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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th August 1866.*

No. 639. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department:—

Communicating an enclosure to a letter from the Collector of Malabar, urging the commencement of the construction of groynes on the coast of the island of Vypeen. (Here enter 21st August 1866, No. 2,169.)

No. 640. ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1866, No. 2,729.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 92.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division who will report at his convenience on the proposal to construct groynes at Vypeen for the protection of the beach.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, with copy of Enclosure.
,, Revenue Department.

Ed. S. T. Augustin,

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st August 1866.*

No. 565. Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 17th August 1866, No. 116 :—

1. Adverting to the correspondence noted, on the subject of providing employment on Public Works at Cochin

Telegram from Government, dated 13th August 1866.
Collector to Government, dated 14th instant, No. 113.

during the present scarcity, I have the honor to report that the only works that have been suggested to me to be undertaken are (1) a new Jail, (2) a Lazaretto,

- (3) the construction of groynes at Vypeen.

2. The opinion of those best qualified to judge seems to be that there are no municipal works that can well be undertaken just now. I am not prepared to suggest any.

3. I do not know if a new Jail has been determined on; but if it could be commenced, the employment its construction would afford would doubtless be most acceptable to the better class of workmen.

4. The site for a new Lazaretto is not fixed. It must be at some distance from the town, and the work would hardly have that immediate influence which it is our object to secure.

5. I do not think the question of the Vypeen groynes a very important one. I beg to enclose an extract from a note of Mr. Brunton to Doctor Whitton on the subject. Mr. Brunton is, I believe, a professional Engineer, and if an approved plan is proposed, Government may be pleased to order a commencement of the works.

6. I may observe that the breach to the north of Vypeen point which had only opened occasionally and silted up again previously has, for the last few years, assumed a permanent character; or rather, I should say, that the opening has been permanent, but that its character is becoming more and more formidable.

7. The matter is one of the last importance to Cochin. It has been brought to notice before, and the present exigency only must be my excuse for treating of it now in what may appear too hasty and cursory a manner.

8. The Superintending Engineer may perhaps be called on to report if any work can at once be commenced at Vypeen.

No. 566. ORDER THEREON, 21st August 1866, No. 2,169.

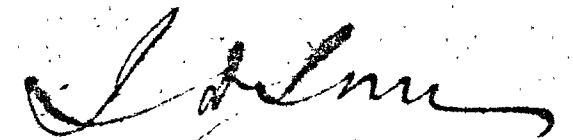
Miscellaneous.

1. None of the works mentioned by the Collector are of a nature to be undertaken in the present emergency,

and the Government cannot sanction their commencement.

2. The enclosure to Mr. Ballard's letter will be communicated to the Department Public Works.

(True Extract.)



Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Malabar.

„ the Public Works Department.

„ the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

*myself is one ...
whole Island is being gradually washed*

Extract from a letter from Mr George
Brinton to Doctor Whetton of Cochin
11th August 1866.

At the same time there is a work
of most undoubted urgency which could
not be undertaken at a better time by
Government. I refer to the arresting of the
encroachments of the sea on the coast of
the Island of Vypren. This matter has been
brought under the notice of Government more
than once, and some utterly inadequate
efforts have been made to stop the ravages
of the sea, but nothing has been done which
could be reasonably expected to answer
the end proposed.

I might write pages on the im-
portance and in fact the absolute necessity
of some vigorous measures being taken
in this matter - but I will confine
myself to one short statement. The
whole Island is being gradually
washed

washed away. Fresh openings between the sea & the Backwater are being and have been formed, consequently the existence of the present Harbour is in danger, and I distinctly state that it is not at all improbable, if nothing be done, that the deep mouth of the river may desert its old bed altogether and form again miles to the northward, or into half a dozen small mouths which would be impracticable for vessels of any tonnage.

It is my firm belief that this serious danger might be averted at no extravagant outlay by throwing out 3 groynes to seaward on the Vysean Coast - not composed however of Oyster-shells as formerly but of large boulders of Laterite Stone from the Hills in the interior.

/ True Extract /

/ Signed J. A. Ballard
Collector

/ True Copy /

J. A. Ballard
Under Secy. of Govt.

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coast of the Island
of Tycoon.

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To The Supt Engineer
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The Supg. Engr of the
7th Div. requested Report
on the proposed Construction
of Groynes at Vypeen &
Malabar etc.

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