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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th December 1866.

No. 119. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Marine Department:—

Passing orders on Ganjam Collector's proposal to amend the terms of the Port Act. } (Here enter 23rd November 1866, No. 280.)

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1866, No. 3,326.

Separate Revenue, No. 6.
Customs.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Marine Department, No. 280.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department, 23rd November 1866.

Read the following papers :—

No. 33. From the Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Chetterpore, 24th October 1866, No. 2840.

Adverting to the enclosed correspondence between the late Acting Collector and the Board, regarding the application of accumulations realized from the sale of Flotsams and Jetsams at the District Ports, which money is at present credited to the Funds of the respective Ports where the waifs come ashore, and cannot, in the opinion of the Board, be applied collectively to make or improve the approaches to any one of the Ports which may stand in need of such an outlay, I beg to invite the attention of Government to the expediency of obtaining an amendment in the terms of the Port Act, so far as to render the surplus accumulations from the source I have mentioned, as well as other surplus funds remaining unemployed to the credit of any Port (*after providing for all actual and prospective outlay*) available for expenditure in improving the condition of, or approaches to, any of the District Ports which are found to stand in special need of such an outlay ; any such diversion to form the subject of special sanction, after due consideration of the balance to be reserved at any Port.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th April 1865, No. 2058.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Ganjam, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue ; dated Camp Berhampore, 21st March 1865, No. 49.

A sum of Rupees 1176-2-6 having been realized by the sale of Flotsams and Jetsams at the seven Ports in this District, I have the honor to request the sanction of Government to appropriating the entire sum to the metalling of the road from the Travellers' Bungalow at Ganjam to the Sea Custom House, in accordance with the suggestions of the Executive Engineer, in which I fully concur.

2. I have, however, to observe that the Superintendent of Marine, to whom application was made for permission to employ this sum, as above stated, is of opinion that the Ports at which sums are thus realized, should benefit thereby, and that it is not in his power to divert any portion of the Port Fund of one Port for expenditure at another.

3. Under these circumstances, I request the views of the Board on the subject, and beg to submit a copy of Captain Philipps' letter for their consideration.

From Captain C. G. PHILIPPS, Executive Engineer, Ganjam, to the Acting Collector of Ganjam ; dated Berhampore, 20th March 1865, No. 185.

I have the honor, herewith, to return the letter from the Superintendent of Marine, dated 2nd March, and to state that I can add nothing to my former letter on the subject of the sum available from sale of "Flotsams and Jetsams."

2. If the Superintendent of Marine is unable of his own authority to divert, as proposed, the sum obtained at one small Port to another, I would propose that the sanction of Government be applied for.

3. I know of no benefit to be derived from expenditure of such trivial sums on the smaller Ports referred to, and consider it a waste of money to fritter the available sums away on minor objects, the value of which will never be recognized by the public.

The Collector should be aware that, under Section 44, Act XXII of 1855, the money realized in the Marine Department should be credited to the Port Fund, and appropriated for the charges of that Department ; a separate account being kept for the purpose. The Board believe that this Fund bears one-third of the cost of the Marine Establishment and other charges. No portion of the Fund belonging to one Port can, therefore, be diverted for expenditure on another, as observed by the Superintendent of Marine.

(True Copies and Extract).

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
23rd November 1866.

Referred to the Superintendent of Marine, for his remarks.

FORT SIANT GEORGE,
6th November 1866.

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

No. 34. From the Superintendent of Marine, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 13th November 1866, No. 4183.

In returning the accompanying letter from the Collector of Ganjam to Government, forwarded for remark, I have the honor to observe that there does not appear to me any sufficient reason for an alteration in that part of Act XXII of 1855, affecting the disposal of the Port Funds. Section 44 very clearly sets forth that the funds of each Port shall be expended on or for the benefit of vessels using that Port, and if the funds of one Port could be diverted to the benefit of another Port, one essential aim of the Act would be frustrated.

Dated 24th October 1866, No. 2840.

2. The dues vary at different Ports, and owners of vessels would have a right to complain, if obliged to pay a heavy due at one Port for improvements effected at another.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1866, No. 280.

The Governor in Council observes that at Ports to which Act XXII of 1855 applies, the proceeds of waifs forms an item of the Port Funds, and does not think it expedient to make any alteration in the existing law, the proceeds from this source being usually trifling and uncertain.

Section 44.

2. At other Ports, the revenue derived from waifs is at the free disposal of Government, and can be expended on any work, the object of which is to improve the Ports of the District in which it is realized. This course has been adopted in several instances since the Order of the 22nd April 1863, No. 144.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Marine.
,, Collector of Ganjam.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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