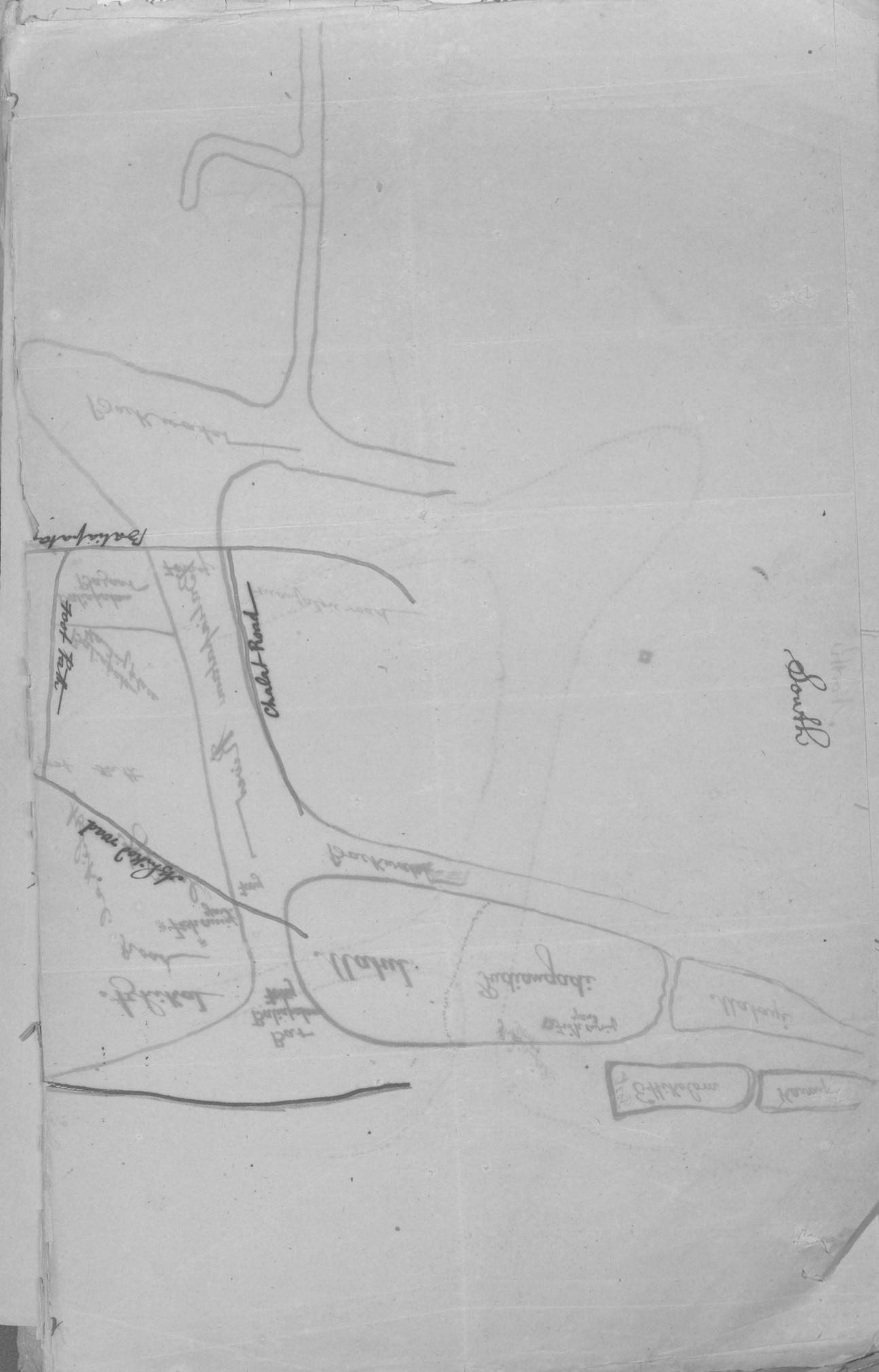
Statement Showing the principal exports and imports of Bandapatam in 1895-96.

