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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 2169 Press Mis.

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Dated 21 - 8 - 1866.

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No. 565. Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 17th August 1866, No. 116 :—

1. Adverting to the correspondence noted, on thes ubject of providing employment on Public Works at Cochin during the present scarcity, I have the honor to report that the only works that have been suggested to me to be undertaken are (1) a new Jail, (2) a Lazaretto, (3) the construction of groynes at Vypeen.

Telegram from Government, dated 13th August 1866.
Collector to Government, dated 14th instant, No. 113.

2. The opinion of those best qualified to judge seems to be that there are no municipal works that can well be undertaken just now. I am not prepared to suggest any.

3. I do not know if a new Jail has been determined on; but if it could be commenced, the employment its construction would afford would doubtless be most acceptable to the better class of workmen.

4. The site for a new Lazaretto is not fixed. It must be at some distance from the town, and the work would hardly have that immediate influence which it is our object to secure.

5. I do not think the question of the Vypeen groynes a very important one. I beg to enclose an extract from a note of Mr. Brunton to Doctor Whitton on the subject. Mr. Brunton is, I believe, a professional Engineer, and if an approved plan is proposed, Government may be pleased to order a commencement of the works.

6. I may observe that the breach to the north of Vypeen point which had only opened occasionally and silted up again previously has, for the last few years, assumed a permanent character; or rather, I should say, that the opening has been permanent, but that its character is becoming more and more formidable.

7. The matter is one of the last importance to Cochin. It has been brought to notice before, and the present exigency only must be my excuse for treating of it now in what may appear too hasty and cursory a manner.

Collector to Government, 5th July 1862, No. 54.
G. O., 23rd July 1862, No. 1,766.
G. O., Public Works Department, 6th August 1863, No. 2,213, paragraph 1.

8. The Superintending Engineer may perhaps be called on to report if any work can at once be commenced at Vypeen.

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No. 566. ORDER THEREON, 21st August 1866, No. 2,169.

Miscellaneous.

1. None of the works mentioned by the Collector are of a nature to be undertaken in the present emergency, and the Government cannot sanction their commencement.

2. The enclosure to Mr. Ballard's letter will be communicated to the Department Public Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Collector of Malabar.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

Extract from a letter from Mr George Brunton to Doctor Wheeler 3 Cooke 11th August 1866.

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At the same time there is a work of most accredited urgency which could not be undertaken at a better time by Government. I refer to the encroachments of the sea on the coast of the Island of Tyree. This matter has been brought under the notice of Government more than once, and comparatively utterly inadequate efforts have been made to stop the ravages of the sea, but nothing has been done which could be reasonably expected to answer the end proposed.

I might write pages on the particular & on fact the absolute necessity of some vigorous measures being taken on this matter, but I will confine myself to one short statement. The whole Island is being gradually washed away. Each open gap between the Sea & the Machairs are being & have been formed, consequently by the

the existence of the present Bar bow
it in danger. And I distinctly state
that it is not at all improbable, if
nothing be done, that the deep mouth
of the river may desert Loaden altho-
gether & form a fresh outlet to the
Northward, or into half a dozen small
mouths which would be impracticable
for Vessels of any tonnage.

It is my firm belief that
this second danger might be averted
at no extraordinary outlay by throwing
out 3 groynes to Seaward on the Eastern
Coast, and completing Lawrence of
Oyster Shells as formerly. Lots of large
boulders of Laterite stone from the
Hills in the interior.

I have the Honor

to be

Sir

Your most obedient

& humble Servant

F. Bullock

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Encl. No. 1

In a letter from the
Collector of Melbourne
D/ 17th August 1866 R 11th

From Mr Brunton
To Doc: Watson
D/ Cochin 6th August 1866

Rec'd 26th Sept 1866
Prov: 21st August 1866 No 1565

Showing the
importance of main-
taining the work of sanding
the Upper entrance to

D/ 11th Sept 1866

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