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24th April 1871.*

No. 402. Read the following Endorsement of the Marine Department, dated Fort Saint George, 27th March 1871 :—

From the Master Attendant, Administrative Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 20th March 1871, No. 1,882.

* Jenarjenan, owner of the land on the north-
ern side of the canal.

Letchmanan, owner of the land on the south
side of the canal.

Manuel Alveyn,
Cochoo Paroo,
Wasoo Devan,
Barkee Cakoo,
Goondce,
Domingo Correa Mookistan,
J. H. Berger,
Baridoo Paroo,
Bastian Miguel,
Sagaim Saryuas,
Coonhen Chandy,
Aday Jangy,
Mathoo,
Coonhy Efoo,
Bapee,
Nursingen,
Jypoo Ansepoo,

† Barido, Markan,
Andee, Markan,
Manoyelly, Markan,
Salvador,
Francis,
Vychen Francis,
Juanis,
Anthony Pedro,
Anthony,
Anthony Pitcha,

Villagers re-
siding on the
banks of the
canal.

Boatmen.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that, during my late visit to Cochin on duty, I availed myself of the opportunities afforded of taking on the spot a number of depositions from the inhabitants* residing on the banks of the canal cut by the late Assistant Engineer in charge of the works there.

2. I also took, in the Master Attendant's Office, a number of depositions from Markhans and boatmen† who were in the habit of plying through the boat channel to the northward, round the Vypeen main and ballast groynes, and I have to request you will have the goodness to have all these depositions appended to my letter to Government, dated 31st January 1871, No. 766.

3. It will be observed that all these depositions have been taken from persons conversant with the subject on which they have been examined. There

are numbers of others who can give similar evidence, if required.

TRANSFERRED to the Department of Public Works.

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

No. 403.

ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1871, No. 1,159.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 22.

The depositions submitted with the above letter respecting the alleged breach or "partial breach" through the

Vypeen island add nothing to the previous information before Government on the subject.

2. The others, respecting the "boat channel" are not conclusive, as there was no cross examination or close enquiry. As far as they go, however, they confirm the impression that there has always been a boat channel open in the outer

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fringe of shoals off the Vypeen point nearer or further from the shore, or, at least,
that, if the boat channel was ever rendered by art or nature unnavigable, it was
but for a brief period.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Master Attendant.

Edw. S. T. Augustin.

Mr Manuel Alvares

I am now residing at Vypren and have been doing so for the last 15 years. I know the place thoroughly. I was in the habit of visiting this spot daily merely to see what work was going forward, and I was employed as a clerk under Mr Shaughnessy. I remember there was an old canal where the present one stands but it was filled up. It was afterwards opened up by the D.P.W. and lengthened towards the sea. I remember the high tides in November 1869. I cannot positively tell what time in November. I have frequently seen in that month the surge of the sea ~~toppling over the Bank~~ and falling into the canal. This was the case in several places to the north of the canal, but I can state upon oath if necessary there was no breach or opening from the sea into the canal. I heard that the Assistant Engineer in charge of the works at that time had reported that there was a breach but I can swear as well as many others with me that there was no breach or opening of any kind into the canal. Myself with others were very much surprised that such a thing had been reported.

J. C. Alvares

22nd February

1871

Examined

Alvares

Cochoo Paroo.

I am a fish merchant and am residing on the spot. I remember the time when the D.P.W. were carrying on their work on this spot. The sea end of this Canal was cut afresh and it was not in existence before, but there was an old canal in this place part of the way but it was blocked up and which was opened up by the D.P.W. I remember the high tides in November 1869, the surge of the sea used to wash over the bank during the high tides, but I am prepared to declare upon my oath if need be that there never was an opening or breach into the canal from the sea, nor has there been any before or since.

I remember last year when a gentleman came from Madras to enquire into the matter. I was asked by the Cashkeeper of the Bank to go to the Agent of the Bank which I did with Jemajiman. My evidence was taken on that occasion, but it was not committed to writing. I stated exactly what I now state.

As my evidence was characterized as "lies" I immediately left the Bank and told them before leaving to come and see for themselves. I remember the breach to the north of the canal which was closed up by the Marine Department. I had money dealings with the Bank

at that time, so have I ever at this
time.

22nd February
1871

Examined
G. S. S.

