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3. The inability to signalize with the Shipping in the Roads is of course a serious drawback to the Port, but with its present establishment of 1 Lascar at 7 Rupees a month, it is scarcely advisable to supply a set of Signal Flags, as he could not use them. On the appointments, which have been recommended, taking place, measures will be immediately taken to render the Port efficient in this respect.

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5. Moreover the Board do not think that the trade of Munsoorcottah is sufficient to require Moorings to be laid down for the use of the Shipping in the Port, which seldom exceed at one time 3 or 4 Vessels at the busiest season.

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To the President and Members of the Marine Board.
Department Public Works.
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...xd. J. A. Wilson.

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Dated 5th
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