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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

26th January 1877, No. 69.

Cocanada Harbour.

Read the following papers:—

No. 67. From H. D. E. DALRYMPLE, Esq., Master Attendant, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 4th October 1872, No. 5514.

Administrative Department.

I have the honor in this communication to bring before the Government the question of establishing a Pilot Service for the port of Cocanada to remedy the evil now complained of by certain British Ship-masters, whose letter on the subject addressed to the Master Attendant, Cocanada, I herewith forward for perusal in original, as well as a letter from the local Chamber of Commerce endorsing the views of the Ship-masters, as to the necessity of establishing a Pilot Service for the port.

2. Years ago Cocanada Roads was a comparatively safe anchorage for a sailing vessel to work into with a foul wind, but owing to the extension of the sand-banks to the north-eastward of Hope Island, and the misplacement of the Cocanada Light Column, as well as the absence of security to the Mariner from the want of illuminating power in the light on Hope Island, all render it necessary that Masters of English vessels should have some facility offered them to make the anchorage speedily and safely with the assistance of local knowledge.

3. I accordingly recommend that six men, either Europeans, East Indians, or natives, be licensed to ply as Pilots, and that they be paid by fees as laid down in the accompanying rules, which I submit for the approval of Government.

4. I would, however, suggest that pilotage be not rendered compulsory under Act XXII of 1855 but be left optional till such time as the working of the institution can be ascertained.

To

Captain J. CASTOR,

Master Attendant, Cocanada.

We, the undersigned British Ship-masters, beg to draw your attention to one or two things which we think if supplied will benefit the shipping coming to this port. This bay is so shallow that beating in with a heavy vessel like some of the ships we command, which draw twenty to twenty-two feet of water, we are at a loss to know how far we can stand in to pick out the anchorage, the water shoals, and for safety sake we anchor immediately, and afterwards we are told that we are too far out. To remedy this inconvenience a few licensed Pilots to bring the ships into the proper anchorage will be of great service to the shipping and will not cost Government anything as the ships will pay for their services. We should propose £1 for every vessel under 500 tons, £1-10-0 for above 500 and under 1000 tons, and for vessels above 1000 tons £2, and above 2000 tons £3.

2. The lights of the port are very obscure, and their positions give us no benefit for cross bearing to come into the roads with. This is a subject on which you will be able, from your practical knowledge of the place, to suggest remedies.

3. Some of us felt the necessity of a tug very much lately. You are perfectly aware that some of us had to engage one of the British India Steamers to tow us into the anchorage, being forced to anchor outside and unable to beat against the westerly winds, and the rapid freshes running out. The establishment of a port tug will be of invaluable service.

4. We bring these matters to your notice as we think you are fully aware of what we state in this letter are the wants of this rising port, and beg you will have the goodness to place this letter before the authorities at Madras and the local Chamber of Commerce for their opinion.

COCANADA,
29th July 1872.

We have, &c.,
(Signed) W. KENNEDY,
Master, Ship "America of Glasgow,"
And eight others.

From A. J. WILSON, Esq., Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Cocanada, to Captain J. CASTOR, Master Attendant, Cocanada, dated Cocanada, 10th August 1872.

With reference to your No. 491 of 2nd instant I have the honor to state that the letter forwarded therein was duly placed before the Committee of the Chamber and the members quite concur with the views expressed by the various Captains of vessels in the roads as to the desirability of having licensed Pilots for bringing ships into a proper anchorage.

Rules for the guidance of the Cocanada Licensed Pilots.

Rule 1.—All Pilots shall be licensed, and shall pay a fee of 10 Rupees for the license.

Rule 2.—The licenses shall be in the form annexed marked A, and the Officer who shall possess due authority to grant such licenses shall be the Master Attendant, Madras, for the time being.

Rule 3.—All licensed Pilots shall be subject to the control and be bound to obey all orders issued by the Master Attendant, Cocanada, in connection with their duties of pilotage, in default of which their licenses will be suspended or withdrawn altogether, as the nature of the case may seem to require, by the authority granting them.

Rule 4.—No license will be granted until the applicant has proved himself, on examination before a Committee composed as hereinafter stated, fully competent to undertake the charge of piloting a vessel into the roads.

Rule 5.—The examining Committee will be at present composed of the Master Attendant and Lloyd's Agent, Cocanada, or such person as the Master Attendant may hereafter find necessary to appoint.

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Any misconduct or neglect on the part of the Pilots shall be punished with the suspension of their licenses, or the permanent withdrawal of the same, as the case may require.

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A.

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Master Attendant,
Administrative Department.

B.

I am to certify that A. B. has been examined by us touching his knowledge of the port of Cocanada, and we find that he is fully competent to undertake the duties of a Pilot for the said port.

Master Attendant,
Lloyd's Agent.

From H. D. E. DALRYMPLE, Esq., Master Attendant, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 22nd July 1873, No. 4755.

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Dated this _____ day of _____

Master Attendant,
Administrative Department.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT, 26TH JANUARY 1877, No. 69.

69. From J. L. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieutenant, R.N.R., Master Attendant, Madras,
to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 8th January 1877, No. 71.

Administrative Department.

In returning the papers marginally noted on the subject of a Pilot Service for the port of Cocanada, I have the honor to state that I approve of the proposals therein made by Mr. Dalrymple, on the recommendation of the late Captain Castor, being carried into effect as an experimental measure, and with the special proviso that pilotage is on no account to be made compulsory under Act XII of 1875.

No. 70. ORDER THEREON, 26th January 1877, No. 69.

The Government sanction the proposed system of licensing qualified Pilots for Cocanada Harbour leaving their employment optional.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

To the Master Attendant, Madras.
" Collector of the Godavery District.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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To THE MASTER ATTENDANT,
AC, KC, *Master,* AC

Dated January 29th.

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Casuarina Harbour.—The proposed system of licensing qualified pilots for this harbour, sanctioned, and a scale of pilotage fees proposed to be charged, forwarded for the sanction of the Government of India.

J. J. 186
Colonel
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