Gov. Wochoo Paroo

arguement.

I am the chief man of all the
Canarese in this place and an oil merchant.
I remember the high tides in November 1869
when the D. P. M. were working here. I am
the proprietor of the ground on the northern
bank of the canal and part of this canal
is widened through my ground. The end
of the canal towards the sea is cut by
the Assistant Engineer. Being the proprietor
of the ground I was here daily, but I
positively declare there never was an opening
between the sea and the canal. I saw
the high tides toppling over the bank into
the canal and nothing more. I am
also proprietor of the ground through which
there was a large breach in 1868. and
which was closed by the Marine Depart-
ment. I was asked before by the Agent
of the Bank to give evidence regarding this
place, which I did and it was exactly
what I have now stated, but for some
cause or other it was not taken down
in writing.

My evidence before the Bank
Agent was described as "his". I replied
if you do not believe me take a boat
and go and see for yourself. The day
I was sent for to attend at the Bank
Wochoo Paroo was with me and was
present when I gave my evidence and
so was I present when he gave his.

I had large money dealings with the Litchman Bank at the time so have I still.

My impression is that I was sent for by the Bank Agent so that I may be influenced in giving my evidence in favor of the Assistant Engineer, for the Bank Agent had nothing to do with this matter. I am now 50 years of age and I remember when a boy that a long canal had existed here when the beach extended westward about two and a half miles.

22nd
February 1871
Examined
1881

I am living on the spot and I am the proprietor of the ground to the south of the bank of this canal. I was also the proprietor of the little house sold to the D.P.W. I was in the habit of daily visiting this spot to see the operations carried on by the D.P.W. There was an old canal part of the way where the present one now stands, but it was filled up. It was opened up by the D.P.W. and the sea end of it cut new. I remember the high tides in November 1869 and frequently witnessed the surge washing over the bank into the canal, but there never was any breach or opening through the bank from the sea into the canal. At the time I am speaking of the sea was toppling over the banks at several places to the north of the canal. I was not asked to give any evidence before.

22nd February
1871
Examined
1881

Waco Devan. Resident.

I. During the high tides in the beginning of November 1869 when the D.P.W. were driving in palmyra stakes between the canal and the sea, was there any opening between the sea and the canal?

A. I remember the high tides in November 1869, but there was no opening between the sea and the canal. If there had been any opening I would have seen it as I am daily on the spot.

22nd February 1871 J. Waco Devan
Examined
6281

Barkeo Cakoo - Moostoten.

I remember the high tides in November 1869 being Moostoten of the place. I was daily here but there was no opening between the sea and the canal or the backwater during that time. I daily witnessed the operations carried on by the D.P.W. under an Engineer.

22nd February 1871 J. Barkeo Cakoo
Examined
6281

dec. Resident on the spot

I remember the operations carried on by the O.P.W. in November 1869 and also the high tides at that time. Living on the Spot I was a daily witness of the works but at no time there was any opening between the sea and the canal.

22nd February 1871 J. J. - Governor
Resident on the Spot

Wm. Correa. - Mookistan

I was living on the spot drying fish in November 1869 and daily witnessed the work carried on at the canal cut by Mr O'Shaughnessy. I never witnessed any opening between the canal and the sea and there was no breach whatever. I remember the breach to the northward of the canal closed up by the Marine Department. I had been a Mookistan of Typer for the last 10 years.

22nd February 1871 J. J. - Governor
Resident on the Spot
Wm. Correa

J. H. Berger. Resident.

I have been living at Typew from my infancy. I remember the operations carried on by the D. P. W. under our As-istant Engineers. I was in the habit of visiting the spot daily to see the work. I remember the canal cut by the D. P. W. The old canal extended only a short way but it was brought close to the sea ~~and~~ by cutting it afresh. I remember the high tides in November 1869 and saw the sea topping over the bank into the canal, but I positively declare there was no breach or opening ~~between the sea and the canal~~. The sea was topping the bank at other parts of the Typew Coast to the northward.

22nd February 1871

Examined J. H. Berger.
6781

We the undersigned inhabitants
of Tirca Vypren living on the spot
declare that we have heard the evidence
of Jencarjan, Cochoo Paroo, Vasco
Devan, Lakoo and others and we
one and all state that there never
was any opening between the sea and
the canal for the last 15 or 20 years.