Articles	Value Rs.
Exports.	
Coir and Coir manufactures	24,211
Raw cotton	13,176
Grain and Pulse	10,406
Manures - other kinds	8696
Cocoanuts	101,885
Timber and ornamental wood	110,501
All other Articles	20,921
Total	289,796
Imports	
Paddy and rice	39,163
All other articles	12,972
Total	52,135

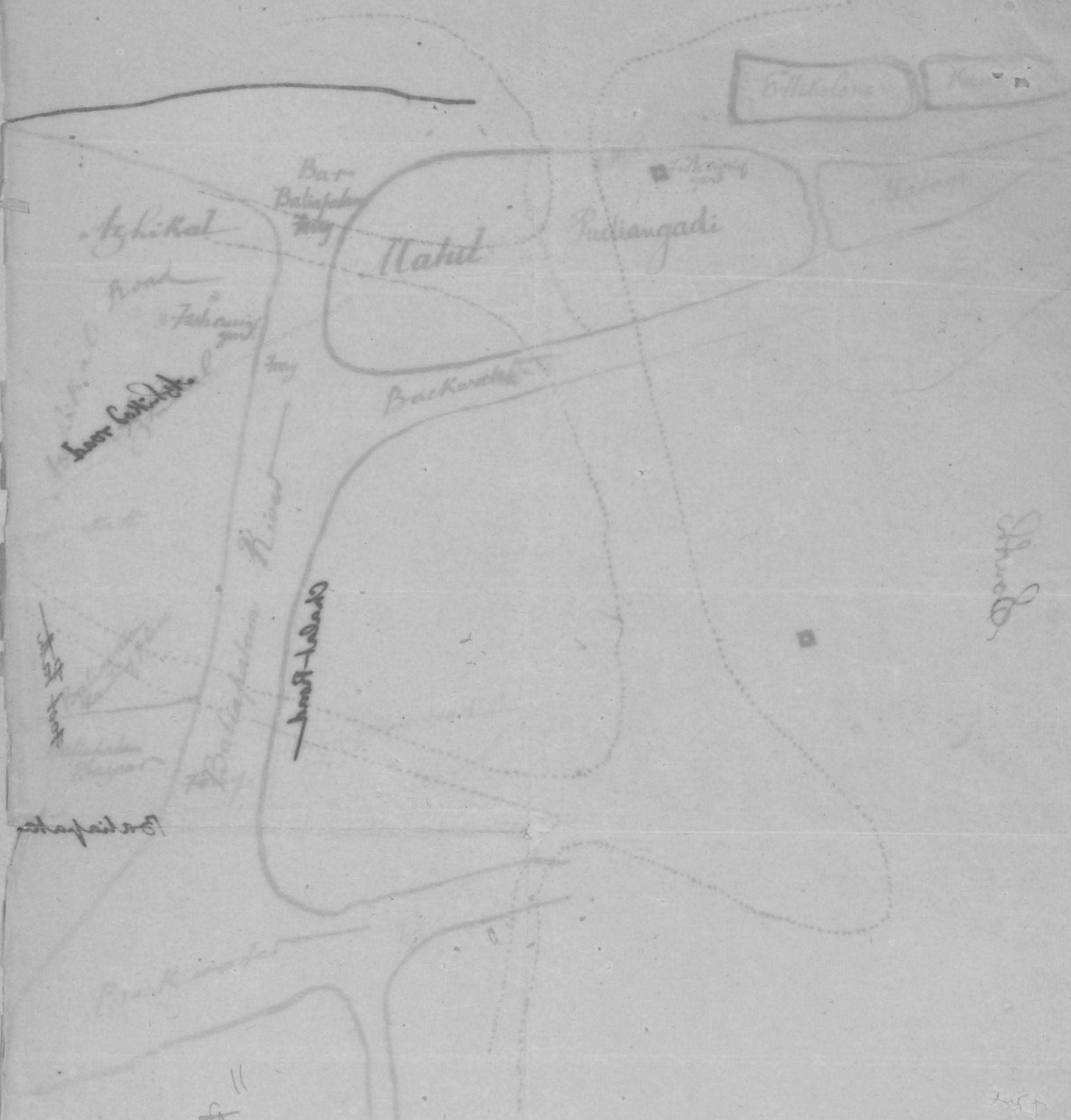
