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No. 826 dy 25th March 81.

Communicated to the Superintending Engr 2d Circle who will arrange in communication with the Supg Engineer 1st Circle & the Master Attendant Madras for the Armeghon Light being set up at Calicut.

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S.E. 2d circle ✓
S.E. 1st Circle ✓
Marine Dept. ✓ Dead 25/3/81

For Nº 1812.

Govt. of {1881} Madras.
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To

THE MASTER ATTENDANT,
Madras,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 17th.

Issued

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Encl. C—5 — Nil

G.O., 17th March 1881, No. 145.

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MARCH.
Nos. 26-27.

Lights.—Communicating, for issue of the necessary orders in the Public Works Department, letter from Government of India requesting that instructions may be issued to the Public Works Officers concerned to make the necessary arrangement for the removal of the light from the Armeghon shoal to Calicut at such time as may be most convenient for the purpose on general administrative grounds.

With order.
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No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1881, No. 145.

Communicated to the Master Attendant, and to the Public Works Department, in which the necessary orders will be issued.

(True Extract.)

J. Davidson

Chief Secretary.

To the Master Attendant, Madras.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

17th March 1881, No. 145.

Lights.

Read the following paper:—

No. 26. *From S. JACOB, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort William, 11th March* 1881, *No.* 1090 [*Current No.* 177].

In confirmation of my telegram of the 3rd instant, quoted on the margin, and with reference to paragraphs 2 and 3 of the letter from the Master Attendant, Madras, to the Superintendent of Marine Surveys to the Government of India, No. 1506, dated the 15th ultimo (copy enclosed), I am directed to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, instructions may be issued to the Public Works Officers concerned to make the necessary arrangement for the removal of the light from the Armeghon shoal to Calicut at such time as may be most convenient for the purpose on general administrative grounds.

"Give six weeks' notice before extinguishing Armeghon light."

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieut., R.N.R., Master Attendant, Madras, to the Superintendent of Marine Surveys, Calcutta, dated 15th February 1881, No. 1506.

In acknowledging receipt of your letter, No. 10, dated 8th instant, I have the honor to state that the reason of the Armeghon light being discontinued on the 17th instant is because the present fixed light of the 4th Order is to be replaced by a revolving light.

2. In carrying out this change, I am entirely dependent on the officers of the Public Works Department, and could not fix any date till I know *definitely* when the officer at Calicut (to which place the present Armeghon light is to be transferred) would be ready to place the new light for that port in position.

3. I am fully alive to the necessity of giving as long notice as possible of any changes in buoyage or lights; but it is almost impossible to arrange for Public Works Officers being in a certain locality at any given time, and, moreover, as it is essential that the change of light be effected during the present fine weather on the Western Coast, I judged it expedient to delay the work as little as possible, giving at the same time the widest attainable publicity of the matter.

4. You are no doubt aware that, situated as the Armeghon light is, it is but little utilized by the coasting or other steamers, as they do not pass within its range.

5. Moreover, the alterations required in the Armeghon column are of such a nature that it will not be practicable to exhibit a temporary light upon it, and an independent structure such as has been set up at Calicut would be useless, the only value of the Armeghon light consisting in its having as extensive a range as possible.

6. In case the notice already sent has miscarried, I enclose another showing why the light has to be discontinued.

Copy forwarded to the Military (Marine) Department in continuation of endorsement, No. 1003, dated the 3rd instant.