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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th May 1876.*

No. 36. Read the following letter from Captain J. H. TAYLOR, R.N.R., Acting Master Attendant, Administrative Department, Madras, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 19th April 1876, No. 2,637:—

I HAVE the honor to forward, herewith, the papers marginally noted, received from the Board of Revenue, for transmission to Government.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th October 1875, No. 2,894.

Letter from the Deputy Collector in charge of Salt, Nellore, to the Collector of Nellore, No. 162, dated 21st September 1875, with endorsement of the Collector, dated 24th September 1875.

Translation of arzi from the inhabitants of Kanuparti, dated 19th August 1875.

Copy of letter from Sea Customs Superintendent at Kottapatnam, dated 11th September 1875.

Translation of arzi from Salt Superintendent at Kanuparti, dated 2nd September 1875.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th March 1876, No. 853.

2. In these papers the Collector of Nellore recommends the opening of a new port in his district named "Kanuparti," and the Board advocate a trial of the measure. I am unable to find the place on any chart or map, but it is stated to be situated ten miles north of Kottapatnam, which place is in latitude 15° 25' 30" north, and Kanuparti may be said to be in 15° 35' 30" north latitude. The anchorage abreast of this position can be

pronounced to be perfectly safe and convenient for shipping operations; and, as the opening of the new port is not to be attended with any extra outlay to Government, while the measure will doubtless help to improve the present condition of the salt ryots at Kanuparti, I beg to record my concurrence in the recommendation of the Board of Revenue.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

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In reply to your endorsement, No. 2,830, of the 25th ultimo, appended to copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 18th idem, No. 2,894, I have the honor to state that there is a fine open beach at Kanuparti, and on the sand mounds between it and the salt-pans the Salt Department is at present laying out casuarinas with the sanction of the Collector from Jungle Conservancy Funds. Along the sea side of these plantations store godowns and warehouses could, I imagine, be built without trouble, and the facilities in this respect are quite as great at Kanuparti as at Kottapatnam or Itamukkula, our two largest sea-ports now existing in this district.

2. I do not think there are any boats now at Kanuparti, but there is no work for them even if there were. Were a port established and a demand for boats to arise, I have no doubt we shall soon see a supply spring up similar to what exists elsewhere and quite as good in description and equal in number.

4. As to the circumstances which led to Kanuparti ceasing to be a port, I regret I can give no information. It is an allegation merely of the villagers, while there is nothing on record to bear out. At page 431 of the Nellore District Manual Kanuparti is described as "a city," "in ancient times," "which was destroyed by an inundation of the sea," and I am inclined to think that the belief that it was a sea-port also of some repute is of similar traditional origin. It does not appear to have been a port since the time of the assumption of the

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SUBMITTED to the Board of Revenue with reference to their Proceedings, dated 18th October 1875, No. 2,894. Previously to 1850 Kanuparti was a subordinate port to Padarti. There was a general reduction of Sea Customs Establishments in that year, and the single peon attached to Kanuparti was dispensed with. I can find no reason on record for striking Kanuparti out of the list of ports. The rest of the duty was always performed by the Salt Establishment there.

2. My reasons for again making it a port are that the measure would, as an experiment, cost nothing, and might benefit the people and the salt trade by attracting purchasers. Recently there has been a serious fall in the demand for salt there from Hyderabad.

NELLORE,
3rd March 1876.

(Signed) G. VANSAGNEW,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government through the Master Attendant.

2. The Collector of Nellore recommends that Kanuparti should be declared a port, the work being for the present conducted by the Salt Establishment at that place. As the Collector's proposal involves no additional expense, the Board advocate a trial of the measure.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 37.

ORDER THEREON, 5th May 1876, No. 576.

Separate Revenue, No. 3.
Customs.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council resolves to declare Kanuparti to be a port for the shipment and landing of goods in the Nellore District.

2. The usual notification will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Master Attendant.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Marine Department.

Exd J. W. Fischer.

Kanuparti in Nellore District.—Resolving to declare — to be a port for the shipment and landing of goods, and ordering the usual notification to be published in the Fort St. George's Gazette.

M A Y.
Nos. 36-37.

G.O., 5th May 1876, No. 376.

Dated May, 5th.
Recd. Encl.

To
THE MASTER ATTENDANT,
&c., &c., &c.

REVENUE.

Obdt. of 1876: 31/10/75.

No. 2,894.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 18th October 1875.

Read the following letter from C. E. PLUNKETT, Esq., Deputy-Collector in charge of the Salt Department, Nellore, to G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, dated Dugarazupatam, 21st September 1875, No. 162:—

WHEN I was at Kanuparti last month, a large number of the people waited on me with the request that a sea port may be established at that place for the landing and shipment of merchandize, &c., and a few days later I received a petition* to the same effect from the

* No. 58 of 1875, dated 19th August. same people by post. I enclose the petition, in original, with an English translation of it.

