

Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 17034

DATED 8 June 96

[Despatch Abstract.]

Alleppey Light House. Dms Marine
Dept directing that the Travancore
Loot be moved to give effect to the
recommendation made in the
Admiral's inspection report on the
Communication to the Deputy Engineer
IV Arch.

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Communicated
to the Suptg. Engineer
IV Circle for in-
formation.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras,
to the Joint Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 24th
April 1896, No. 1271/143 G.

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the Travancore Government should be addressed regarding the alteration to the light
at Aleppi to which Government has accorded approval.

2. I have also to bring to notice that no orders have been passed on Mr. Ash-
pitel's proposals in respect to Mangalore light. The removal of this light to a lower
situation was recommended by Mr. Ashpitel on a light at Mulki being established, but
as sanction has only now been accorded to the exhibition of a light on the mainland
in the vicinity of the Mulki rocks, and some considerable time must elapse before the
exhibition takes place, it appears necessary that sanction should be given to keep the
Mangalore light-house in a proper state of efficiency.

3. With regard to the proposal to place a light on Cotta point, I beg to state that
Mr. Ashpitel is entirely mistaken in stating that Sacrifice rock is in the direct track
of steamers from Bombay. No vessel need go near to the rock unless proceeding
along the coast from Tellicherry to Calicut or *vice versa*, and as I do not consider
that a light on Cotta point is at all necessary—and my opinion is based on a very
intimate knowledge of the coasting traffic—I think that the question of placing a
light there might be held over for the present. I would point out that I do not
know of a single instance in which a coasting steamer has come to grief on Sacrifice
rock by the absence of a light. Indeed by keeping in 20 fathoms the rock can be
passed safely on the darkest night. The soundings off the coast of Malabar are an
excellent guide, not only to coasting vessels, but to vessels approaching from seaward,
and as the dangers to navigation are few and can be easily avoided by a careful
use of the lead, it seems to me unnecessary to go to the great expense of providing
an 18-mile light for Cotta point.

ORDER—No. 301, Marine, dated 4th May 1896.

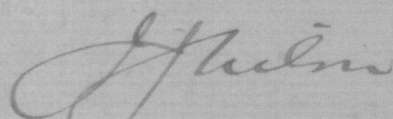
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4. It would have been convenient, if the Presidency Port Officer, in alluding to subjects contained in a lengthy document like that under notice, covering 61 pages of printed matter, had given clear references to paragraphs or pages of the document.

(True Extract.)



Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
" Public Works Department. ✓
" Resident in Travancore, with extract of inspection report.

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MARINE.

Dated May, 4th.

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G.O. No. 301, 4th May 1896.

MAY.

**Requirements under
Light-houses**

Directing, with remarks, that the Travancore Government be moved to give effect to the recommendation made in Mr. Ashpitel's inspection report on the Aleppi light-house, and that the question of establishing a light on Cotta point be held over for the present.

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