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1st September 1866.

No. 3. Read the following letter from W. J. ADDIS, Esq., C. E., Bombay, to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, Madras; dated Bombay, 18th July 1866.

It will be regarded by me an act of great kindness if you will please to submit to the notice of His Excellency the Governor my request that His Excellency will kindly favor me with his patronage, by causing copies of my recently completed Map of Bombay to be purchased for the use of the several Government Offices in the Madras Presidency.

2. I beg to say that the preparation of the Map, as comprehensive as this one is, has entailed no ordinary amount of labor and skill, added to which its publication has already cost me a great deal of money.

3. The purchase of some of these Maps would not only compensate me in a large measure for the outlay incurred, but would promote and encourage professional men like myself in undertaking similar works for the future, and I can only venture to hope that His Excellency will not withhold from me his patronage.

4. The support afforded to me would be one of the most convincing proofs of the desire on the part of Government to countenance the efforts of private individuals who add to works of improvement and art.

5. In testimony of the value attached to the Map of Bombay, I beg to solicit a perusal of the opinions of the Press, published after a minute examination of the Map, and which opinions are enclosed herewith.

Transferred to the Chief Secretary to Government.

(By Order).

OOTACAMUND,
28th August 1866.

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Private Secretary.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 1st September 1866, No. 886.

The Madras Government do not require any copies of the Map referred to in the foregoing letter.

(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

To W. J. Addis, Esq., Bombay:

Ed. J. H. Burns.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

BOMBAY GAZETTE.

11th May 1866.

Our readers must have observed an advertisement which has for a lengthened period announced to the public, through the columns of the Bombay journals, that a new map of the Island of Bombay was in course of preparation by Mr. W. J. Addis, M. S. E. London. This map has now been published, and from an examination of it, we can bear evidence to its great excellence, minuteness, and beauty. The map professes to show every street, road, and gully in the town and throughout the island, and the comprehensive scale of six inches to a mile, permits of their being delineated with the utmost clearness and precision. Mr. Addis has undoubtedly accomplished a great and important work, one of the most essential utility, one involving the most laborious and patient industry, and which only requires to be examined to be repaid with general appreciation. He has been engaged upon it since April last year, and the surveys of the Island were undertaken by himself and three assistant surveyors working under his superintendence. We feel certain that his labour will be amply rewarded; for the map, as a work of reference, will supersede all its predecessors in the same direction. It cannot be doubted that it will find a place on the walls of nearly every public office in Bombay, and we believe that orders have been received for it even from the Mofussil. It represents the projected buildings that are to go under the name of Frere Town; and the reclamations that are in progress around the foreshore of the island. The Frere, Mazagon, and Elphinstone works, as they will appear if completed according to the present plans, are laid down, the extent of the area which the Back Bay Company is authorized to reclaim and the small section which it has already reclaimed are also delineated. The map is issued mounted on rollers at Rs. 25 and in a portable folding case at Rs. 22 per copy. For the convenience of parties who may not require complete copies it is also issued in sheets, so that a plan of any section of the island can be obtained at a cheap rate. A subsidiary and enlarged plan of the Fort is given in the corner of the map, and we are informed that Mr. Addis is engaged upon a very large plan of the Fort so minutely particular that every shop is shown upon it. The workmanship of the plan already published does the very greatest credit to the Byculla Press. It is beautifully coloured and every line is given with clear precision. The number of copies which have been thrown off is 1,000; and although the map is published fifteen or eighteen months too late to be of assistance to the inventive promoters of Reclamation Companies, it comes in ample time to supply a long felt want in Bombay, and we hope also in time to remunerate the gentleman who has designed it.

TIMES OF INDIA.

16th May 1866.