2. I sent the petition for report to the Salt Superintendent of Kanuparti and Sea Customs Superintendent of Kottapatnam, as the part of the coast, where a port, if opened, at Kanuparti would be, is now under the surveillance of the latter officer, and one of the Sea Customs Peons of his establishment is at present stationed at Kanuparti to guard the shore there, secure all flotsam, and wreckage, &c.

3. From the replies of those officers, which I also enclose herewith, it will be seen that they both advocate the measure and recommend the opening of a port at Kanuparti. The anchorage is stated to be good and safe, and there is no shoal off the Kanuparti shore as

is the case both at Kottapatnam and Motupalli; the two ports now extend to the south and north of Kanuparti.

4. Our sea trade through this district for its entire length being insignificant and altogether a coasting one carried on by country craft and dhonies, and the prospect that when the East Coast Canal becomes in a few years a *fait accompli*, even this petty trade by sea will also be drawn off by that canal, appear to me to be two cogent reasons against the advisability of our increasing the number of our sea ports. But as both the local officers so strongly advocate the measure, as will be seen from the papers herewith sent, I submit the matter for orders, and would suggest that if you see fit application may be made to Government to declare Kanuparti also to be a port licensed to land and ship goods under Section 10 of the Consolidated Customs Act No. VI. of 1863.

5. The petitioners who ask for the port are mainly salt ryots, and their chief object no doubt is that the existence of a port will bring a larger trade from the interior to Kanuparti, increase the demand for salt, and so tend to the improvement and development of their cotaur. This unquestionably is an advantage, and as the approaches to both Kottapatnam (across the Gundlakamma and Mudigoondi) and to Motupalli over sand banks are said to be so difficult

probably the new port if opened at Kanuparti will attract to itself much of the present trade of those two places. There can be no objection therefore to its being tried, and I beg to recommend it may be done.

6. No extra expense is necessary. There is a Sea Customs Poon already on the spot as I have already stated, and for the present the second salt clerk of Kanuparti Division may be ordered to receive and grant ships' papers, and the Salt Superintendent be directed to have an eye on him. If the trade does increase and the work becomes heavy then application for a special Sea Customs Officer for the port will be made, but at present I do not think there is any occasion for it.

No. 2,570.

TRUE COPY—Submitted for orders. I approve of Mr. Plunkett's proposals.

NELLORE, (Signed) G. VANSAGNEW,
24th September 1875. Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Translation of Petition.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Copy of letter from Sea Customs Superintendent at Kottapatnam.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Translation of Arzi from Salt Superintendent at Kanuparti.

THE Collector is requested to state the grounds of his recommendation, as it does not appear that Mr. Plunkett is very earnest in his advocacy of the measure. The facilities which exist at Kanuparti for carrying on the work, as regards buildings, &c., should be stated, and the circumstances which led to its ceasing to be a port should be ascertained and reported.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of Nellore.

Ed. W. J. Lewis.

Kanuparti—in Nellore District.—Calling for certain information in connection with Collector's recommendation to declare — to be a port licensed to land and ship goods under Section 10 of Act VI. of 1863.

OCTOBER.
No. 2,894.

Received

5 April 1876

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PROCEEDINGS, 18th October 1875, No. 2,894.

BOARD OF REVENUE,
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(A true Copy and Extract.)

W. J. Lewis
 Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
 through the Master Attendant, with copy of Board's
 Proceedings, dated 18th October 1875, No. 2,894,
 (its three original enclosures, to be returned.)

Copy to the Collector of Nellore.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

Kanuparti—in, Nellore District.—Submitted to Government, through Master Attendant, Collector's recommendation that—be declared a port licensed to land and ship goods under Section 10 of Act VI. of 1863; and advocate a trial of the measure.

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 No. 853.

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PROCEEDINGS, 28th MARCH 1876, No. 853.

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 Board of Revenue,
 MADRAS.

Administrative Department

No. 2637

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From

The Acting Master Attendant
 Administrative Department
 Madras

To

The Secretary to Government
 Revenue Department
 Fort Saint George

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Madras
Marine Office
19th April 1876

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Your most Obedt Servant
W Taylor
By Master Attendant
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From

The Master Attendant

Administrative Department

The Secretary to Govt

Revenue Department

Fort Saint George

Patent 19th April 1876

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Consent to the recommendation
of the Board of
Revenue for declaring
Kanuparti a port under
Act VI of 1865

W. S. S. S.

1876: 5 May 1876