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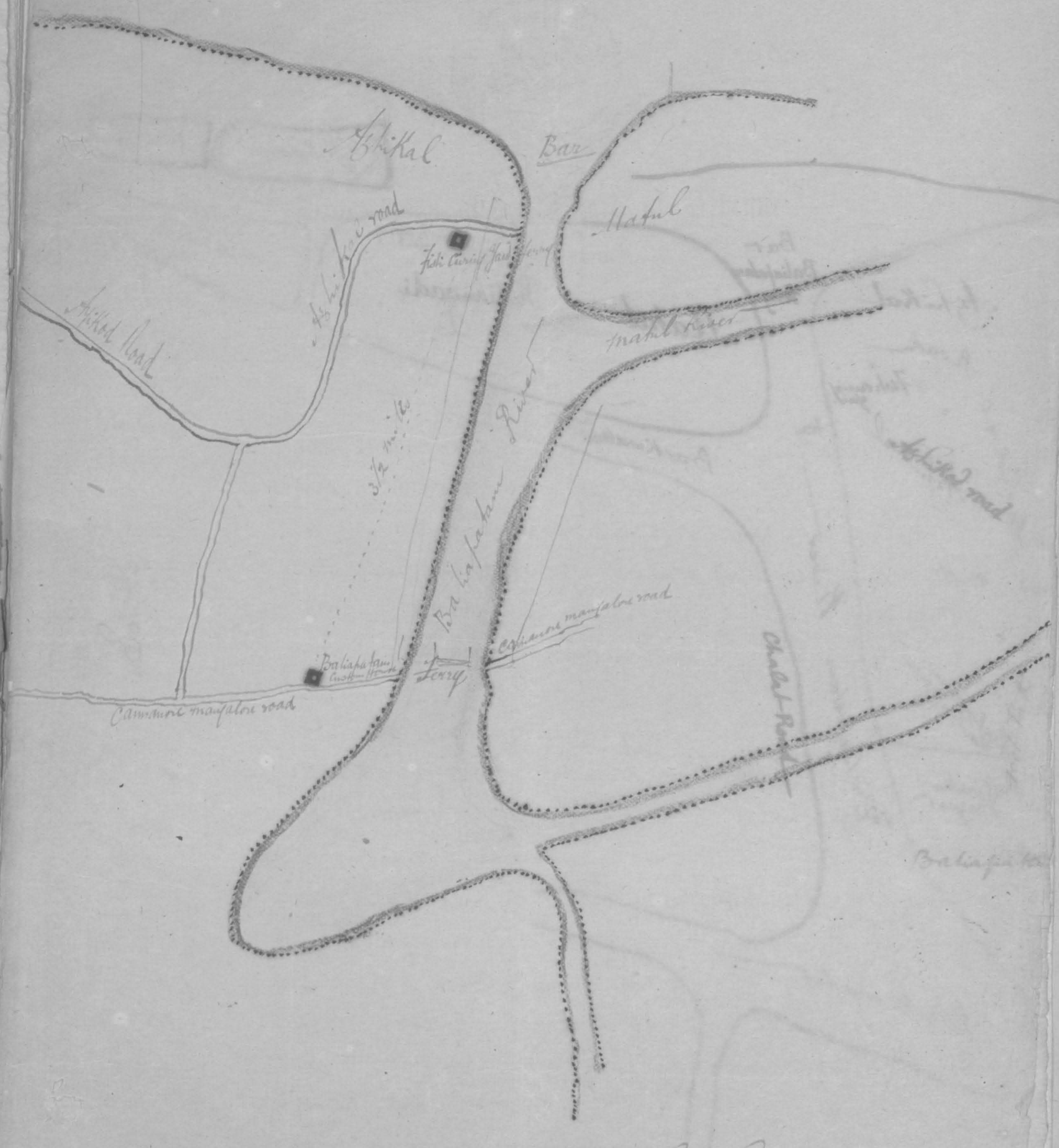
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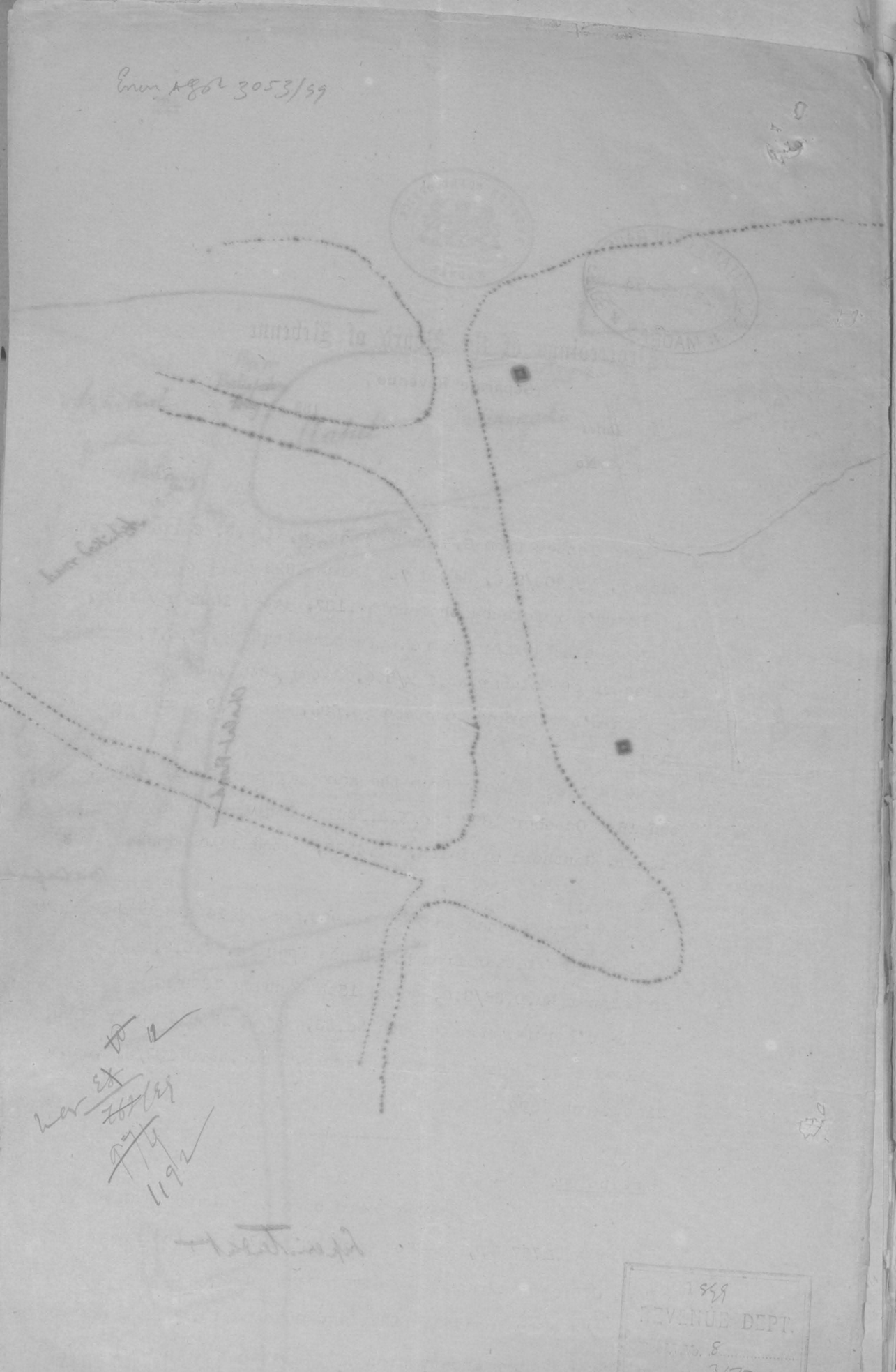
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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE.
MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue),

