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[*Reference.*—"Cocanada Training Walls Extension."]

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Copy of the above forwarded to the Marine Department, with advertence to its endorsement, No. 1112, dated 9th July 1886, herewith returned with enclosures.

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3. I am certain that the friction which has apparently been so great whilst the executive part of the work has been under the Marine Department, would by no means be lessened were the work entrusted to our department.

4. I therefore strongly recommend that the wishes of the Cocanada Chamber of Commerce, as expressed in paragraphs 2 and 3 of their proceedings, dated 12th May 1886, be fully acceded to; they appear to me to be reasonable and to afford probability of the work being carried on smoothly.

No. 508 D.

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The Collector—Chairman.
The Superintending Engineer—Professional adviser.

Ex-officio Non-official Members.

The Chairman of the European Chamber of Commerce—Vice-Chairman.
The Chairman of the Native Chamber of Commerce.
Ordinary members to be elected annually.
Two members of the European Chamber of Commerce.
One member of the Native Chamber of Commerce.

2. With respect to the functions of the committee, the Government accept the proposals of the two Chambers of Commerce with the proviso suggested by the European Chamber that no change of design shall be given effect to without the sanction of Government on the recommendation of the Superintending Engineer.

3. On the question of executive charge, the Government concur with the Port officer, Madras, as to the expediency of relieving the Port officer of Cocanada of the duty, and they will be prepared to place the services of an upper subordinate of the Public Works Department at the disposal of the Committee on their undertaking to make the necessary provision for his pay and pensionary contribution.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Port officer, Madras.
" Chairman, European Chamber of Commerce, Cocanada.
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" Collector of Godávari.
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G.O., 24th August 1886, No. 469.

AUGUST.

Cocanada Groynes Committee.

Expressing opinion that the — should be composed of certain members, and accepting the proposals of the two Chambers of Commerce with respect to their functions.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From J. THOMSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Godávari, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cocanada, 8th June 1886, No. 10.

Referring to G.O., of 6th April last, No. 162, Marine, passing orders on a letter from the Cocanada Chamber of Commerce making certain representations regarding the position, &c., of the Groynes Extension Committee, I have the honor to state that, in accordance with the instructions to me in paragraph 4 thereof, I consulted the Chamber (which comprises the committee), the Native Chamber, the Superintending Engineer, and the Port officer. I submit their replies and summarize them as follows:—

The Chamber adheres to its proposals as to constitution of the committee, with the addition of the chairman of the Native Chamber as an *ex-officio* member and another member to be elected annually (it is not clear if the Native Chamber is to furnish two or three members); claims entire control for the committee; desires that the design continue unmodified save under Government approval; and asks that a subordinate officer of the Public Works Department be put in charge under the committee's control.

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The Chairman, Chamber of Commerce—Vice-Chairman.

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Two representatives of Native mercantile community.

The Native Chamber proposes a similar committee and desires the same entire control, the Port officer exercising general unpaid supervision.

The Superintending Engineer proposes a committee of three members—

The Collector, as Government representative;
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the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, for the mercantile community;

to carry out the work without "direct" Government or other control after the estimate is approved by Government and the Chamber, the committee appointing an experienced native upper subordinate to supervise, and the work being done by petty contract agency.

The Port officer proposes the Executive Engineer as a member of the committee; that if he is to continue in executive charge, he should not be a member of the committee, but act under the orders of the Executive Engineer; that the committee should have the power of altering their design, and should control and audit the expenditure; and, having regard to the nature of the work, points out that if it is transferred to the Public Works Department, it will require the close attention of the officer in charge.

2. For myself I have to say that—

(1) a committee of the Collector, Superintending Engineer, Chairman of the European and Chairman of the Native Chambers of Commerce, will be as large as will be workable or is necessary, the Collector as Chairman to have a casting vote; the

proceedings of any one meeting should be subject to confirmation of the next following; the meetings should be monthly or oftener, on the call of the Chairman or any two other members; and copy of its proceedings should be submitted for the information of Government.

