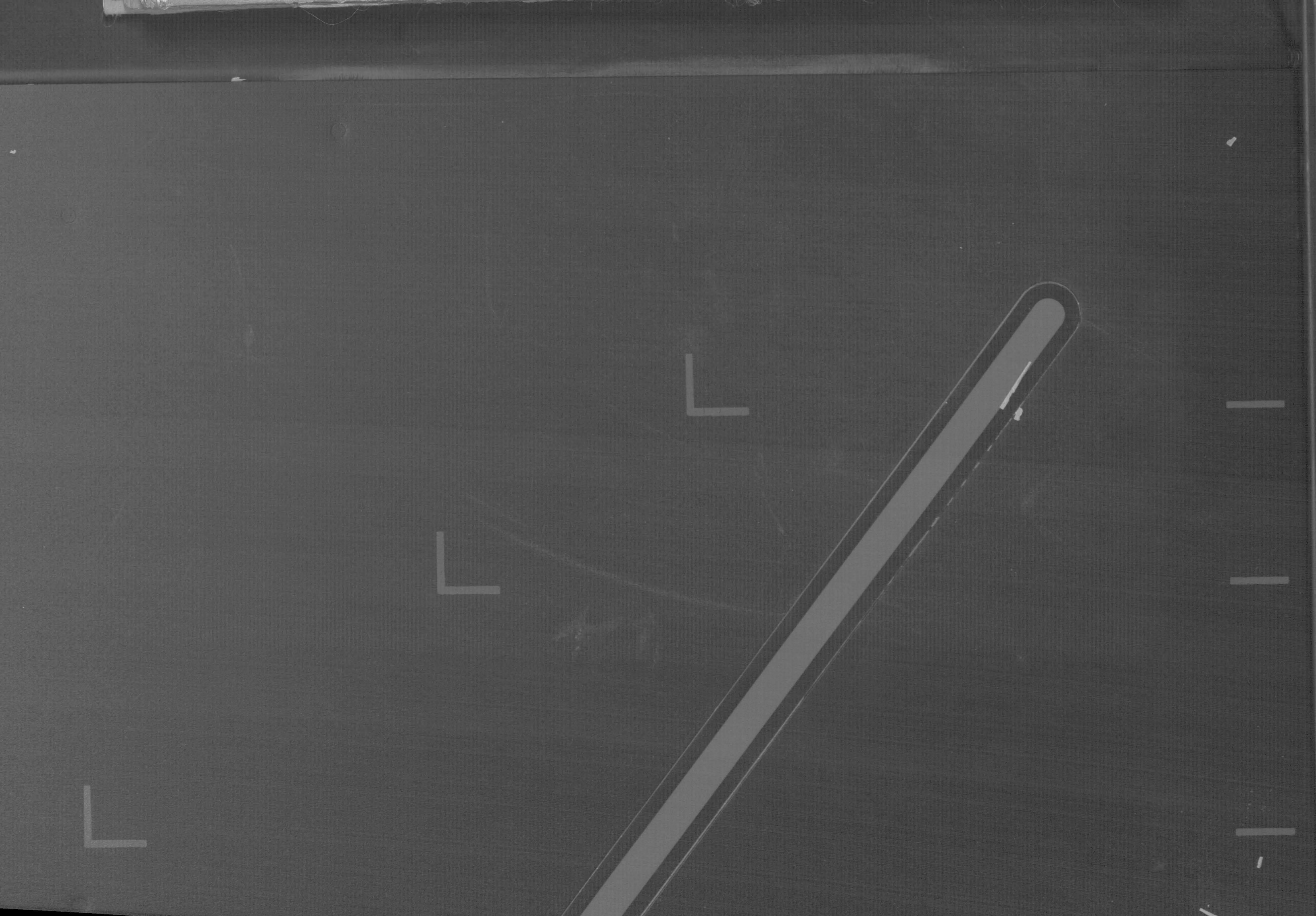


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Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations

9th April 1858

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 9th April 1858.

No. 1. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th March 1858, No. 995.

In Cons. 6th February 1858. Read letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated 23rd January 1858.

In Cons. 20th March 1858. Read also letter from the same Officer, dated 5th March 1858.

(Here enter No. 97.)

Resolved that the foregoing letters and their enclosures be laid before Government with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 28th September 1857, No. 991, Revenue Department.

In Cons. 7th October 1857.

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(A true Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES, *Secretary.*

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 2. From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George; to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay; dated 31st March 1858, No. 425.

SIR,

From Board of Revenue dated 22d January 1856.
Order thereon dated 8th April 1856, *No.* 385.
From Board of Revenue 19th December 1856.
Order thereon dated 6th January 1857, *No.* 18.
From Board of Revenue dated 1st September 1857.
Order thereon dated 28th September 1857, *No.* 991.

