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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 16th October 1896, No. 1813/329 G.

I have the honour to forward herewith the Report on the Administration of the Madras Port Department (including the reports of the Agent for Government Consignments and Deputy Conservator of the Port of Madras) for the official year 1895-96.

ENCLOSURES.

REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MADRAS PORT DEPARTMENT FOR THE OFFICIAL YEAR 1895-96.

1. *Official Staff*.—Commander W. J. Powell, Presidency Port Officer, retired on 15th February 1896, and was succeeded by Commander H. A. Street, R.I.M. Mr. W. S. Carlyon, Port Officer, Mangalore, and Mr. J. M. Simpson, Port Officer, Gopalpur, were permitted to exchange ports by mutual consent. Temporary changes in the gazetted staff of the department during the year are noticed in Appendix II.

2. *Act X of 1889*.—The limits of the port of Coondapoor in South Canara fixed in 1881 were altered, and revised limits fixed during the year under report. The port limits of Masulipatam were also altered.

Under section 4 (1) (a) the provisions of the Ports Act were extended to the port of Ferokh in the district of Malabar, and the necessary notifications issued in respect to port limits, the appointment of a Conservator for the port, levy of Port dues, introduction of Port rules, &c.

Port dues rates were fixed in the year for Ganjam port, in the district of Ganjam, and for the ports of Vembar and Pattanamradur in Tinnevely district.

Under section 6 (1) (j) new rates were fixed for the storage of cargo in the goods shed at Tuticorin.

Rates were fixed for lands within port limits at Ponani rented for use by private individuals.

Rules for working the port crane at Mangalore were issued and rates fixed for the use of the crane.

Act IV of 1884.—Some alterations were made in the rules for regulating the transport and importation of explosives in the port of Madras.

(*Madras*) *Acts V of 1863 and VII of 1871*.—The provisions of these Acts were extended to the new iron screw-pile pier at Tuticorin, rates fixed for goods, &c., passing over it, and bye-laws for working brought into force.

Acts X of 1841 and XI of 1850.—Eighty-seven native craft were registered and 200 changes of masters endorsed on registry certificates. The total amount of fees realized under both heads was Rs. 1,294-8-0 against Rs. 1,245-15-0 in the previous year, showing an increase. For details see Appendices F and G.

Act I of 1859.—Details of engagements and discharge of seamen are given in Appendix K.

3. *Passenger Traffic, general, and under the Native Passenger Ships Act*.—By vessels that came under the operation of the Native Passenger Ships Act, 18,430 passengers left the coast on "long" voyages, and 135,809 on "short" voyages. Details of general passenger traffic are given in Appendix I. 220,937 passengers in general arrived on the coast, and 249,899 sailed therefrom. The increase in departures is large, and due, probably, to advantage having been taken of the regular daily steam service now maintained between Tuticorin and Colombo. The largest passenger traffic was carried on at Tuticorin; Pamban and Negapatam come next.

4. *Wrecks and Casualties*.—For details see Appendix A. There were thirty casualties to shipping in the year against twenty-one in the previous year. There was no loss of life in any instance. The Austro-Hungarian steamer *Thisbe* which went aground near the Sacramento Shoal had to be abandoned as a total loss. A special court of inquiry was held in this case at Cocanada.

5. *Bort*—supply at the coast ports was sufficient to meet requirements—see Appendix L.

6. *Weather*.—Cyclonic weather was experienced at Masulipatam and Cocanada on 5th September 1895, but it passed away without doing any material damage. The Madras Cyclone Code underwent a further revision in the year.

7. *Dredging Operations*.—At Cocanada one of the two Priestman dredgers was employed for 183 days in the year, on the bar, at the mouth of the river and alongside the wharves, removing 63,833 tons of silt at an average working expense of As. 1-2 per ton; the other dredger was similarly employed for 241 days in the year, removing 80,961 tons of silt at an average working expense of As. 1-1 per ton. For the remainder of the year the dredgers in each case were laid up for repairs to the hull and machinery and annual overhauling. For details of dredging work at Cocanada and Cuddalore, see Appendices J and J (i).

8. *Service Registers*—have been maintained as required.

9. *Stores*.—An inventory of valuable stock has been maintained.

10. *Navigation, Tonnage and Dues*.—Details are given in Appendix B. The following is a statement of the number of vessels, their tonnage, and the dues collected thereon in the whole Presidency:—

Ports.	Vessels.	Number.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Remarks.
				RS.	
Madras	British—				Men-of-war, Government ships, and vessels that called for orders only, are not included; hence the variation between the figures here and those in the Deputy Port Conservator's report.
	Coasting	330	661,619	36,433	
	Other than coasting	236	517,871	68,117	
	Foreign	91	136,412	14,597	
	Native	85	9,324	618	
	Total ..	742	1,225,226	1,19,765	
Coast Ports	British—				
	Coasting	3,639	4,895,505	1,68,947	
	Other than coasting	326	448,883	35,492	
	Foreign	1,059	163,943	17,017	
	Native	20,837	746,972	25,745	
	Total ..	25,861	6,255,303	2,42,201	

Compared with the figures of the previous year, there was, in respect to the port of Madras, in the case of—

- (a) British coasting vessels,
 (b) British vessels other than coasting,
 (c) Foreign vessels,
 (d) Native vessels,

} an increase in number,
 tonnage and dues.

