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Per March

From

The Master Attendant
Administrative Department
Machons

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

Dated 8th

Resp'd 8th

March 1881

Re: 9th

No. 2210.

Enclosure

Offering remarks on the letter
from the Chamber of Commerce,
fochin, recorded in J.O.
No. 222 W. of 26th Jan'y last,
regarding fochin Harbor

With Order
+ 678 W

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Administrative Department.

MADRAS,

Marine Office,

8th March 1881.

No. 2210

From

THE MASTER ATTENDANT,

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT,

MADRAS,

To

*The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George*

SIR,

*I have the honor to acknowledge
the Proceedings of Government No. 222 W, dated
January 26th last, containing a letter from the
Chamber of Commerce, Cochin, in which an
exception is taken to the remarks offered by
me on the subject of Cochin Harbour, and
to report that in company with Colonel
Sankar, I attended a meeting of the Chamber
at Cochin, and weighed carefully the arguments
then brought forward. I did not hear anything to
change my opinion that the mouths of Indian
Rivers are the worst places possible for
harbours, and I believe it impossible to make
one in such a position that would not require
yearly extensive attention and great expense
beyond any hope of return.*

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*The joint report now being forwarded
to Government by Colonel Sankar and
myself*

myself will, however, be the best reply to the
Chambers' remarks. I should be very glad
indeed to see harbours in Indian Ports, and
would not oppose any plan that offered
reasonable prospect of success. As I could
not conscientiously agree in the Chambers'
views, I recommended that they should
apply to Mr. Parkes, and on my return to
Madras, I begged that gentleman to give his
attention to the matter, he very kindly called
for the papers, and he has now visited
Cochin by sanction of Government, and his
views will soon be ascertained.

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most Obedt Servant

W. Parker

Master Attendant

Administrative Department.

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