(2) The nature of the work is such that the design and estimates must be subject to alteration as the work progresses and effects appear. Already the estimates require revision, and the Port officer is suggesting a change of design. The Superintending Engineer should therefore be requested by Government to submit, now, such revised plan and estimates, which, being sanctioned, should be made over to the committee with full power to depart from them in details, but not in main points save with the sanction of Government; the committee to have full executive powers and spending powers up to the income of the fund, subject only to audit by Governmental officers with reference to the original estimates and subsequent resolutions of the committee.

(3) For the carrying out of the work, an officer of the Supervisor class, to give his whole attention to the work, is necessary. If he is taken from Government service, there would be more guarantee for his good conduct, but I think the mercantile members of the committee would be able, as they would be inclined, to exercise sufficient control over any one whom the committee might themselves select, and the complications that attend the lending of a Government servant would thereby be avoided.

ENCLOSURES.

From J. A. SIMSON, Esq., Chairman, Cocanada Chamber of Commerce, to the Collector and Magistrate, Godávari district, dated Cocanada, 27th May 1886.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the copy of the Port officer's letter of 30th April and of that of the Native Chamber of Commerce, dated 20th May, which letter I return herein, and thank you for having placed their views at the disposal of this Chamber for consideration. In categorical reference to the Port officer's suggestions I would beg to remark—

(1) That the enrolment of the Executive Engineer as a member of the Groynes Committee is undesirable, the presence of the District Engineer being sufficient guarantee of the sagacity of the board to avoid engineering pitfalls.

(2) This requires no remark since the Chamber's proposals provide for supervision other than the Port officer's, in conformity with the implied desire of Government.

(3) This is in conformity with the Chamber's views excepting as regards the introduction of the Executive Engineer and the Accountant-General.

(4) This the Chamber entirely concurs in. The Native Chamber of Commerce's views will be found to vary but very slightly from those of this Chamber and call for no special remark.

I append an extract from the Proceedings of a meeting held by my Chamber on the 12th instant, specially to consider the groynes extension scheme, in which their views are so fully set forth that I trust they will be considered as replying fully to the reference made by you.

In conclusion, I may mention that a meeting was held on the 19th instant at which the Native and European commercial interests of the port were well represented, and that after a free discussion of and interchange of views on the question under reference, it was ascertained that there is but one feeling on the point, that the representatives of the commerce of the port should have an ample voice in the development of a scheme, the success of which must run parallel with their own interests, and the means for the carrying out of which come out of their own pockets.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of a Special General Meeting of Chamber of Commerce, held on the 12th May 1886.

G.O., No. 162, of 6th April 1886, relating to the groynes extension scheme, was then placed before the meeting for consideration, and with reference to paragraph 4, it was resolved briefly to record the following sense of the Chamber:—

(1) That the original proposal of the Chamber contained in their letter to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cocanada, 15th February 1886, as to the constitution of the board be adhered to, but that in consequence of the Native community having since formed a Chamber of Commerce of their own, the Chairman of that body should be an *ex-officio* member of the board, and one other representative thereof be an ordinary member subject to annual election.

(2) Section (*a*). That the entire control of the groynes extension be vested in the board.

(*b*) That the present design be carried out, and that no modifications be introduced without the approval of Government.

(3) That the Public Works Department be requested to lend a subordinate officer, such as a supervisor to carry out the work under the control of the board, the fund supporting the charge of his salary for such time as they make use of his services.

Resolved that as the groynes scheme, as indeed every other matter connected with the development of the port, concerns the interests of the entire commercial fraternity, the Native Chamber of Commerce be invited to exchange views with this Chamber and consult with it as to the recommendations to be placed before Government with reference to this particular project.

The Chamber desires to record the misapprehension which Government seems to be under from the remark in paragraph 5 to the effect that the Port officer is paid out of the "Harbour Dues Fund" for his executive functions in connection with the construction of the groynes, and to point out that his remuneration in that regard is met out of the self-imposed Groynes Extension Fund and not by the Harbour Dues Fund.

From M.R.Ry. M. RAMANNAH, Chairman, Native Chamber of Commerce, Cocanada, to the Acting Collector, Godávari district, dated Cocanada, 20th May 1886, No. 17.

