

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

D. O. from Mr. M. R. Weld, Bg. Collector and Magistrate of Kistna, Masulipatam dated 30th December 1885.

Order thereon 16th January 1886 No. 104/Ms.

The following extract from the letter read above will be communicated to the Master Attendant and the Public Works Department:-

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" About the port of this district, canals are being opened into the uppatern on the Godavari frontier from both districts, those of this district go in (1) at Tadimāḍ about 8 miles below the Colair and (2) at Tannipuram 2 or 3 miles from the mouth. The 1st is finished all but the tidal lock and will be opened next year. 2 has got 8 miles only dug and won't be open for some time. They will give direct routes from here, via Panaru junction and Kowteram. 1 to Rajamundry and 2 to Cocanada. The upater
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now almost unknown, will become a great highway of commerce, it is a deep clear river, the water having dropped its silt in the Colair and the canals and will not silt up, the tide runs right up to the Colair some 27 miles and the issue from the Colair is 15 feet deep - off the mouth the 4 fathom line comes within a mile of the shore. I asked Mr Allen Assistant Engineer D.P.W. to take the occasion of his going to the place to observe and give me a description of the mouth and bar; he says in the river the depth is great, 30 feet or so, the bar is only 15 feet or so thick and has on it 6 feet at low and 9 feet at high tides, and that big boats enter. The tides must give a good sweep and scour in such a river with 27 miles of flow and I think that a no very great expenditure on groynes ought to accomplish the sweeping away of that bar altogether.

Produce could be conveniently brought to it by canal from all parts of both districts. I had not been down this side and did not know of this when I answered your (or rather

rather Mr Webster's) Circular No 1471 of the 18th August calling for a list of improvements likely to be made in the district in the next 6 years. I would suggest that Colonel Shaw-Stewart and Captain Taylor might be asked to look at this river mouth when they come up the coast in January."

(True Extract)

J. P. Lees.
Under Secretary

To

The Master Attendant

Public Works Department

Govt of 1881 Madras

This paper must stand
over until opportunity
occurs for inspecting
the locality to which
W. Weld alludes.

No. 722, PUBLIC.

OF MADRAS.

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Proceedings, dated 16/1/1886
No. 104, Mr.

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Forwarding material
from Mr. Allen's letter
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that there is 6 feet of water in it at low tides and 9 at high; and that inside the river is
over 20 feet deep.

6. Such a river would do for sailing boats like those used at Masula. The
4-fathom line is within a mile of the shore, and Point Narsapur shelters the roads
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8. May I ask you to look at the place when you come up the coast this year. I
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5TH APRIL 1886, No. 722, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper :—

G.O., dated 11th February 1886, Mis. No. 307, Public.

Read—the following letter from M. R. WELD, Esq., Acting Collector of Kistna, to the Master Attendant, Madras, dated Masulipatam, 22nd January 1886, No. 272 :—

With reference to your letter to Government, dated 23rd March 1875, No. 1913, embodied in G.O., No. 128, M.D., of the 2nd April 1875, regarding a port for this district, I have the honor to state that, I think, it is highly probable that the best place is the mouth of the Upatér or salt river, which runs from the Kolér lake to the sea forming the boundary between this and the Godávári district.

2. The mouth of this river is about 30 miles north of Masulipatam.

3. This river has hitherto been out of the way of traffic, but canals are being opened into it from both districts, and it soon will be a great highway.

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6. Such a river would do for sailing boats like those used at Masula. The 4-fathom line is within a mile of the shore, and Point Narsapur shelters the roads from the north-east monsoon. Goods will come there easily by canal from all parts of both districts.

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No. 273.

Endorsement on the above.

Submitted to Government in continuation of my No. 3365 of the 6th October last, in answer to their circular, No. 1471, dated 18th August last, calling for a list of improvements which might be made in the district within the next six years.

MASULIPATAM, (Signed) B. RAJA RAO, Deputy Collr.,
22nd January 1886. for Acting Collector.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department.

Order—dated 11th February 1886, Mis. No. 307, Public.

The Government would be glad if the Master Attendant could inspect the place and report upon the suggestion of the Acting Collector.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. WILSON,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Master Attendant, Madras.
„ Collector of Kistna.

READ—also the following paper:—

From J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieut., R.N.R., Master Attendant, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 4th March 1886, No. 1910.

Administrative Department.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, Mis. No. 307, dated 11th February last, I have the honor to reply that owing to the failure of the steamer *Madras* and the inability of the Government of India to furnish a vessel for inspection, I fear no inspection of the port of Perupalem is possible this season; however in the year 1880 I entered closely into the very question and made inquiries into the particulars of the trade, &c., and I forward herewith copy of a petition sent me by the inhabitants. It seems the town, which once enjoyed large trade, is placed on one bank of the river in the Kistna district, and the other opposite in the Godáviri. It seemed probable that such direct proximity might lead to evasion of foreshore rights and dues, or necessitate a double staff. The river is like all others on the coast troubled with a bar, and consequent difficulty to trade; but if the improvement of the canal system brings it into a forward position, as Mr. Weld anticipates, the objections formerly raised might easily be overcome, and the port placed on the same footing as other small ones in the presidency, the official in charge drawing a percentage on dues, &c., as is done in the other cases.

ORDER—dated 5th April 1886, No. 722, Public.

Communicated to the Public Works Department in continuation of G.O., Mis. No. 109, dated 18th January 1886.

(True Extract.)

To the Public Works Department.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Master Attendant, Madras.
„ Collector of Kistna.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

for Chief Secretary.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 11th May 1886

Read the following

The reply drafted on this paper does not seem in any way called for.

Please see the paper marked "L.O. No 2, on the same subject."

The letter paper was apparently sent to P.W.D. in view to the E.W. in meeting the locality mentioned by Mr. Weld, when an opportunity offers, it was marked by you to stand over until such opportunity occurs.

The course in the printed Pro. of 5.4.86 has no doubt been sent for information in connection with the info paper -

The subject is apparently ~~now~~ disposed of for the present.

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G.O., 5th April 1886, No. 722.

APRIL.

Improvements of Districts.

Communicating to the Public Works Department certain papers respecting the opening of a port at Perupalem in the Kistna district.

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by the Master Attendant
letter of 4. 3. 86, No 1910
in the printed Pros.

Submitted that
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be "recorded", copies of
the printed paper being
sent to S. I. & S. S. II.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 11th May 1886

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