Dated 25 April 1899.

Mis. No. 1784.

Read letter from G.W.Dance, Esquire, I.C.S, Collector of Malabar, No.209/S.C, dated 7th March 1898, and

Board's reference thereon No.187, dated 10th May 1898.

Read also letter from F.C.Parsons, Esquire, I.C.S, Acting Collector of Malabar, No.1 R/S.C, dated 18th July 1898, and

Board's reference thereon No.692, dated 19th August 1898.

Read also letters from the same officer, No.15 R/S.C, dated 16th October 1898, and from W.A.Fowler, Esquire, Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division, No.4537, dated 29th October 1898, and

Board's reference thereon No.999, dated 14th November 1898.

Read also letter from G.W.Dance, Esquire, I.C.S, Collector of Malabar, No.D.36/S.C, dated 15th January 1899, and

Board's reference thereon No.83, dated 25th January 1899.

Read also letter from the same officer, No.D.182/S.C, dated 21st March 1899.

Resolution.

The Board begs to submit to Government letter No.1767 G, dated 6th January 1897, from the Presidency Port Officer addressed to Government in the Marine Department with the correspondence that accompanied it, containing proposals for better supervision of Baliapatam, a sub-port of

Cannanore. The Presidency Port Officer states that, while it would appear from the statement furnished by the Collector of Malabar that vessels in greater number and of larger tonnage and paying more port dues touched at Baliapatam than at Quilandi or Kallai for which separate establishments have been sanctioned, its supervision is under existing arrangements left to the head clerk of the Cannanore Custom-house who does not even live at the spot, and proposes in view of its importance that a separate Superintendent of Sea Customs should be appointed in order that he may pay increased attention to his duties as Conservator.