Taking the aggregate tonnage that entered the port, or the tonnage of each call, irrespective of exemptions under the limit within which dues are payable in accordance with the schedule, class (a) contributed one anna per ton port dues; class (b) As. 2-1; class (c) As. 1-9; and class (d), As. 1-1.

The payments at Madras averaged thus from 12 to 25 pies per ton.

Similarly compared there was, in respect to coast ports, in the case of—

(a) British Coasting vessels, a decrease in number, tonnage and dues; and in the case of all other classes of vessels an increase in number, tonnage and dues.

Class (a) contributed 6 pies per ton port dues; class (b) As. 1-3; class (c) As. 1-8; and class (d) 7 pies. The payments at the coast ports averaged thus from 6 to 20 pies per ton.

11. *Trade.*—The following is a statement of the value of, and duty on, the import and export trade of the principal ports in the Presidency, exclusive of Government stores, and Government and private treasure.

Ports.	Tons.	Value of		Total.	Duty on		Total.
		Imports.	Exports.		Imports.	Exports.	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Madras ..	1,225,426	6,23,26,933	6,60,98,517	12,89,25,450	30,23,722	1,281	30,25,003
Tuticorin ..	511,590	1,08,45,486	1,87,94,927	2,96,40,413	1,15,875	9,662	1,25,537
Cochin ..	579,380	1,01,97,596	1,61,53,815	2,63,51,411	44,378	95	44,473
Calicut ..	514,700	85,11,911	1,25,96,329	2,11,08,240	39,622	12	39,634
Cannada ..	566,319	33,30,069	1,53,88,881	1,87,18,950	13,706	48,577	62,283
Mangalore ..	238,296	44,08,460	1,27,95,498	1,72,03,948	24,307	4,246	28,553
Talicherry ..	334,513	42,95,655	53,44,854	1,26,40,509	13,579	..	13,579
Negapatam ..	476,922	42,28,955	47,22,910	89,51,865	77,688	1,03,195	1,80,883
Bimlipatam ..	402,316	25,75,966	38,68,645	64,44,611	2,688	..	2,688
Cuddalore ..	344,154	9,77,520	51,20,183	61,97,703	1,784	1,911	3,695
Vizagapatam ..	444,381	13,08,903	29,05,701	42,14,604	2,584	..	2,584
Gopalpur ..	187,975	21,50,028	22,55,483	44,05,511	2,426	2,265	4,691
Cannanore ..	239,496	11,02,376	18,90,945	29,93,321	3,069	..	3,069
Maunipatam ..	172,402	2,81,363	9,19,167	12,00,530	4,110	64,549	68,659
Calingapatam ..	62,071	2,27,181	4,95,161	7,22,342	11,235	19	45,641
Porto Novo ..	98,866	2,92,714	3,76,752	6,69,466	2,602	34,406	2,626
Pamban ..	84,586	64,65,939	1,13,81,048	1,83,69,987	19,870	1,66,142	1,86,012
All other Coast Ports ..	1,165,715	7,15,21,083	5,92,32,809	13,07,53,892	26,20,108	21,271	28,47,379
Madras { 1894-95 ..	1,225,426	6,23,26,933	6,60,98,517	12,89,25,450	30,23,722	1,281	30,25,003
Madras { 1895-96 ..	59,711	86,94,155	68,65,708	18,23,447	4,03,614	19,990	3,83,624
Increase ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Decrease ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coast ports { 1894-95 ..	6,225,691	5,69,19,560	12,17,88,674	17,87,08,234	3,18,746	5,52,892	8,71,638
Coast ports { 1895-96 ..	6,250,303	6,18,49,698	11,96,26,117	18,14,75,815	3,79,228	4,35,103	8,14,331
Increase ..	24,712	49,30,138	21,62,557	27,67,581	60,482	1,17,789	57,307
Decrease ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

12. Tuticorin again stands first among the coast ports in point of importance of the trade carried on in the year. The other ports rank next in importance in the order in which they are shown in the foregoing statement.

COAST PORTS.

13. *Gopalpur*.—Cargo boats capsized on thirty-two occasions, but there was no loss of life.

14. *Cocanada*.—Conservancy Board held twelve meetings in the year; there was a decrease in the dues levied under Madras Act III of 1885, due to smaller import of railway material in the year; the tug *Godavari* was docked and repaired; dredging work at this port is noticed elsewhere; a further extension of the groynes here is under consideration.

15. *Negapatam*.—Dredging by manual labour had frequently to be resorted to in order to remove the silting in the river; arrangements were made for constructing at the Calcutta Dockyard a bucket dredger for Negapatam.

16. *Pámban*.—The Sand Bank channel having again silted up, arrangements were made for clearing silt with the aid of the dredger *Wenlock*.

17. *Tuticorin*.—Reclamation of the foreshore was completed; the new iron screw pile pier was completed and taken over.

18. *Tellicherry*.—Owing to serious encroachment of the sea, the construction of a sea wall in front of the custom house was sanctioned about the close of the year, and the work afterwards completed.

