

25TH JUNE 1883, No. 333, MARINE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

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2. In reference to paragraph 2, copy of a letter, No. 1301, dated the 29th March last, from the Commissioner of Police, is enclosed.

ENCLOSURES.

Proceedings of the Harbour Committee appointed under G.O., No. 121, Marine, dated 21st February 1883, at a Meeting held on Tuesday the 12th June 1883.

PRESENT.

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The Committee resolve to represent to Government that the services of the Marine Police, so far as the duty of supplying one constable to every cargo and passenger boat, may, in the contemplated change connected with the levy of tolls on goods, &c., be dispensed with, and the sum thus retrenched be placed at the service of the harbour to support the protective system that will (after the Notification of Government comes into force) be adopted by the Committee, details of which system are in course of consideration.

Carried unanimously.

(True Extract.)

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From Colonel W. S. DREVER, C.S.I., Commissioner of Police, Madras, to the Collector of Madras and Chairman, Harbour Committee, dated Madras, 29th March 1883, No. 1301.

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2. I should myself have thought it more advisable to defer changes till we knew what the harbour is really going to be. Since my return to India in August 1882 I have seen it rougher inside than outside, and more vessels lying outside than in. Unless this be reversed, I do not see how any very material alterations in boats or crews can be effected.

3. Supposing the harbour completed, the Marine Police, as at present constituted, should be disbanded, and only such number of boats and men for beach and water patrol maintained as are deemed requisite. Excluding the boatmen, this force should form a part of the General Police under the control of the Commissioner, the Preventive officers under the orders of the Collector or Port Trust Commissioner, being a distinct body.

4. Paragraphs 4 and 5 do not concern this department.

5. I fully admit, as per paragraph 6 of Captain Taylor's scheme, that the Marine Police has not been self-supporting for some years, but I think this was in some measure owing to the introduction of large boats carrying twenty tons as against two, both being equally rated at 3 annas per constable.

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* *Vide* G.Os., dated 25th April 1881, No. 199, and 15th October 1881, No. 485, Marine Dept. however, omit to notice the fact that if the income derivable * from the fees levied under Madras Act I of 1881 ceases, there will be so much less to place at the disposal of the harbour as contemplated in the Committee's Resolution.

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C. G. MASTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Harbour Committee.
,, Master Attendant, Madras.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Commissioner of Police.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Supt. M.H.W.

Madras Harbour.

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