Revenue Dept.
Govt. of Madras.

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To No 2693.

THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Dated August, 6th.

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G. O., 6th August 1860, *No.* 1102.

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Sanctioning the transfer of the wharf opposite to the Custom-house at Cocanada to the Municipal Commissioners of that town, on the express condition that they will keep it in proper repair.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
6th August 1869.

Read the following papers:—

No. 50. From the President of the Cocanada Municipal Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cocanada, 16th October 1868, No. 43.

I have the honour to inform you, that, at a Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners held on the 14th instant, it was resolved that Government should be requested to make over the wharf opposite to the Custom-house at Cocanada to the Municipality on condition of their keeping it in repair. I have, therefore, to request that you will be good enough to lay the matter before Government to know whether they agree to do so or not. The wharf is within Municipal limits.

No. 51. From the Master Attendant, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 28th November 1868, No. 4890.

Administrative Department.

I have the honour to return the accompanying letter, referred to me for report from the President of the Municipal Commission at Cocanada, soliciting the transfer of a wharf, the property of Government, to the Municipality, and to remark that I see no objection to his proposal being acceded to.

2. The Master Attendant there informs me that the wharf is constructed of jungle wood-piles; that these piles are in a very dilapidated state; that the traffic over the structure is very unsafe; that all goods landed at, or shipped from, the Custom-house pass over it; and finally, that the wharf is [illegible] under the [illegible] intendence of the Public Works Department.

No. 52. From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George; dated Dowlaishweram, 25th May 1869, No. 785.

Adverting to your Memorandum of the 27th April last, No. 60, I have the honour to state that the Executive Engineer in charge of the Eastern Delta Range, Godavery district, whom I deputed to report, in communication with the Master Attendant at Cocanada, on the advisability or otherwise of transferring the wharf to the Municipality, informs me that, as Government now levy duty on goods landed and shipped from Cocanada, the wharf should be kept in repair at the expense of Government and continue their property, whereas if it is handed over to the Municipality, they will levy a fee for landing and shipping goods there from, which he considers would be inexpedient, and, therefore, is of opinion that the proposal to transfer the wharf should be further considered before the proposed transfer is made.

2. In this opinion I concur, and cannot but think it inadvisable to make over this public property without providing for the manner in which tolls should hereafter be levied.

Transferred to the Marine Department, with an intimation that the original letter from the Master Attendant at Madras, dated 28th November 1868, No. 4890, and its accompaniment, have been mislaid in the office of the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division.

Fort Saint George,
— *June* 1869.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, 6th August 1869.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue for an expression of their opinion on the proposal of the Collector of the Godavery district to make over the wharf at Cocanada to the Municipality.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
8th July 1869.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 53. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th July 1869, No. 5388.

The Board consider it desirable that the wharf should be handed over to the Municipality.

2. The Commissioners are most of them mercantile men, and can be trusted to keep the wharf in proper repair, and not to impede trade by unfair tolls.

3. Under present arrangements, as the Master Attendant reports, "the piles on which the wharf is built are in a very dilapidated state, and the traffic over the structure is very unsafe."

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 6th August 1869, No. 1103.

Under the opinions expressed by the Board of Revenue, and the Master Attendant, Madras, the Governor in Council sanctions the transfer of the wharf opposite to the Custom-house at Cocanada, to the Municipal Commissioners of that town, on the express condition that they will keep it in proper repair.

2. Any scale of wharfage fees which the Commissioners may propose to levy for the use of the wharf must be submitted for the approval and sanction of Government.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" President of the Cocanada Municipal Commission.
" Master Attendant, Madras.

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Ed. J. Wright.