2. After communicating with the local officers the Board has come to the conclusion that a village called Azhikal at the mouth of the back-water would be a better place for a port than Baliapatam for the following reasons:-

(1)While Azhikal is at the mouth of the back-water, Baliapatam is 3½ miles from the sea and the sea and back-water cannot be seen from it.

(2) The situation of Baliapatam and its distance from the sea afford vessels passing up the back-water numerous facilities for clandestine landing of goods, the land on both sides being well cultivated and covered with houses; and the branching off of the back-water northward at about a quarter of a mile from the sea and its extension for miles inland enable vessels to avoid going to Baliapatam at all.

3. The principal merchants of Baliapatam who were consulted by the Collector have no objection to Azhikal being constituted an independent port instead of Baliapatam, and the Port Officer of Tellicherry on whose report the Presidency Port Officer's proposal is based states that Azhikal is undoubtedly the place where the Custom-house should be located.

4. The Collector, however, proposes at the instance of some of the merchants of Baliapatam that the eastern limit of the Azhikal port should be so fixed as to include the river bank from Azhikal to the Baliapatam ferry so that goods may be taken by water and landed at Baliapatam at less expense than it would cost to take them by land, there being no metalled road for some distance from Azhikal. In consideration of the facilities which the extension of port limits inland as above proposed would afford for clandestine landing of goods and the difficulty of watching the 3½ miles of river bank, the Board is not prepared to recommend that landing and shipping of goods should be allowed so far up the river as the Baliapatam ferry. It would, however, propose in view of the facts that paddy is largely imported at Baliapatam (vide statement appended) and that timber, the chief article of export, which is not the produce of the place, can as well be floated down to Azhikal as it is to Baliapatam, that only paddy be allowed to be landed at the Baliapatam landing place, the landing of all other goods and the shipment of all produce being restricted to the Azhikal village, especially as imports and exports of all articles except paddy and timber have hitherto been carried on at that place (vide Tellicherry Port Officer's letter No.4/103, dated 19th October 1896).

5. The Board accordingly submits for approval and publication in the Fort Saint George Gazette a draft Notification constituting Azhikal a port, instead of Baliapatam, for carrying on coasting trade with Customs ports only, and defining its limits, with the restrictions above indicated regarding the landing and shipment of goods.

6. As regards establishment the Collector states that he can spare the head clerk on Rs.25 and three peons on Rs.6 each attached to the Cannanore Custom-house, and the Board proposes to permanently transfer to Azhikal this portion

of the Cannanore establishment, to raise the pay of the head-clerk to Rs.30 and to style him Superintendent, and to provide three more peons on Rs.6 each for the supervision of the port and of the three sub-ports, viz, Ettakolam, Pudiangadi and Kavai, which are associated with Baliapatam. The additional cost to Government will be Rs.23 per mensem.

7. A proposition statement for the establishment proposed, a sketch of the port and a statement showing the principal exports and imports of Baliapatam in 1895-96 are also submitted herewith.

(True extract)

Acting Secretary.

25.4.55

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with a letter and enclosures from the Presidency Port Officer, a draft Notification, a sketch, a statement of trade of Baliapatam and a proposition statement in duplicate through the Accountant-General.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar, with copy of notification.

25.4.99

Revenue Department.

Draft

From the Board of Revenue, (Separate Revenue) No. 1784 dated 25th April 1899 (C.No.3517).

To Secretary:

In the above the Board of Revenue submits proposals for constituting Azhikal in the Malabar district a port in lieu of Baliapatnam for carrying on coasting trade with Customs ports only. The port should first be notified under the Indian Ports act before it can be declared to be a port under section 12 of the Sea Customs act. A draft endorsement transferring the papers to the Marine Department is accordingly put up below for approval.

Does Marine agree?

(Intd) N.E.M. 7.6.99.

To the Marine Department U.O. No. 233 d/ 7-6-99.

There is no objection in the Marine Department to the transfer of the papers for consideration.

(Intd) W.B. deW.

7-6-99

Marine Department Notification.

July 1899.

No. _____ Whereas the limits of the Port of Balicipatam, in the district of Malabar, were declared by Notification published on page 305 of the Fort St. George Gazette dated 28th June 1881, Part I, and whereas it is expedient to alter those limits:

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the Indian Ports Act (X of 1889) and with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is pleased to alter the limits of the said port and to declare that the precise extent of these limits shall,

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in future, be as follows, namely,—

To the North.— A line drawn from a point on the Cannanore-Mangalore Road 50 yards north of high Water Mark on the northern Bank of the Baliapatam River to a pillar on Matool Point and thence due west to 10 fathoms of water.