19. *Mangalore*.—The bar and entrance were periodically surveyed in connection with schemes for port improvements which are under consideration.

The flagstaves, buoys, beacons, &c., at the several coast ports were maintained in an efficient state. In view of the increase in the number of coasting steamers calling at Ponani, that port was provided with a flagstaff and the necessary establishment for signalling to the shipping. The usual annual inspection of ports was made by the Presidency Port Officer.

ACCOUNTS.

20. The abstract of Appendix B furnishes particulars of Port Dues collections made during the year from the several classes of vessels at Madras and at the ports in the Eastern and Western groups.

21. Appendix C is a statement showing the financial position of the Port and Marine funds on the 31st March 1896.

Port Funds (Act X of 1889).

22. *Receipts*.—The receipts for 1895-96 were Rs. 4,39,931 against Rs. 4,35,871 of the previous year.

Out of Rs. 26,455 collected as fees, a sum of Rs. 5,584 was paid as personal allowances to Port officers and Conservators, and another sum Rs. 9,417 as overtime fees for officers and establishment. There was thus a saving of Rs. 11,454 under this head of receipt.

23. *Charges*.—The charges for the year were Rs. 4,79,436 and included an expenditure of Rs. 1,12,852 on account of dredger "Wenlock" from 1891-92 debited to Port Funds Act (X of 1889) as General Charges in accordance with G.O., No. 586, Financial, dated 13th August 1895. The charges of the previous year were

Rs. 5,76,744, which included Rs. 1,87,913, being contribution to the Harbour Trust Board, Madras, and investments in Government Securities (*vide* G.O., No. 334, Marine, dated 14th November 1895, page 21).

Appendix C (iii) furnishes particulars of general receipts and general charges, and the statement that accompanied this office letter No. 1813/324 G, dated 26th September 1896, furnishes particulars of lighthouse charges.

The adjustment of a heavy charge on account of dredger "Wenlock" from 1891-92 against the several District Port Funds has seriously affected their financial position during the year.

With the exception of Vizagapatam, Gódvári, Nellore, Chingleput and Malabar, the transactions of the other District Port Funds resulted in a deficit. The large deficit in Tinnevely is due to heavy charges on account of the new pier which amounted to Rs. 58,229 during the year, and also to charges on account of the dredger "Wenlock."

24. *Madras*.—Government securities of the nominal value of Rs. 33,900 belonging to the Madras port were transferred to the Harbour Trust Board during the year, in accordance with G.O., No. 1067, Financial, dated 5th December 1894. Out of the surplus balance of the year, *i.e.*, Rs. 35,106-5-0, a sum of Rs. 2,063-7-4 will have to be made over to the Madras Pilotage funds to cover its deficit balance on the 31st March 1896, and the balance, Rs. 33,042-13-8, transferred to the Harbour Trust Board, Madras, as Port fund contribution for 1895-96.

Appendices C (vi-a) and C (vi-b) furnish particulars of the *plus* and *minus* entries to be made in the accounts of the Accountant-General in connection with the distribution of coasting steamers dues, general receipts, general charges and lighthouse charges.

The closing balance of Port Funds (Act X of 1889) on the 31st March 1896 was Rs. 6,59,251 against Rs. 7,32,656 on the same date in the previous year, the large decrease being due to adjustment during 1895-96 of dredger "Wenlock's" charges from 1891-92 as noticed above.

Pilotage Funds (Act X of 1889).

25. The transactions of the Madras Pilotage fund during the year resulted in a deficit of Rs. 2,063-7-4, and this was due to increased rate of pay drawn for the Harbour Masters.

26. At Mangalore there was a small deficit of Rs. 12-8-0, which calls for no special remarks.

27. At each of the other ports, *i.e.*, Pámban and Cochin, where a similar fund exists, there was a surplus during the year.

Landing and Shipping Dues (Act III of 1885).

28. At the ports of Vizagapatam, Masulipatam and Mangalore where this Act is in force, there was a surplus during the year.

29. At Cocanada, the deficit of Rs. 11,923 was, in a great measure, due to charges on account of the new groynes which amounted to Rs. 28,558 during the year.

30. The small deficit at Negapatam was due to adjustment of cost of the new dredger incurred up to 31st March 1896 by the Government Dockyard at Calcutta.

SUMMARY.

31. Compared with the previous year's figures there was at Madras, in the year under report an increase in number, tonnage and dues in all classes of vessels that called; at coast ports a decrease in number, tonnage and dues of British coasting vessels, and an increase in the case of all other vessels.

32. Seven hundred and forty-two vessels of 1,225,426 tons (total) called at Madras in 1895-96 paying Rs. 1,19,765 port dues. At the coast ports 25,861 vessels of 6,255,303 tons (total) called, paying Rs. 2,42,201.

33. The payments in dues averaged from 12 to 25 pies per ton at Madras and from 6 to 20 pies per ton at coast ports.

34. The largest passenger traffic was carried at the following ports, viz., Tuticorin (72,856 arrivals and 77,009 departures); Pámban (29,104 arrivals and 51,711 departures); Negapatam (24,116 arrivals and 25,581 departures).

