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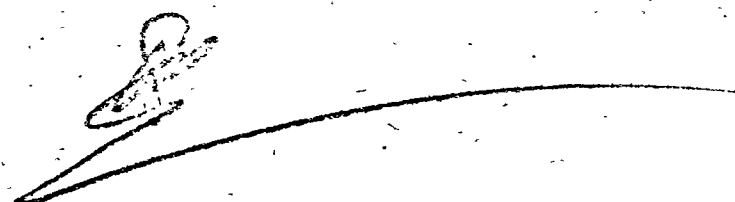
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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st December, 1870.*

No. 14. Read the following Endorsement of the Marine Department, dated
Fort Saint George, 12th November 1870 :—

From the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Cocanada, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Cocanada, 5th November 1870.

I HAVE the honour, instructed by the Committee of this Chamber, to submit to you copies of correspondence passed between the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, and this Chamber, and to beg you to be good enough to issue the necessary instructions to that officer, as referred to in his letter dated the 20th ultimo, so that the Proceedings of Government be communicated, this Chamber being very anxious that the proposed works be carried out without delay.

From the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Cocanada, to the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, dated Cocanada, 4th July 1870.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge your letter of the 27th ultimo, and in reply thereto am instructed to state :—

I.—That this Chamber believes the sum noted quite inadequate to carry out any extensive improvements in the harbour so very necessary for its existence.

II.—The most judicious way to lay out the sum noted appears to this Chamber to be the dredging of the river, stopped since several years, to allow boats to load and discharge with less difficulty.

III.—Such dredging to take place on the left bank of the river, between the bridge and the Custom-house, and on the bar at the mouth of the river, where boats at present experience difficulty to ply.

IV.—This Chamber suggests that the river be narrowed from the bridge downwards on its right bank, and a stone embankment run up and the mud dredged out used to fill up.

V.—This Chamber believes the suggestion of lengthening the south groyne should also be acted upon.

From the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Cocanada, to the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, dated Cocanada, 22nd August 1870.

THE Committee of this Chamber are anxious to learn whether the suggestions I had the honour to lay before you on the 4th July, copy enclosed, have met with your consideration and approval.

2. Submitting this desire of the Chamber to you, and soliciting the favour of an early reply.

From the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Cocanada, to the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, dated Cocanada, 15th October 1870.

At the last General Meeting of this Chamber on the 10th instant, the subject of my letter to you, dated the 4th July, was again discussed, and, instructed by that Meeting, I have the honour to request you kindly to inform me whether any, and, if so, what steps are now being taken to carry out the very necessary improvements alluded to in above correspondence.

From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Cocanada, dated Dowlaishweram, 29th August 1870.

ADVERTING to your letter of the 22nd instant, on the subject of the suggestions made in connection with the improvements to the Cocanada river, I have the honour to inform you that the matter has been referred to Government, and is still under their consideration.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st December 1870.*

From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Cocanada, dated Dowlaiswaram, 20th October 1870, No. 2,459.

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant, I have the honour to inform you that on the Government sanctioning the works referred to by you, and approving of their Proceedings being communicated to your Chamber, this office will supply the information; under any other circumstances I am unable to comply with any requisitions whatever made upon it.

TRANSFERRED to the Department of Public Works.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 1st December 1870, No. 2,902.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 2.

His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that the letter of the Chamber of Commerce of Cocanada under date the 4th July 1870, which has led to the correspondence now submitted by the Chamber for the information and orders of Government, was recorded with G. O. of the 5th August 1870, No. 1,871, and that the Acting Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division was then requested to furnish a specific scheme for the improvement of the harbour, estimated for in detail, and accompanied by the fullest explanations.

2. In the orders of the 14th September and 31st October 1870, Nos. 2,206 and 2,591, respectively, the attention of Major Fischer was again called to the subject, and he will now be requested to expedite the submission of the plans and estimates which in previous orders he has been directed to lose no time in laying before the Government.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Marine Department.

„ Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
„ Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Cocanada.

Ed. S. T. Angustin.

*Cocanada Chamber of Commerce
Office 4th July 1870.*

*From H. W. Steel Esq. V.
Chairman
Chamber of Commerce
Cocanada*

*To Major J. H. Fisher R.E.
Acting Superintending Engineer
1st Division
Dowlaiswaram*

Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 27th ultimo, and in reply thereto, am instructed to state
I That this Chamber believes the sum noted quite inadequate to carry out any extensive improvements in the harbour so very necessary for its existence
II The most judicious way to lay out the sum noted appears to this Chamber to be the dredging of the river, stopped since several years, to allow boats to load

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left bank of the river between the
bridge and the Custom House and on
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be narrowed from the bridge downwards
on its right bank and a stone embankment
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of lengthening the South groynes should also
be acted upon.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant
Signed J. W. Steel
Chairman

[True Copy]
Inland

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Bocanada Chamber of Commerce
Office 22nd August 1870.

