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No. 256. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 17th June 1873:—

From E. C. G. THOMAS, Esq., C. S., Vizagapatam, to the Honourable W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, Ootacamund, dated Vizagapatam, 10th June 1873.

WITH reference to the proposal I had the honour of laying before Government for the improvement of the Vizagapatam harbour, I have the honour to forward some remarks by Sir A. Cotton.

2. This distinguished Engineer Officer formerly resided here, and his opinions will, I believe, deservedly carry weight with the Government.

3. In the interests of the district in which I am a public officer, I venture to draw attention to the circumstance that he entirely supports my remarks as to the extraordinary natural advantages presented to us here; the way to use them, the desirability of water communication through the country near the port, and the singularly trifling sums for which both these great improvements might be carried out.

Memorandum by Sir Arthur Cotton on the Port of Vizagapatam.

It ought to be a most important secondary port, and has very great natural advantages for facilitating its being made a most complete one at a very moderate expense, besides the most important in the present state of things, viz., that it can be greatly improved at a very small cost.

2. What is now first wanted is, in my opinion, the training wall proposed at the mouth of the river. This I would make of large rough blocks, which can be obtained at so very insignificant a cost on the spot, as the groynes were constructed in 1844, the cost of which was extremely small, only about £1,800 was spent in making five or six groynes at about $\frac{1}{4}$ rupee per ton.

3. I would strongly urge the carrying a road, on the most moderate scale, through the mountains to give access to the interior direct, and so to stimulate that fertile and well-watered, but poor and neglected tract.

4. I may add that the most important work of all for Vizagapatam is a canal to the south, to connect it at Samulcottah with the vast internal navigation of the deltas of the Kistna and Godavery and the great basin of the latter. The length is 90 miles, and it would cost about £200,000; this would give the district of Vizagapatam access to a vast interior market, besides connecting it with a first-class port. But at present I consider the construction of the simple training works at the mouth of the river unquestionably the grand point to be pressed. The very considerable trade of the port, in spite of its unimproved state, about £150,000* a year, shows

* 195,000 in April 1872-73.

† In the district.

how great is the demand for improvement of the port; if the Sea Customs, £7,000 or 8,000† a year, were allowed to pay the interest of capital and abundant sum could be received for very extensive improvements, and even if only a small part of it were granted for that purpose the works now proposed could be carried out.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. C. G. THOMAS.

TRANSFERRED to the Department Public Works.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

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Sir A. Cotton's original suggestions.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Inspecting Engineer for Ports and Communications.
.. District Engineer, Vizagapatam.
.. Marine Department.
To E. C. G. Thomas, Esq.

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