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2. With the sanction of Government Mr. Morris, the Port Officer, Vizagapatam, was wired to leave by first steamer to take up the pilotage temporarily, and I am expecting him to arrive per S.S. *Asia* to-morrow morning, when he will take over the duties of the pilot. A telegram, received from the Port Officer, Calcutta, announces the fact that Hooghly Pilot Allan will leave on Thursday (yesterday), so that he will probably be here in time to begin work on Monday next. His salary is doubtless a large one, and in that case we might, after a week or so, let him return to Calcutta, retaining Mr. Morris for a while longer, until the junior pilot's health is re-established. I have warned Mr. Broom, now in Negapatam, formerly Conservator and Superintendent, Sea Customs at the port of Ganjam, to be ready to leave at a moment's notice to proceed to Vizagapatam to take up the Port Officer's duties there.

3. I would now explain that there has been no hitch in the work of the port as yet, or cause for complaint. Only two steamers were kept outside, viz., the French Steamer *Tibre*, and the Asiatic Company's boat the *Shah Jehan*, both vessels had but little business to transact, the former remaining but 5 hours and the latter 8½ hours. The British India Steam Navigation Company's Steamers *Simla*, *Himalaya*, and *Canara* were permitted to be piloted in and out of the harbour by their commanders, all of whom have constantly been visiting this port, and are well acquainted with the harbour.

4. I would add that Messrs. Binny and Co., at my request, have obtained the services of the chief officer of the S.S. *Asia* from the British India Steam Navigation Company, should they be required, and as the *Asia* will be in port for some days, I will arrange about him hereafter, if necessary, making a further report to Government in a few days on the whole subject. At present, there is but one vessel in the harbour, the S.S. *Malabar*, which will not be leaving for some days to come.

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(True Extract.)

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