To the South.— A line drawn from a point on the Cannanore-Mangalore Road 50 yards south of high water mark on the southern Bank of the Baliapatam River, to the Akhikal Custom House, thence to a point one mile due South and thence due west to 10 fathoms of water.

To the East.— A line intersecting the Northern and Southern boundaries at their easternmost ends across the ferry on the Cannanore-Mangalore Road.

To the West.— A line intersecting the Northern and Southern boundaries at their westernmost ends in 10 fathoms of water.

No. ____ His Excellency the Governor in Council is further pleased to direct that the port constituted in accordance with the foregoing notification shall, in future, bear the name of Akhikal.

Thos. G. R. Irving

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

R.S. 13 Sept 97

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Marine Department.

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PORT OFFICE

To

The Presidency Port Officer
(unofficially)

It is proposed in the accompanying papers to extend the limits of the port of Baliapatam as defined in G.O. 257 Marine dated 18th June 1881, so as to include the village of Azhikal, and to call the port thus constituted by the latter name; also to remove the Customs House to the Azhikal village. If there is no objection, please submit the requisite draft notifications under the Indian Ports Act.

L Bidie Lutin
Secretary to Government.

C.N. 762 - to be returned.

R.N.
No. 1767/258 y

I see no objection.
Two draft notifications are attached.

Thos S R Jones
Commander R.I.M.
Presy: Port Officer

Madras,
12th July 1899.

To
The Secretary to Govt.
Marine Deptt.
(Unofficially)

Marine (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1192

Order

From The Presidency Port Officer

No. 1767 G.
294 -G.

Dated 29. 8 99

Received 1-9-99

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding a map showing the present & proposed limits of the Port of Aykikal.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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Marine Department

No. 372 E 3 20 July 99

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To The Presidency Port Office

(Unofficially)

Your letter No: 1767/294 12 July 99 =

Please Submit a Map Showing the present and proposed limits of the Port, for Submission to the Government of India, as required in Go. 26 Marine, dy 24 January 1889. The Sketches in the file do not show these limits.

L Bethune

Secretary to Govt.

No 1767/294 E

The map required is herewith forwarded.

T.H.S.S. Jimmy

Commander R.I.M.

Presidency Port Office

Madras
29 August 1899

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Marine (1899) Department.

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From

E/R° 4508 of 31-8-99

The Revr: Dept:

~~**Order**~~

To

The Presidency Port officer

(unofficially)

Mis No. 3028

Please expedite the submission of the information called for in No. 372 E., dated 20th July 1899.

Dated 19th August 1899

Received ~~30-8-99~~ 8-9-99

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Secretary to Government

SUBJECT.

Recording with remarks list of Board's Proceedings (S.R.) addressed to Govt: in the Revenue Department up to 31st May '99 and remaining unanswered by Govt: up to 30th June '99.

No 1767/298 G

Please see this office No 1767/294 G. dated 29th August 1899.

D. I.

Commander, R. I. M.,
Presy: Port Officer.

Presy: Port office,
Madras 4th Septr 1899

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List of Board's Proceedings addressed to Government in the Revenue Department up to 31st May 1899 and remaining unanswered by Government up to 30th June 1899

Serial Number	No. of Proceedings	Date of Proceedings	Subject	Department	Remarks
17	1784	26-6-99	Submitting to Government for approval and publication in the Fort St: George Gazette a draft notification constituting Akyab a port for carrying on coasting trade with Customs ports only and defining its limits.	Customs.	

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Separate Revenue, R. No. 1748 dated 15th July 1899, forwarding list of Proceedings addressed to - Government in the Revenue Department up to 31st May 1899 and remaining unanswered by Government up to 30th June 1899.

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Order thereon, Mis. No. 3028 d/19th August 1899.

Recorded.

Item 2 G.O.418P d/30-8-99
Item 14G.O.2631Mis d/18-7-99
Item 20 G.O.433P d/4-7-99

2. Orders have since been passed on items 2, 14 and 20 in the marginally noted G.Os.

3. Orders on item 11 have been passed and communicated to the petitioner.

4. Item 8 has been transferred to the Public Works Department item 9 to the Financial and item 17 to the Marine Department.

/True Extract/

for Ag. Secretary to Governme

To

The Board of Revenue, S.R.
Public Works Department,
Financial Department
Marine Department.

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Marine (1899) Department.

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