With reference to your letter, dated 28th ultimo, No. 352, to the address of the Cocanada Native Chamber of Commerce, with a request to furnish you with their suggestions on the points mentioned in paragraph 4 of the G.O., dated 6th April 1886, No. 162, on the subject of the Cocanada groynes extension scheme, I have the honor, on behalf of the Chamber, to submit, for your favorable consideration and submission to Government, their views in brevity as follows:—

I. That the Chamber do not hesitate to agree fully with the suggestions submitted by the members of the Cocanada Chamber of Commerce as to the propriety and expedience of the proposed reformation of the Groynes Extension Committee, which might be formed as follows:—

Ex-officio Government Members.

(1) The Collector of the district of Godávari—Chairman.
(2) The District Engineer.
(3) Port Officer, Cocanada—Executive officer.

Ex-officio Non-official Members.

(4) The Chairman of the Cocanada Chamber of Commerce—Vice-Chairman.
(5) Two members of the Cocanada Chamber of Commerce.
(6), (7) and (8) Three members of the Native Chamber of Commerce, Cocanada, including the chairman.

II. That with regard to the functions and the degree of control to be exercised by the committee, the Chamber fear that it might be too premature to enter into full particulars, and wish therefore to await the decision of the Government on the proposed constitution of the committee. But the Chamber feel it their duty to suggest that as the "Groynes Dues Fund" which is styled in the Government Order in question "Harbour Dues Fund" is collected from and for the benefit of the public at large, the work should be carried out under the immediate supervision and control of the special representatives of the public in this matter.

III. That the following are the brief suggestions of the Chamber regarding the future functions of the committee, which, if adopted, the Chamber believe would put the works on a more satisfactory footing:—

(*a*) General supervision of accounts.
(*b*) All contracts to pass through the committee before being accepted by the Executive officer.
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In conclusion, the Chamber beg to thank you for kindly inviting their views on the subject.

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AUGUST.

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I append an extract from the Proceedings of a meeting held by my Chamber on the 12th instant, specially to consider the groynes extension scheme, in which their views are so fully set forth that I trust they will be considered as replying fully to the reference made by you.

In conclusion, I may mention that a meeting was held on the 19th instant at which the Native and European commercial interests of the port were well represented, and that after a free discussion of and interchange of views on the question under reference, it was ascertained that there is but one feeling on the point, that the representatives of the commerce of the port should have an ample voice in the development of a scheme, the success of which must run parallel with their own interests, and the means for the carrying out of which come out of their own pockets.

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Communicated to the Supdg. Engr. I circle for information.

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(Sd) J. O. H.

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2. The Government, in the Public Works Department, concur in the views expressed by the Superintending Engineer.

Ootacamund,
9th August 1886.

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Col., R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Marine Department, with papers returned.

Order—dated 24th August 1886, No. 469, Marine.

After a careful consideration of the foregoing papers, His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that the Cocanada Groynes Extension Committee should be composed as follows:—

Ex-officio Official Members.

The Collector—Chairman.
The Superintending Engineer—Professional adviser.

Ex-officio Non-official Members.

The Chairman of the European Chamber of Commerce—Vice-Chairman.
The Chairman of the Native Chamber of Commerce.
Ordinary members to be elected annually.
Two members of the European Chamber of Commerce.
One member of the Native Chamber of Commerce.

2. With respect to the functions of the committee, the Government accept the proposals of the two Chambers of Commerce with the proviso suggested by the European Chamber that no change of design shall be given effect to without the sanction of Government on the recommendation of the Superintending Engineer.

3. On the question of executive charge, the Government concur with the Port officer, Madras, as to the expediency of relieving the Port officer of Cocanada of the duty, and they will be prepared to place the services of an upper subordinate of the Public Works Department at the disposal of the Committee on their undertaking to make the necessary provision for his pay and pensionary contribution.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Port officer, Madras.
" Chairman, European Chamber of Commerce, Cocanada.
" " Native Chamber of Commerce, Cocanada.
" Public Works Department.
" Collector of Godávari.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Henricus.