35. Among the coast ports Tuticorin again heads the list in regard to import and export trade.

36. In the total amount of duty collected there has been an increase both at the coast ports and at Madras, but in export duty, taken separately, there has been a large decrease at Madras, owing to fewer shipments of rice in the year from this port to Colombo.

37. The number of casualties to shipping was 30 in the year against 21 in the previous year. The most important was the accident to the Austro-Hungarian steamer "Thisbe" which became a total loss near the Sacramento Shoal.

APPENDIX A.

STATEMENT of Wrecks and Casualties which have occurred, or have been reported, at Ports in the Madras Presidency during the official year 1895-96.

Date.	Name of Vessel.	Tonnage.	Summary of particulars furnished by the reporting officer.	Finding of Court of Inquiry.
1895.	(Stranding.)			
28th April ..	British Barque <i>Grosvenor</i> ; Master, Jones.	517	Stranded on the Sacramento Shoal but was floated off in a few hours without damage.	
	(Stranding.)			
30th " ..	British Brig <i>Roohal Amanath</i> ; Master, Mahar Ali.	156	Stranded on the South-east Coast of Rameswaram through stress of weather and became a total loss.	
	(Miscellaneous.)			
2nd May ..	British Schooner <i>Ramswamy</i> ; Master, Fazer Ally.	118	Slightly touched the ground on the south bank of the Cochin river owing to strong tides, but safely got off.	
	(Miscellaneous.)			
3rd " ..	British S.S. <i>Lalpoora</i> ; Master, John Stone.	2,125	Ran on the Crocodile rock and was slightly damaged. Partial loss to cargo.	
	(Stranding.)			
12th " ..	British Schooner <i>Syed Mohamed Bogarry</i> ; Master, Lawrence Jacob.	52	Grounded inside Puma channel, Gulf of Mannar, but was floated off immediately without damage.	
	(Stranding.)			
24th " ..	British Dhoney <i>Miramadam</i> ; Master, Sinnakony.	66	Sustained a leak while rounding the Calimere Point and stranded at Pushpanam, a village 2 miles north of Toputurai. Partial loss to vessel Rs. 300; and total loss to cargo, value Rs. 75.	
	(Miscellaneous.)			
1st June ..	British S.S. <i>Skidby</i> ; Master, John Strachan.	2,421	En route from Cape Town to Madras, sustained damage to her propeller.	
	(Stranding.)			
23rd " ..	Austro-Hungarian S.S. <i>Thisbe</i> ; Master, Bieteo Sussanich.	1,860	En route from Madras to Cocanada, grounded off Sacramento Shoal owing to a strong westerly current and became a total loss. Cargo was partially saved.	A Court of Inquiry was held at Cocanada on the 24th July 1895, and the court suggested the necessity for a good light in the vicinity of the Sacramento Shoal.
	(Stranding.)			
14th July ..	British S.S. <i>Vaena</i> ; Master, E. G. Haquoil.	482	Grounded on the northern side of the Pámban Pass by approaching too close to it, but got off soon without damage.	
	(Stranding.)			
25th " ..	British Schooner <i>Fyzool Rubhance</i> ; Master, Assana Levai.	21	Having lost her rudder and yard, the vessel drifted on to the Seltivu rocks in the inner harbour, Tuticorin. Loss to the vessel, Rs. 64.	
	(Stranding.)			
28th " ..	British Dhoney, No. 10; Master, Meeran Pillai.	22	Owing to a sudden squall, the boat capsized in the Tuticorin inner harbour. Partial loss to the Dhoney Rs. 20; to cargo Rs. 56.	
	(Foundering.)			
20th Sept. ..	British Schooner <i>Mohidin Sygoor Hamid Buz</i> ; Master, Mahomed Alliar.	34	Foundered east of Rameswaram. Loss to vessel Rs. 500; cargo Rs. 200.	
	(Stranding.)			
29th Oct. ..	British Padow <i>Kasiprasad</i> ; Master, Makow Bhana.	50	Drifted ashore at Varakal, north of Calicut, owing to rough sea. Total loss of vessel Rs. 2,500; partial loss of cargo Rs. 858.	
	(Stranding.)			
29th " ..	British Batela <i>Rooparel</i> ; Master, Dedia Ganesh.	43	Drifted ashore at Varakal near Calicut, owing to rough sea. Loss to the vessel Rs. 2,000, and to cargo Rs. 660.	

Statement of Wrecks and Casualties which have occurred, or have been reported, at Ports in the Madras Presidency, &c.—*cont.*

