Marine (189) Department.

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DATED 5th Sept 99.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Port Limits, Tuticorin –

Ordered, with remarks, that the sanction of the Govt. of India be requested to the proposed extensions of the existing limits of the Port at Tuticorin, so as to include Arasadi, a village to the north of it.

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Port Limits, Tuticorin

Requesting the sanction of the Government of India to the proposed extension of the existing limits of the port at Tuticorin, so as to include Arasadi, a village to the north of it.

No. 832, MARINE, 5TH SEPTEMBER 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. 831, Marine, dated 5th September 1899, from which it will be seen that it is, in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council, desirable to extend the port limits of Tuticorin, so as to include Arasadi, a village to the north of the port, where shipment of salt takes place. 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 extension as shown in the accompanying draft notification and map.*

* Return requested.

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

Secretary to Government.

OOTACAMUND,
5th Sept. 1899.

Exd. C. M. Thumbusawmy

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers :—

From E. SCOTT, Esq., Acting Collector of the Tinnevelly District, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department (through the Presidency Port Officer), dated 31st March 1899, Ref. on Cur. No. 587—Sep. Rev.

It has been brought to my notice that large quantities * of salt are shipped from Arasadi, a village on the coast, 4 miles from Tuticorin, and outside the limits of that port. Pier and shipping dues are levied on salt shipped there on shipping bills passed at the Tuticorin Customs House. This practice of allowing shipment of salt at Arasadi, to which the provisions of the Indian Ports Act, X of 1889, has not been extended, is unauthorized, but seems to have been allowed for the convenience of the shippers. The Port Officer, Tuticorin, recommends that Arasadi may be included within the limits of the Tuticorin port. I agree with him and have the honour to recommend that the port limits of Tuticorin may be extended so as to include Arasadi.

* Exports in 1897–98 were 36,650 maunds.

2. A draft notification defining the limits of the Tuticorin port as now proposed is enclosed.

From Commander T. G. R. FINNY, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 15th June 1899, No. 956-213/G.

I have the honour to forward the accompanying letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly (Ref. on Cur. No. 587—Sep. Rev., dated 31st March 1899) and to observe that an alteration of the northern limit of the port of Tuticorin appears desirable for the reasons given by the Collector.

2. A draft notification in amended form is herewith submitted.

3. The accompanying sketch obtained from the Port officer at Tuticorin exhib its the proposed and present limits of the port.

Note from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, dated 28th June 1899, No. 956-230/G.
" " " " " 22nd July " " 956-261/G.

Order—No. 831, Marine, dated 5th September 1899.

In their letters read above, the Collector of Tinnevelly and the Presidency Port Officer propose the alteration of the existing limits of the port of Tuticorin, so as to include Arasadi, a village to the north of it.

2. It is reported that, for some time past, salt has, to suit the convenience of the shippers, been allowed to be shipped at this place where there is a salt factory. The arrangement is, however, irregular, and it is desirable that the Tuticorin port limits should be extended so as to include Arasadi. The sanction of the Government of India to such extension will accordingly be requested under section 5 (1) of the Indian Ports Act; the limits being those shown in the attached draft notification (as revised in the Secretariat) and plan.

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.

[Here enter No. 832, Marine, dated 5th September 1899.]

(True Extract.)

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

To the Presidency Port Officer.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. C. M. Thumbusawmy.

DRAFT NOTIFICATION.

Whereas the limits of the port of Tuticorin, in the district of Tinnevelly, were declared by notification published on page 2 of the *Fort St. George Gazette* Extraordinary, dated 9th April 1858, and whereas it is expedient to alter these 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 those limits shall in future be as follows:—

To the north.—A line drawn due east from the boundary pillar erected to the north of Arasadi to seven fathoms of water.

To the south.—A line running due east from the boundary piilar erected three miles south of Devil's pass to seven fathoms of water.

To the west.—So much of the sea-shore between the northern and southern limits of the said port as lies within fifty yards of high water mark ordinary spring tides.

To the east.—A line in seven fathoms of water connecting the eastern extremities of the northern and southern boundaries.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Note from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, No. $\frac{956}{230}$ G., d/28th June 1899.

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Port Limits – Tuticorin.

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~~H. E. the Governor~~

ORDER. No. 831 Mar. d/5-9-99

To

The Revenue Department for C. T.