A handsome new map of the Island of Bombay has just been published by Mr. W. J. Addis, M. S. E. London; and after a careful examination of it we have no hesitation in saying that we think it will be regarded as, *par excellence*, the map of Bombay. We understand that Mr. Addis has been engaged on it since April last year, and in order to accomplish the work successfully, he made a new survey of the whole island—a work in which he was assisted by three other surveyors. The result is a map on a scale of six inches to the mile—a size which enables every street, road, and gully in the island to be laid down with clearness and precision; and when it is remembered that it includes every place from the southern extremity of Colaba to the northern extremity of Mahim, it will be seen that the work has been one of no ordinary difficulty. As a proof of its accuracy we may mention that Lieut. Colonel DeLisle, the Government Engineer, has spoken of the map in very high terms, and a more competent authority than Colonel DeLisle we do not know. The map is about 5 ft. 8 in. long by about 3 feet broad, and as it is got up in a very handsome manner it will prove ornamental as well as useful. The various districts of the island are printed in colours, and are thus rendered more easily distinguishable than they would otherwise have been had they been printed plain. A separate plan of the Fort is given at the side of the map, but on a much more enlarged scale than that in the body of it. In addition to this all the proposed reclamation works are laid down, together with the new railway

stations, and a plan of the proposed buildings which are to constitute "Frere Town"—should that conception ever be realized. To suit the convenience of purchasers the map has been prepared in two styles—one mounted on rollers for office use, and the other folded in a case. Altogether it is most creditable to Mr. Addis, and to all concerned in getting it up, and we hope that it will meet, as it richly deserves, with a rapid sale.

THE POWLA.

17th May 1866.

Mr. Addis deserves the substantial thanks of the community for giving us the best map of the city that is to be had. No pains have been spared in making it accurate up to date. We notice for instance that all the land actually reclaimed by the Back Bay Company is marked up to January 1863. Proposed alterations are also shown, as for example the Frere Town that is to be, and the Colaba terminus of the Bombay and Baroda Railway. The area embraced by the map extends to beyond Mahim. In a vacant corner Mr. Addis has put the Fort on a larger scale. This, as we have personally found, is a great convenience. But not satisfied with this, our public-spirited townsman is republishing the Fort on a larger scale still, in a separate form, so as to show every bank, shop and office, as well as road, in it. The varnished copy of this map is quite an ornament to any wall on which it may hang, and our readers will not be surprised to hear that though the map is only just published, it is already very popular.

NATIVE OPINION.

20th May 1866.

We promised last time to notice the large and new map of the Town and Island of Bombay, published by Mr. W. J. Addis, M. S. E. London. A careful examination of the work shows it to be deserving of the praise given it by our daily contemporaries. The labour bestowed by the author on it may be judged of from the fact that he surveyed the whole island with the help of three professional assistants, and that he was engaged on its preparation for one year. The result is a map on the large scale of six inches to the mile, which leaves ample room for the delineation not only of the chief districts and thoroughfares, but of every single locality, street, and gully—however small or unimportant—even in the crowded quarters of the island, from the most northern extremity of Mahim and Sion to the southernmost point of Upper Colaba. Ninety-two localities and public sites and buildings are numbered with the names. The rest also have been so distinctly marked in colors that every oart and ward can be easily traced. In addition, the Fort is drawn in a corner separately and on an enlarged scale, and we learn Mr. Addis is engaged upon a still larger plan of this locality so minute and particular as to show the position of every shop in it.

But the map under notice goes further. It not only delineates Bombay as it is, but also indicates in different colors what it is intended it should be. The buildings designed to form the Frere Town and all the different Reclamation Works are also marked, both as proposed and as finished up to the latest possible date. The deeper indentations on the southern and western shores are thus filled up by the Frere, the Mazagon, the Elphinstone, the Colaba, and the Back Bay Reclamation Works, and the island presents a compact and "tight" appearance, indeed.

Such is Mr. Addis' Map of Bombay. It doubtless deserves the patronage of the public. We are told it was submitted to Government for support, and was highly approved of by the authorities for its accuracy and workmanship, which though it was got up on the spot at the Byculla Press, is excellent. The map supplies a real want, and will (as a work of reference or curiosity) form, or ought to form, a constant companion to the yearly Calendar, at every place of business, culture, or fashion. Mounted on rollers, the price of the work is Rs. 25; in a portable folding case, coloured, Rs. 22, and Rs. 17 uncoloured. Separate sheets for the different sections of the Island are also available, of course at a much smaller cost, for those who may not require the whole work.

2. Feb 21st 1866

To
The Private Secretary
to His Excellency the Governor
Madras.
Of No 13 Elder Street - Fort
Bombay 15th July 1866.

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W. P. Fraser: Secy.
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Dated, 1st September 1866.