Date.	Name of Vessel.	Tonnage.	Summary of particulars furnished by the reporting officer.	Finding of Court of Inquiry.
1895.	(Stranding.)			
29th Oct. ..	British Padow <i>Ramprasad</i> ; Master, Govind Mitla.	61	Drifted ashore at Varakal near Calicut, owing to rough sea. Total loss to vessel Rs. 3,000.	
	(Stranding.)			
30th " ..	British Padow <i>Hariprasad</i> ; Master, Peethambar Narayan.	41	Drifted ashore at Varakal near Calicut, owing to rough sea. Partial loss to Padow Rs. 300.	
	(Stranding.)			
	British Padow <i>Godswary-prasad</i> ; Master, Sukla Anji.	50	Drifted ashore at Varakal near Calicut, owing to rough sea. Partial loss to vessel Rs. 200.	
	(Stranding.)			
26th Nov. ..	British Dhoney, No. 25; Master, Mohidin Pitchai.	10	While coming through the western entrance of the harbour at Tuticorin, ran on the north-west ledge of the Seltivu rocks. Partial loss to vessel Rs. 200; cargo Rs. 150.	
	(Stranding.)			
8th Dec. ..	British Barque <i>Lord Harris</i> ; Master, Ally Maricar.	579	While riding at anchor in the Nagore roadstead, parted her moorings owing to heavy sea and drifted ashore and broke up. Total loss to vessel Rs. 30,000.	
	(Stranding.)			
19th " ..	British S.S. <i>Lady Haeclock</i> ; Master, John C. Whitley.	322	Stranded off Shingle island while entering the port of Pamban and subsequently floated without damage.	
1896.	(Stranding.)			
5th Jan. ..	British S.S. <i>Fama</i> ; Master, E. G. Hacquoil.	482	Grounded in the Sand Bank channel, Pamban Pa-s, and subsequently floated without damage.	
	(Stranding.)			
9th " ..	British Schooner <i>Anantha Pooravy</i> ; Master, K. Elliamtomby.	86	Stranded by approaching too close to the land on a dark night at Mannaly Island, Gulf of Mannar, and floated subsequently. Partial loss to vessel Rs. 600; cargo Rs. 500.	
	(Collision.)			
24th " ..	British S.S. <i>Pioton</i> ; Master, C. J. Payne.	1,527	Collided with a schooner (name unknown) 12 miles south-east from Souter Point light, but sustained no damage.	
	(Stranding.)			
27th " ..	British Muchwa <i>Darya Salamathy</i> ; Master, Mogerkoraga.	21	While at anchor off Hangaracotta, South Canara, the vessel parted her moorings owing to strong northerly wind, drifted ashore and broke up. Loss to <i>Muchwa</i> Rs. 500.	
	(Stranding.)			
18th Feb. ..	Japanese S.S. <i>Idzumi Maru</i> ; Master, J. W. Renny.	2,000	While approaching the Tuticorin anchorage in a dark night, the vessel took the ground off Hare Island, but was afterwards floated, without material damage to the vessel.	
	(Miscellaneous.)			
22nd " ..	British Muchwa <i>Ali Madath</i> ; Master, Goolam Bin Hoosen Biary.	30	While off Malabar coast, the vessel sprang a leak when under weigh, by a sword fish striking the vessel on the Port side and splitting a plank. Partial loss to vessel Rs. 50; cargo Rs. 400.	
	(Stranding.)			
22nd " ..	British S.S. <i>Argus</i> ; Master, E. Johnson.	1,822	Stranded on the Arneghon Shoal (Coromandel Coast), the master mistaking the Arneghon light for Seven Pagodas light, but was floated without damage.	
	(Stranding.)			
1st March ..	British Muchwa <i>Dustogiri</i> ; Master, Isakji Ismael.	23	While off Shirur, South Canara, the vessel ran against a rock and sprang a leak. Partial loss to vessel Rs. 300; cargo Rs. 400.	
	(Stranding.)			
2nd " ..	British Cotia <i>Khataopasa</i> ; Master, Salai Ebram.	132	While crossing the Beypore Bar the vessel took the ground, and became a total loss valued at Rs. 2,000.	

Statement of Wrecks and Casualties which have occurred, or have been reported, at Ports in the Madras Presidency, &c.—*cont.*

Date.	Name of Vessel.	Tonnage.	Summary of particulars furnished by the reporting officer.	Finding of Court of Inquiry.
	(Stranding.)			
18th March ..	Portuguese Muchwa <i>Pital Prasad</i> ; Master, Ganesha.	27	While leaving against the flood, the vessel struck on the bar, Malpe harbour, and sprung a leak. Partial loss to vessel Rs. 500; cargo Rs. 75.	

ABSTRACT.

Year.	Number of casualties.					Number of lives lost.
	Stranding.	Foundering.	Collision.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	
1894-95	18	..	1	2	21	Nil
1895-96	24	1	1	4	30	..
Increase ..	6	1	..	2	9	..
Decrease ..	..	..	..	..	..	..

APPENDIX B.

British vessels—cont.													
Coasting steamers—cont.													
Left.													
Districts.	In ballast.			With cargo.			With passengers.			Total.			
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
<i>Eastern Group.</i>			Rs	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.		Rs. A. P.	
Ganjam ..	.. 2	..	..	163	248,141	..	126	180,009	..	289	428,150	..	
Vizagapatam ..	..	2,337	..	333	584,280	..	104	151,923	..	459	738,540	..	
Godavari ..	..	..	..	91	175,268	..	179	279,047	..	270	454,315	..	
Kistna ..	.. 34	49,568	..	26	43,492	..	98	142,269	..	168	235,329	..	
Nellore ..	..	..	..	5	8,246	..	..	..	..	5	8,246	..	
Chingleput ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
South Arcot ..	..	..	..	198	269,314	..	39	64,321	..	197	333,635	..	
Tanjore ..	.. 4	..	..	157	252,825	..	92	124,994	..	253	382,365	..	
Madura ..	.. 31	15,952	..	33	17,076	184 2 0	126	55,683	..	190	88,741	184 2 0	
Tinnevely ..	..	..	..	489	387,663	..	..	..	..	459	387,663	..	
Total ..	71	72,433	..	1,475	1,986,305	184 2 0	764	998,246	..	2,310	3,056,984	184 2 0	
<i>Western Group.</i>													
Malabar ..	73	139,801	..	512	976,623	..	186	327,438	..	771	1,443,862	..	
South Canara ..	10	108	..	9	13,119	..	640	879,262	..	559	392,489	..	
Total ..	83	139,909	..	521	989,742	..	726	706,700	..	1,330	1,836,351	..	
Madras ..	55	99,547	..	275	462,088	..	..	..	..	330	561,635	..	
Grand Total ..	209	311,889	..	2,271	3,438,135	184 2 0	1,490	1,704,946	..	3,970	5,456,970	184 2 0	

