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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

19th December 1878, No. 647.

Outports.

Read the following papers:—

No. 40. *From J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieutenant, R.N.R., Master Attendant, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 14th August* 1878, *No.* 6093.

Administrative Department.

In attention to your Official Memorandum, No. 1371, of 3rd instant, I have the honor to state that though in my letter, No. 828, of 4th February, I pointed out that the positions in which the boundary pillars should be placed had been fixed by me, up to this time I have heard nothing from the District Engineer regarding their construction, and pending this information I refrained from furnishing the information called for in the Official Memorandum above quoted. Moreover, the position of the flagstaff has not yet been determined on, although I am decidedly of opinion that the site selected by me is the most suitable for the requirements of the new port as already recommended.

2. Government having now called attention to Order No. 571 of 22nd October 1877, I annex the Draft Notification required together with the Rules for the management of the Boats and Catamarans belonging to the port without waiting for information whether the boundary pillars are taken in hand or not. Three annas per ton is the amount which vessels resorting to Covelong now pay, but it is collected at Madras, where they have to enter.

No. 1496.

Referred to the Revenue Department for opinion whether, with reference to the correspondence ending with that Department Proceedings, dated 8th May 1878, No. 717, action should be taken to extend the Indian Ports Act, 1875, to Covelong.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

OOTACAMUND,
21*st August* 1878.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue for opinion.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

OOTACAMUND,
29*th August* 1878.

No. 41. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated* 19*th November* 1878, *No.* 3083.

Read the following letter from H. W. BLISS, Esq., Commissioner of Salt Revenue, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madura, 29th October 1878, No. 1522.

I have the honor to furnish the report called for in the Board's Proceedings, No. 2662, dated 30th September 1878.

2. So far as I can see, if the proposals contained in my letter, No. 1151, dated 2nd September 1878, and disposed of in the Board's Proceedings, No. 2619, dated 25th idem, are approved by Government, it is not likely that any Government salt will be available for sale for export at Covelong until at the least the latter part of

the year 1881, if so soon. It may probably be the middle of 1882 before the excise system, if started in 1880, will be sufficiently established for it to be at all safe to depend upon it exclusively for the salt supply of the many millions of the population who now draw their salt supplies from the Government stores at the Madras Salt Kotaurs.

3 So far, therefore, as this department is concerned there would seem to be no need for the establishment of a port at Covelong.

4. In any case it would seem doubtful whether such a port would pay its expenses. What I would venture, therefore, to recommend, if shipments of any kind are to be allowed from thence, would be that the place should be declared a sale port of Madras and that an official should be deputed from the Madras Custom House to conduct, whenever necessary, the combined duties of Superintendent of Sea Customs and Conservator of the Port there. He might be remunerated for his services by some small additional fees to be charged to the shipping, if any, resorting to the place.

5. I observe that in his letter printed with the Board's Proceedings to which this is a reply, the Master Attendant puts forward the fact that the site of the flagstaff has not yet been decided upon as a sort of reason why no progress had for some time been made in the arrangements for establishing the new port. I may therefore remark that, though I wrote to the Master Attendant on this subject about the middle of March last, I have received no reply. In conversation, however, I recollect telling him that he might have any place he liked for the flagstaff, even if in the middle of the salt platform, providing he would have it and the approaches to it properly fenced off.

Submitted to Government with reference to endorsement, dated 29th August 1878, on the Master Attendant's letter of 14th August, No. 6093.

2. Under the circumstances the Board do not advocate the extension of the Indian Ports Act of 1875 to Covelong at present.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

Transferred to the Marine Department with reference to G.O. in that Department, 17th October 1878, No. 531.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
7th December 1878.

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secy. to Govt.

No. 42. ORDER THEREON, 19th December 1878, No. 647.

Recorded. The Master Attendant, Madras, will take no further action in this matter.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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To

THE MASTER ATTENDANT,

Madras.

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Dated December, 1878

Letter

Rec'd 31 Dec.

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Cy. 1878, *December* 1878, No. 617.

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Nos. 40—42.

Outports.—Papers from the Master Attendant, Madras, and the Board of Revenue, relative to the extension of the Indian Ports Act of 1875 to the port of Cuddalore, recorded, the Master Attendant being directed to take no further action in the matter.

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