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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 11th January 1859.

No. 43. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Marine Department, dated 21st December 1858, No. 497.

Calling for Plans and Estimates for the construction of a Column for the exhibition of green light at Pulicat as well as for a small house for the accommodation of the Superintendent of the Column. } (Vide Marine Consultation, 21st December 1858, Nos. 9-10.)

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, No. 52; dated 6th January 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with a request that he will submit the Plans and Estimates for the works alluded to in paras. 2 and 4, of the above Minutes of Consultation.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 497.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 21st December 1858.

Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to the Acting Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 2nd December 1858, No. 4839.

SIR,

Referring to the order of Government conveyed in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 5th December 1857, No. 511, directing the exhibition of a colored light from the Flagstaff at Pulicat, I have the honor to inform you that having ascertained that the staff was in too dilapidated a condition for the purpose, and that, in fact, it has since fallen, the late Marine Board called on the Chief Engineer for an Estimate for a Column, which was not likely to be more expensive in the first instance than a new Flagstaff, and would be more enduring and less costly in keeing in repair. The Estimate was submitted some months back, amounting to Rupees (2,550) two thousand five hundred and fifty, exclusive of the Lantern which has been prepared at the Arsenal at an expense of Rupees (287-6-4) two hundred and eighty-seven, Annas six and Pice four; but as I wished to examine the spot personally before submitting the subject again to Government, it has been delayed till I had an opportunity of doing so. I was the more anxious to select the site myself as so serious a mistake had been made in choosing that of the Column at Coompta, which will have to be abandoned. I therefore proceeded to Pulicat on the morning of the 30th Ultimo; returned yesterday evening; and having satisfied myself that the position which the Flagstaff occupied is that best suited for the exhibition of the light, I beg to recommend that the Estimate, which will be submitted by the Chief Engineer, be sanctioned.

2. I find, however, that the strip of land on which the Column will be erected is separated from the Town of Pulicat by about half a mile, more or less, of back water. To ensure efficient attention to a light which most ships from the Northward will make, and which without such attention will be likely to lead to disasters, a Superintendent on the usual salary of (52½) Rupees fifty-two and half a month will be required, and for his accommodation a small house of two rooms will be necessary, together with a small Canoe or River Boat to enable him to communicate with the Town.

3. Should the Government approve the above recommendation, I have to solicit that the Chief Engineer may be instructed to prepare the additional Estimate thereon, which however need not interfere with the erection of the Column as already estimated for, which might at once be put in hand on the cessation of the rains.

The monthly expense would then be

	Rs.	A.	P.
1 Superintendent at.....	52	8	0
3 Light Lascars.....	18	0	0
Oil.....	20	0	0
Contingencies.....	5	0	0
Company's Rupees	95	8	0

Order.—In Extract Minutes of Consultation, 5th December 1857, No. 511, it was decided that a green Light should be shewn from the Flagstaff at Pulicat with a view to guard against the dangers of the Pulicat shoals.

2. The Superintendent of Marine now recommends, in the letter above recorded, that a Column should be constructed for the exhibition of this Light, as the Flagstaff, which was then in a dilapidated condition, has since fallen, and it would likely be not more expensive to erect the Column than to re-construct the Flagstaff.

3. The Government concur in this recommendation and direct that the necessary Plan and Estimates may be submitted for their approval.

4. They also agree with Mr. Franklin that a small house should be built for the Superintendent to be placed in charge of the Light House, and that he should be allowed a Canoe or River Boat to enable him to communicate with the Town, the Plan and Estimate for this Work also should be submitted through the Public Works Department.

5. The Government of India will be applied to for their sanction for the entertainment of the Establishment, &c., referred to in para: 3 of the above communication.

(True Extract and Copy.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Marine.
„ Public Works Department.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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W. H. L.

Fort St. George
6th January 59

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