APPENDIX B—cont.

Districts.	British vessels—cont.									
	Other vessels (excluding coasting steamers).									
	Arrived.									
	In ballast.			With cargo.			With passengers.			Total.
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	
<i>Eastern Group.</i>	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Ganjam ..	..	..	RS. A. P.	..	4,559	500 11 0	..	..	..	RS. A. P.
Vizagapatam ..	..	49,679	4,587 12 9	3	53,615	4,806 7 0	..	..	..	500 11 0
Godavari ..	16	20,335	2,860 11 9	32	41,140	6,299 14 6	..	3,506	511 0 6	9,394 3 9
Kistna ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,671 10 9
Nellore ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chingleput ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Arcot ..	3	5,387	505 0 6	4	8,487	1,060 14 0	25	40,147	962 11 6	2,598 10 0
Tanjore ..	..	..	..	3	5,057	..	49	78,299	3,129 13 0	3,129 13 0
Madura ..	..	..	..	23	5,844	287 12 6	4	608	13 2 9	300 15 3
Tinnevely ..	6	4,824	452 4 0	22	42,763	5,099 12 6	..	..	..	6,552 0 6
Total ..	56	80,225	8,405 13 0	113	1,61,465	18,055 7 6	80	122,520	4,616 11 9	81,078 0 3
<i>Western Group.</i>										
Malabar ..	1	65	3 0 9	56	62,079	3,099 0 0	15	31,519	1,234 15 0	4,336 15 9
South Canara ..	2	184	4 9 6	2	210	13 2 0	1	316	59 4 0	76 15 6
Total ..	3	249	7 10 3	58	62,289	3,112 2 0	16	32,135	1,294 3 0	4,413 15 3
Madras ..	6	10,859	1,213 10 3	230	507,012	66,903 1 9	..	..	..	68,116 12 0
Grand Total ..	65	91,333	9,627 1 6	401	720,766	88,070 11 3	96	154,655	5,910 14 9	103,608 11 6

APPENDIX B—cont.

British vessels—cont.
Other vessels (excluding coasting steamers)—cont.

Left.

Districts.	British vessels—cont.									
	Other vessels (excluding coasting steamers)—cont.									
	Left.									
	In ballast.			With cargo.			With passengers.			Total.
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	
<i>Eastern Group.</i>	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
Ganjam ..	..	..	RS. A. P.	..	4,559	..	..	..	..	RS. A. P.
Vizagapatam ..	3	5,258	..	3	97,629	..	..	..	..	4,559
Godavari ..	..	..	..	60	68,181	..	2	3,506	..	102,887
Kistna ..	..	..	..	46	..	..	..	..	..	71,687
Nellore ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chingleput ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Arcot ..	1	1,447	..	6	12,427	..	25	40,147	..	54,021
Tanjore ..	..	..	..	5	8,087	..	48	76,849	..	84,936
Madura ..	23	5,440	..	3	484	..	..	..	..	6,924
Tinnevely ..	..	..	..	28	47,587	..	..	..	..	47,587
Total ..	27	12,145	..	151	238,954	..	75	120,502	..	371,601
<i>Western Group.</i>										
Malabar ..	6	1,037	..	48	53,508	..	17	27,803	..	82,348
South Canara ..	1	98	..	7	604	..	..	..	..	702
Total ..	7	1,135	..	55	54,112	..	17	27,803	..	83,050
Madras ..	51	107,390	..	186	410,699	..	..	..	..	618,089
Grand Total ..	85	120,670	..	392	703,765	..	92	148,305	..	972,740