From J. W. Steel Esquire
Chairman Chamber of Commerce
Bocanada

Major J. H. Frischar R. E.
Acting Superintending Engineer
The Division
Dowlaiswaram

Sir The Committee of this Chamber
are anxious to learn whether the suggestions
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your Consideration and approval.
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Chamber to you and soliciting the
favor of an early reply.

I have the honor to be
Your Most Obedient Servant
Signed J. W. Steel
Chairman

[True Copy]
Inland

Cocanada Chamber of Commerce
Office 15th October 1870

From
J. W. Abel Esq.
Chairman
Chamber of Commerce
Cocanada

Major J. F. Fischer R. E.
Acting Superintending Engineer
1st Division
Daulaihuaram

Sir
At the last General Meeting of
this Chamber on the 10th Instant the subject
of my letter to you dated the 4th July
was again discussed and instructed
by that Meeting I have the honor to request
you kindly to inform me whether any and
if so what steps are now being taken to carry
out the very necessary improvements alluded
to in above Correspondence.

I have the honor to be
Your Most Obedient Servant
Signed J. W. Abel
Chairman

/Ind Copy/
Name

Superintending Engineer's Office 1st Division
Daulaihuaram 29th August 1870

From The Acting Superintending Engineer
1st Division
Daulaihuaram

To
The Chairman
Chamber of Commerce
Cocanada

Sir
Adverting to your letter of
the 22nd Instant on the subject of the
suggestions made in connection with
the improvements to the Cocanada River
I have the honor to inform you that
the matter has been referred to Government
and is still under their consideration.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
Signed J. F. Fischer Major
R. E.
Acting Superintending Engineer 1st Division

/Ind Copy/
Name

No 2459. Superintending Engineer Office 1st Division
Canal & Navigation Dept.

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Major J. F. Fischer R.E.
Acting Superintending Engineer
1st Division

To
H. W. Abel Esquire
Chairman
Chamber of Commerce
Quebec

Sir In reply to your letter of the 15th
Instant I have the honor to inform you that
on the Government sanctioning the work
referred to by you and approving of their
proceedings being communicated to your
Chamber this Office will supply the
information, under any other circumstances
I am unable to comply with any
requisitions whatever made upon it

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant
Signed J. F. Fischer Major
Acting Superintending Engineer 1st Div.

(2nd Copy)
Name

COCANADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

COCANADA, 5th November 1870.

From
J. W. Aldridge
Chairman
Chamber of Commerce
Cocanada

To
The Honorable H. S. Ellis
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George
Madras.

Sir,
I have the honor, instructed by the Committee
of this Chamber, to transmit to you Copies of
Correspondence passed between the Superintending
Engineer & Division and this Chamber, and
to beg you to be good enough to send the
necessary instructions to that officer as
referred to in his letter dated the 20th ultimo,
so that the proceedings of Government be com-
municated, this Chamber being very
anxious that the proposed works be carried
out without delay.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
J. W. Aldridge
Chairman

to

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
P. W. D.

From the Marine Department
~~Chairman Chamber of~~
~~Commerce, Canada.~~

Read the following

(18. E. 2. - 3/2 Nov/70)

His Excellency
the Governor in Council
observed that the letter of
the Chamber of Commerce
of Canada under date the
4th July 1870, which related
to the correspondence now
submitted by the Chamber
for the information and
orders of Government, was
recorded with G. O. of the
5th August 1870, No. 1871, and
that the Acting Sup^r Engineer
of the 1st Divⁿ was then requested
to

1870 Dep^t of
Marine
Chairman, Chamber of
Commerce, Canada.

25 Nov/70.

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No 396.

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the Chamber of Commerce
of the Sup^r Eng^r Division
on the subject of improv-
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River.

No 2902. 1st Dec/70.

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to expedite the submission
of the plans and estimates
which in previous orders

he has been directed to 11th the Marine Depart^t
lose no time in laying 600 19. Sup^t. Engr^s of the 1st Divⁿ
before the Government. 300 Chairman of the Chamber

W. H.

of Commerce of
Cocanada.

Dec 2/12/70.

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Cannada River. The Engineer
has requested description
to prepare the plans
submitted for the improvement
of the Cannada
River.