Jof. Baridoo Paroo.

Jof. Bastian Miguel

Jof. Tagain Tanguao

27th

February

Jof. Coombes Chandy

1871

Examined

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Jof. Kuday Jangy.

Jof. Mathoo

Jof. Wooley Geo.

Jof. Bapce.

Jof. Mursangan

Jof. Lypoo Ansepro

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Barido

I am a Marhan and a boatman
belonging to this port, and I am in the
habit of daily going to ships in the outer
roads during the shipping season in large
boats and Quilon boats. I am working as
a boatman and a Marhan for the last
17 years, and I generally enter the inner
harbour when returning from the outer
roads through the Boat Channel round
Tycoon point when the tide is very strong
in the ship channel. I do not remember
that the Boat Channel was ever closed
and I always came through it when
returning from the roads when the
tide was running out. I remember
the works carried in by the Engineer,
but the boat channel was never
closed.

27th Feb 1871

Signed Barido

Andee

I am a Mackan working in Cargo
boats at this Port for the last 30 years.
I am in the habit of going to the Ship-
ping in the outer roads almost daily
during the Shipping season in Cargo and
Livestock boats. When the tide is against,
I always return to the inner Harbour
through the Boat Channel round Vypon
point. To my personal knowledge during
the long period of 30 years that I am
working as a Mackan at this Port, the
Boat Channel round Vypon point was
never closed. I remember the works being
on by the Engineer about 2 years ago
to close the Boat Channel, but it
was never closed then nor since.

27th February
1871

Signed Andee

Manovelly

I am a Markan of a boat for the last twenty years working between the inner harbour and outer roads in cargo boats. I remember the works carried on by the Engineer to stop the boat channel but it was never stopped nor has it stopped now. To my personal knowledge during all the time I have been plying as a boatman and a Markan between the inner harbour and outer roadstead the Boat channel was open. Owing to strong tides in the ship channel we generally enter the inner harbour through the Boat channel round Vyppies point. I have been in the habit of doing so for these many years and up to the present time.

27th February 1878 Jof Manovelly

We the undersigned boatmen plying
our trade at this point between the
inner harbour and the outer Roads
for the last ten or fifteen years, were
in the habit of passing through the boat
channel round the Vycken point. We
do this principally on returning from
the shipping to avoid the strong Ebb
tide. We remember the time about two
years ago when an Engineer officer was
making some surveys to stop the boat
channel, but it never was stoppied
and to our knowledge the channel was
always open. If it was stoppied, it
would have inconvenienced us much
and we should have known of it.

Locus 27th
February 1871

Sgt. Salvador
Sgt. Francis
Sgt. Vycken Francis
Sgt. Juavis
Sgt. Antony Pedro
Sgt. Antony

Antony Pileha

I am a boatman belonging to this port. I have been working so for the last 16 years. I am in the habit of plying between the inner harbour and Outer Roadstead during the shipping season in cargo boats. Whenever the tide is falling and we enter the inner harbour from the outer roads through the Boat Channel round Dyfwen point. I have never known ~~to any personal knowledge~~ the Boat Channel to be closed. I remember when the Engineer was erecting some groynes, but the Boat Channel was never closed by any thing that was done. I remember sand banks being thrown up frequently and disappear after a short time, but the Boat Channel was never closed round Dyfwen point.

27th February 1871 Wm R. J. Antony Pileha

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From 24th March 1871 to 1st April 1871

from Markans and Boat-
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of plying through the Boat
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I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most obedient Servant

M. D. S. Dalrymple
Master Attendant
Administrative Department.

Public Works Department

Letter from the Master Attendant
dated 20th March 1871. No. 1882.

Forwarded for orders
in continuation of
Mr. Dalrymple's letter
dated 31st January 1871
No. 766, which was
circulated on the 25th
February 1871.

The depositions respecting
the alleged beach
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and other premises
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March 1871.


Secy to Govt. P. W. D.

on the impression
recently stated by me in
my Memo. that there
has always been a tract
channel open within the
outer fringe of shoals
off the western point
near a further point
there is at least that
of the boat channel
we can render
by act a navigable
unhindered if we
for a very brief period
indeed.

No 1159. P.D.S.
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W. B.

To the Master Attendant.

Dec^r 26th April 1891

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The Master Attendant

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