Foreign vessels.											
Arrived.											
Districts.	In ballast.			With cargo.			With passengers.			Total.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Vessels.	Tonnage.
Eastern Group.											
Ganjám ..	1	2,136	RS. A. P. 300 6 0	..	..	200 4 0	..	..	..	1	2,136
Vizagapatam ..	1	2,465	231 1 6	6	9,293	1,110 13 6	..	7,082	1,327 14 0	2	4,601
Goddavari ..	2	2,621	354 8 3	..	..	..	3	..	..	11	18,896
Kistna ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nellore ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chingleput ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Arcot ..	1	1,507	141 4 6	..	8,369	631 11 0	..	..	..	1	1,507
Tanjore ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	8,369
Madura ..	..	..	..	..	12,175	1,527 14 0	..	..	..	..	..
Tinnevely ..	2	1,916	179 10 0	6	..	..	..	..	..	8	14,091
Total ..	7	10,645	1,206 14 3	15	26,973	3,470 10 6	3	7,082	1,327 14 0	25	44,600
Western Group.											
Malabar ..	54	10,572	791 9 8	200	85,626	8,620 1 1	6	6,536	643 14 0	260	102,734
South Canara ..	410	5,536	112 3 6	344	10,747	833 13 1	20	326	10 6 0	774	16,609
Total ..	464	16,108	903 13 2	544	96,373	9,453 14 2	26	6,862	654 4 0	1,034	119,343
Madras ..	1	1,789	188 10 11	90	134,823	14,407 12 6	..	..	..	91	136,612
Grand Total ..	472	28,442	2,299 6 4	649	268,169	27,382 5 2	29	13,944	1,982 2 0	1,150	300,555

Foreign vessels—cont.												
Left.												
Districts.	In ballast.			With cargo.			With passengers.			Total.		
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.
	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73
<i>Eastern Group.</i>												
Ganjám ..	..	..	..	1	2,136	..	..	..	..	1	2,136	..
Vizagapatam..	..	..	..	2	4,601	..	..	..	..	2	4,601	..
Gódaavári ..	..	..	..	8	11,314	..	2	4,296	..	10	16,110	..
Kistna ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nellore ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chingleput ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Arcot ..	..	..	..	1	1,507	..	..	..	..	1	1,507	..
Tanjore ..	..	..	..	2	3,369	..	..	..	..	2	3,369	..
Madura ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tinnevely ..	..	..	..	7	12,060	..	..	..	..	7	12,060	..
Total ..	..	..	..	21	35,487	..	2	4,296	..	23	39,783	..
<i>Western Group.</i>												
Malabar ..	27	3,730	..	226	92,289	..	4	3,317	..	257	99,336	..
South Canara ..	244	2,983	..	537	13,797	..	7	155	..	788	16,935	..
Total ..	271	6,713	..	763	106,086	..	11	3,472	..	1,045	116,271	..
Madras ..	4	6,194	..	86	130,469	..	..	..	..	90	136,663	..
Grand Total ..	275	12,907	..	870	272,042	..	13	7,768	..	1,158	292,717	..

APPENDIX B—cont.

Districts.	Native craft.									
	Arrived.									
	In ballast.			With cargo.			With passengers.			Total.
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Tonnage.

APPENDIX B—cont.

Native craft—cont.												
Districts.	Left.											
	In ballast.			With cargo.			With passengers.			Total.		
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.
	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97
Eastern Group.												
Ganjam ..	..	..	..	4	773	..	..	..	..	4	773	..
Vizagapatam ..	1	147	..	1	115	..	..	..	..	2	262	..
Godavari ..	20	2,524	..	123	20,619	..	..	..	..	143	23,143	..
Kistna ..	39	1,609	..	433	29,452	..	..	..	..	472	80,961	..
Nellore ..	8	165	..	16	774	2 12 0	..	..	..	24	939	2 12 0
Chingleput ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Arcot ..	22	2,802	..	46	4,405	..	123	9,358	..	191	16,565	..
Tanjore ..	178	14,707	..	616	66,174	50 7 0	407	14,762	81 3 6	1,201	85,643	81 10 6
Madura ..	1,080	34,386	300 5 9	890	29,949	113 4 9	1,428	20,599	22 3 0	8,398	84,934	435 13 6
Tinnevely ..	985	34,845	..	1,305	54,359	..	149	4,664	..	2,439	93,758	..
Total ..	2,333	91,085	300 5 9	8,434	196,620	166 7 9	2,107	49,273	53 6 6	7,874	336,978	520 4 0
Western Group.												
Malabar ..	1,687	63,639	..	6,063	246,942	..	259	9,481	..	8,009	315,062	..
South Canara ..	989	18,215	..	3,288	64,730	..	791	14,057	..	5,068	97,002	..
Total ..	2,676	76,854	..	9,351	311,672	..	1,050	23,538	..	13,077	412,064	..
Madras ..	42	4,488	..	89	4,162	..	..	..	..	81	8,650	..
Grand Total ..	5,051	172,427	300 5 9	12,824	512,454	166 7 9	3,157	72,811	53 6 6	21,032	757,692	520 4 0

APPENDIX B—cont.

Districts.	Total.											
	In ballast.					With cargo.						
	Arrived.					With passengers.						
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues.	Total.		
	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109

APPENDIX C—cont.
Statement showing the financial position of the Port and Marine Funds of the Madras Presidency on the 31st March 1896—cont.