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R.J.

(H.E. No. 832 Mar, of 5 September 1899)

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Finance & Commerce Department,

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To
The Presy: Port Officer,
& Revenue Department.

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Draft notification.

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To the north.

A line drawn due east from the boundary pillar erected to the north of Arasadi to seven fathoms of water.

To

To the South.

A line running due East from the boundary pillar erected three miles South of Devil's[x] pass to Seven fathoms of water.

To the West.

So much of the Sea-Shore between the northern and Southern limits of the said Port as lies within fifty yards of high water mark ordinary Spring tides ~~whether of the mainland or islands~~

To the East.

A line in Seven fathoms of water ~~running due north and south, and~~ connecting the eastern extremities of the ~~above mentioned~~ northern and Southern boundaries. ~~limits in Seven fathoms of water~~

R.G.
9-Aug 99

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23-8-99

Note

The draft notification submitted by the Presidency Port Officer has, after unofficial correspondence with him, been revised as shown above, so as to define the Port limits in more precise terms -

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x "Devil's Pass" is not shown on the plan.
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28 July 99.

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Marine Current Number 1072.

To M For Orders.

As regards the first point referred to the Presidency Port Officer, it is submitted that the amendment of the Notification proposed in the Secretariat may stand. As thus drawn, the Notification will include the islands, and this is what the P.P.O. wants.

2. As regards the second point, viz, the Eastern boundary, I am unable to follow the Presidency Port Officer's explanation. When the map first came up, it professed to show the termination of the southern boundary in 6½ fathoms of water. It now professes to show the termination in 7 fathoms. I cannot reconcile these two apparently contradictory uses of the map.

3. It is quite understood that the Eastern boundary cannot possibly be a straight line, but must be a contour varying with the actual depth of the sea; but the two extremities of the line must be fixed points. Suppose for example that the Presidency Port Officer proposed to shift the south-east point from 6½ to 20 fathoms instead of to 7, would he still send up the map unaltered as he now does, and ask the Government to accept it?

4. I would propose to word the eastern boundary as follows:-

"A line in 7 fathoms of water connecting the eastern extremities of the northern

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northern and southern boundaries."

5 — Submitted for orders whether the map may be taken as defining the Eastern boundary thus worded.

R.S.
8 Aug 99.

Note

The P.P.O's draft says the line runs "due north and South" — This is manifestly inaccurate —

Yes. I think so

Marine (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1072

Order

From The Presidency Port Officer.

No. 956/278 G.

Dated 4-8-99

Received 7-8-99

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SUBJECT.

Replying to certain poin noticed in the draft notifications for exten the limits of the Port o Tuticorin.

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posed by you to the south-east, i.e., from 6½ fathoms to 7 fathoms.

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Secretary to Govt:

No. 956/276 G.

With C. No: 1021 + 5 Enclosures (1 plan)

s the Islands contained in the Port of Tuticorin are not at present of any value so far as I am aware they need not be included in the notification defining the western limit of the Port: but consider it would be better retain them as in the draft notification submitted because they may become valuable property at some future date.

I consider 7 fathoms more suitable than 6½ fathoms in defining the Eastern limit of the Port; the map or plan needs no correction 6½ & 7 fathoms being found on the line defining the Eastern limit and Vessels may come as far within the boundary line as their draft will permit, but are obliged to anchor within the contour line of soundings of 7 fathoms of water

Thos. S. R. Tuning
Commander R.I.M.
Presidency Port Officer

Madras
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The notification as amended in the Secretariat includes the islands within port limits. The proposed amendment may thus stand.

R.G.
8 Aug 99

No. 398 E. of 1-8-99

PRESIDENCY
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PORT OFFICE

Marine Department. G 629

To

The Presidency Port Officer,
(unofficially)

Your No.956/261 G., dated 22nd
July 1899.

The western boundary is said to be so much of the sea-shore as lies within fifty yards of high watermark "whether of the mainland or islands".

2. Is it not a mistake to make any allusion to the islands?

3. If the strip of only 50 yards of the islands is included within port limits, what becomes of the other portion of the land? Should not the notification be amended by the omission of the words "whether" and "or islands"? The latter part of the notification would then read as follows:-

The words "of the mainland" might also be omitted.

"fifty yards of high water mark ordinary spring tides" ~~of the mainland~~.