The Government of Madras have, for some time past, had under their consideration the unproductive condition of the Pearl banks on the Coasts of Tinnevelly and Madura, and the history connected with them will be found explained in the papers noted in the margin, copies of which are enclosed.

2. The enquiries and examinations which have been conducted to ascertain the cause of the unsatisfactory state of the banks alluded to, have satisfied this Government that the only remedy is to be found in the adoption of measures for guarding the banks from clandestine fishing, as well as from interference by chank divers, and they have accordingly sanctioned for the purpose the construction of two boats with the necessary expenditure for manning them.

3. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is however of opinion that two boats are inadequate for the protection of the banks, and as he learns from the Master Attendant at Tuticorin, that there are at Bombay several small Schooners built by the Government for the Pilot service but now not required; I have the honor, under his orders, to request that one of them, of 90 tons burthen, may be transferred to this Presidency. The Master Attendant reports that these vessels, being capable of great speed, and having good shelter for their crews, are in every respect admirably adapted to guarding the banks, and would also be found most valuable for the purpose of examining and fishing the banks when required. Should the Government of Bombay be able to oblige the Governor in Council in this respect, I am to request that the vessel may be at once sent round to Tutacorin.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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(A true Extract.)

Secretary.

H. FORBES, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to Government.
Revenue Department.

Bombay January 16th 1858

To

The Collector

Tinnivelly

Sir,

With reference to copy of an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date 7th October 1857, conveying the orders, and remarks of Government on the late examination of the Pearl Banks on the coasts of Tinnevelly and Madura, the Government express an opinion that two Boats are inadequate for the protection of the Banks, extending nearly eighty miles along a line of coast. That the protective establishment may be made more effective. I have the honor to bring to your notice that there are at this Port several small Schooners built by the Bombay Government for the Pilot Service but now not required, one of the smallest of which I believe would by application to this Government, be placed at the disposal of the Madras Government.

The Vessels being capable of great Speed, and having good Shelter for their Crews, are in every respect admirably adopted for Guarding the Banks, and would also be found most valuable for the purpose of examining and picking the Banks when required. I

have

Banks. (5)

Bombay
January 16th
1858.

Shaw &c.

Signed W. Robertson.

True Copy

J. Vibart
Collector

must therefore beg most respectfully to suggest that the Bombay Government may be communicated with on the subject.

As I am most anxious Shaw the two Boats already ordered to be built, placed on the Banks without delay, that every advantage may be given, to insure as far as possible ultimate success, it is my intention to proceed from this to Cochin about the 29th Instant in order to forward the building of the boats, and enable me to reach Tuticorin in time to make arrangements for attending to the Pearl Banks on the Coast of Ceylon, which should be the work of Government that I should do so. and on my return, I beg to propose a partial examination of the Banks on the Coasts of Tinnevelly and Madura, which may be accomplished in a short time and at a very small outlay, with a vessel such as Shaw described above. In conclusion, I beg further to suggest that short application be made to the Bombay Government for a Schooner, the vessel may be made entirely over to the Madras Government, and placed under the care of the Officer in charge of Pearl

Banks.

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Revenue Dept.

No. 423

To

The Secretary to the
Government of Bombay

Sir.

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the unproductive con-
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in

1853 Dept
Collectorate in a Letter
from the Collector of
dated 23rd January
No. 34.

To

From C. A. Pickerson
Chief Asst. to the
Collector

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir I have the
honor to forward
communication by
to with the above letter.

I am Sir
Your Obd
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in the papers noted
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From B.ᵈ of Revᵉ 3/ 22.ᵈ Jany 1856
Order thereon 3/ 18.ᵗʰ April — No 3
From B.ᵈ of Revᵉ 19.ᵗʰ Decᵉ 1856
Order thereon 3/ 6.ᵗʰ Jany 1857 No 1
From B.ᵈ of Revᵉ 3/ 1.ˢᵗ Septᵉ —
Order thereon 3/ 28.ᵗʰ — — No 99

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to obtain the Govr
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Select. I am to
request that the
vessel may be at
once sent to call
to Tatacorin -

Fort St. Geo. 31st March/52

Copy in Letter T. E
2/19 May 1859 No. 16

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Dy. to Govt. 9th April

No. 425
To the Secy to the Govt of
Bombay
Dated 31st March/58

From Do 11th May/58 Ct. 792
in Band. Pkt June

Requesting the Govt of
Bombay to order a Vessel of 50
Tons burthen out of the Se-
veral Small Schooners
built for the Pilot Service,
to be at once sent round to
Tuticorin, for the protection
of the Pearl banks on the
Coasts of Tinnevelly and
Madura.

No. 182

24th March 26th

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