4. Further- The line shown as the eastern boundary on the map is now said to lie in ~~X~~ 7 fathoms of water. When the map came up before, this line was said to be in 6½ fathoms on the south.

5. If this be so, and the map is correctly drawn, it will be necessary to shift the line in accordance with the extension of the port limits now proposed

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Marine (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1021.

Order

From The Presidency Port Office.

No. 956/261 G

Dated 22-7-99

Received 26-7-99

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SUBJECT.

Submitting draft notifications for extending the limits of the Port of Tuticorin

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PRESIDENCY 19 JUN 99 PORT OFFICE

Marine Department.

To

The Presidency Port Officer
(unofficially)

Your letter No. 956/213 G., dated 15th June 1899, herewith returned.

Please say what the object is of making any reference to the Sea-shore in defining the Southern limit of the Port of Tuticorin. The sea-shore should be included, it is thought, in the Western limit only.

Secretary to Government.

with C. No 801 to be returned

No. 956/230 G. Rd.

No object save merely that the southern limit remain as already notified

Madras
28th June 1899

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

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No. 337 E., dated 5th July 1899.

Please amend the draft notification and

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and take this opportunity of defining the boundaries of the port in accurate and unmistakeable language.

Secretary to Government.

The Presidency Port officer. (U.O.)

No. 956/261 G with file.

Tuticorin Port Limits

North - A line running due East from the Boundary Pillar erected to the north of Arasadi to Seven fathoms of Water -

South - A line running due East from the Boundary Pillar erected three miles South of Devil's pass to seven fathoms of Water -

West - So much of the sea shore between the northern and southern limits of the said Port as lie within fifty yards of high water mark ordinary spring tides whether of the main land or Islands -

East - A line running due north and South, and connecting the above mentioned northern and southern limits in seven fathoms of Water

A line in 7 fathoms of water connecting the Eastern extremities of the Northern & Southern boundaries. ?

8 Aug 99

22nd July 99

T. G. R. Finny

Commr. R.I.M.

Presy: Port-officer

No. 956/213 G

Presidency Port Office,

Heading

Madras, 15 June 1899.

From

Commander T. G. R. Finny, R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer,
Madras,

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To

The SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obdt. servant,

Ths G R Dimmock
Commander, R.I.M.
Presy: Port Officer

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PRESIDENCY

Marine (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. ~~801~~

Through the Presidency Port Officer
Madras.

Order

From
The Collector of
Tinnevelly.

Ref on Cur No. 587/Septr of 1898.

Dated 31st March 1899.
Received 20-6-99.
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SUBJECT.

Recommending that the port limits of Tuticorin may be extended so as to include Arasadi where a large quantity of salt is shipped, with a view to collect port and shipping dues.

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Enc. 1 to Tin: Collr's Ref. on Cur. No 587/Sep of 98
d/31.3.99.

Draft Notification.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 5(1)of Act X of 1889 (The Indian Ports Act) the Governor of Fort St.George in Council is pleased, with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council to alter the limits of the port mentioned in the second Column of the Schedule hereto annexed and to define the limits of the said port in the third column of the said Schedule.

Schedule.

District.	Port.	Limits.
Tinnevelly.	Tuticorin.	Northwards ~~East~~. A line drawn from the boundary pillar north of Arasadi factory to 7 fathoms of water. South. The boundary 3 miles south of Devil's point. The sea shores - between them whether of the mainland or the islands to within 50-yards of high-water mark spring - tides together with the Harbour and the channels leading thereto. West. The sea-shore of the mainland as above described. East. The space enclosed by 2 lines running due east from the boundary pillars to 7 fathoms on the north and to 6½ fathoms on the south.

31st. March 1899.

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Ag.Collector.

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Marine Department

Notification

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and Western limits being the Same as already notified, and republished below; namely:—

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To the East.— The space enclosed by two imaginary lines running due east from the boundary pillars to 7 fathoms on the north and to 6½ fathoms on the South. ?

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

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Tinnevelly DISTRICT COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Dated 31st. March 1899.

FROM

E. Scott Esquire,
Acting COLLECTOR OF THE
Tinnevelly District,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Marine DEPARTMENT,
(Through the Presidency Port Officer), Madras.

SIR,

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
E. Scott
Ag. Collector.

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4-4-99

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF THE

District,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

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