Funds.	Transactions during 1895-96—cont.										Balance on 31st March 1896.	
	Charges.										Government securities.	Loans, i.e., sums lent + sums borrowed—.
	Cash.	Government securities.	Loans repaid.	Total.	Difference between receipts and charges (9) - (13).		Cash.	Government securities.	Loans repaid.	Total.		
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Act X of 1889.												
Port Funds.												
...	21,413 9 11	...	...	21,413 9 11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	40,267 3 0	...	...	40,267 3 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	30,653 14 1	...	...	30,653 14 1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	19,077 4 5	...	...	19,077 4 5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	326 12 2	...	...	326 12 2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	18,792 10 2	...	...	18,792 10 2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	29,668 15 8	...	...	29,668 15 8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	15,966 3 0	...	...	15,966 3 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	92,712 13 8	...	...	92,712 13 8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total, Eastern Group	2,68,879 6 1	...	...	2,68,879 6 1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	94,907 5 11	...	...	94,907 5 11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	24,556 9 2	...	...	24,556 9 2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total, Western Group	1,19,463 15 1	...	...	1,19,463 15 1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	91,093 2 4	33,900	...	1,24,993 2 4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total	4,79,436 7 6	33,900	...	5,13,336 7 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act X of 1889.												
Pilotage Funds.												
...	33,674 3 2	...	...	33,674 3 2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2,031 13 5	...	...	2,031 13 5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2,172 8 0	...	...	2,172 8 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	322 0 0	...	...	322 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	38,200 8 7	...	...	38,200 8 7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act III of 1885.												
Shipping and Shipping Dues.												
...	772 3 6	...	...	772 3 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	63,122 13 3	...	...	63,122 13 3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2,016 5 2	...	...	2,016 5 2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	9,013 11 10	...	...	9,013 11 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	6,560 2 9	...	...	6,560 2 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	71,485 4 6	...	...	71,485 4 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act X of 1889 and III of 1885	5,89,122 4 7	33,900	...	6,23,022 4 7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total	5,89,122 4 7	33,900	...	6,23,022 4 7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

APPENDIX C (i).

STATEMENT showing the receipts of the Maritime Districts in the Madras Presidency (under Act X of 1889) for the official year 1895-96, revised in accordance with the rules published in G.O., No. 24, Marine, dated 27th January 1890.

Districts.	Share of Coast- ing Steamers dues.	Other Port dues.	Share of General Administration receipts.	Miscellaneous receipts.	Public Works receipts.	Fees.	Interest.	Repayment of loans, advances, contributions and investments.	Provincial contributions.	Total.
Eastern Group.										
...	13,491 15 4	843 7 9	13 11 11	361 14 0	...	1,283 12 5	...	...	...	...
...	23,273 0 6	9,653 0 3	26 11 5	1,405 4 2	...	2,628 0 4	3,595 15 10	...	...	...
...	14,438 5 4	13,692 0 9	17 14 5	45 6 9	606 9 10	1,500 10 8	593 8 2	...	...	...
...	7,415 11 10	1,077 5 10	6 7	236 0 7	...	2,066 5 3	...	...	...	...
...	259 13 7	38 10 0	...	203 13 4	...	5 0 0	349 2 0	...	...	...
...	36,433 6 6	83,331 15 1	10 7	2,488 2 4	...	3,957 4 10	...	...	...	...
...	10,513 9 3	3,276 13 9	12 13 0	1,833 2 4	...	763 8 5	733 2 6	...	...	...
...	12,043 12 0	6,692 2 0	17 8 7	469 10 2	...	3,333 10 6	...	...	...	...
...	2,796 6 10	2,764 9 6	5 11 1	1,326 10 0	...	1,512 9 7	...	...	...	...
...	12,200 5 4	10,051 11 8	17 2 4	21,712 5 4	...	2,596 6 3	1,501 3 10	...	...	...
Total	1,32,866 6 6	1,31,421 12 7	158 14 7	30,443 10 7	506 9 10	19,636 15 3	7,017 6 6	...	...	3,22,051 11 10
Western Group.										
...	52,591 13 6	26,530 8 7	61 1 8	3,754 11 2	...	5,278 3 7	8,379 0 0	...	...	96,595 6 6
...	14,306 5 4	3,497 14 2	15 15 9	387 2 11	...	1,540 11 2	1,536 2 4	...	...	21,284 3 8
Total	66,898 2 10	30,028 6 9	77 1 5	4,141 14 1	...	6,818 14 9	9,915 2 4	...	...	1,17,879 10 2
Grand Total	1,99,764 9 4	1,61,450 3 4	236 0 0	34,585 8 8	506 9 10	26,455 14 0	16,932 8 10	...	...	4,39,931 6 0

APPENDIX C (i-a).
STATEMENT showing the actual receipts of the Maritime Districts in the Madras Presidency (under Act X of 1889) for the official year 1895-96.

Districts.	Coasting Steamers' dues.	Other Port dues.	General Administration receipts.	Miscellaneous receipts.	Public Works receipts.	Fees.	Interest.	Repayment of loans, advances, contributions and investments.	Provincial contributions.	Total.
<i>Eastern Group.</i>	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
..	12,405 7 6	843 7 9	..	361 14 0	..	1,283 12 5	..	..	..	14,894 9 8
..	13,358 5 6	9,653 0 3	..	1,405 4 2	..	2,628 0 4	3,595 15 10	..	..	30,640 10 1
..	9,674 6 3	13,692 0 9	..	45 6 9	506 9 10	1,500 10 8	593 8 2	..	..	26,012 10 5
..	7,748 10 0	1,077 5 10	..	236 0 7	..	2,066 5 3	..	..	..	11,128 5 8
..	..	38 10 0	..	236 13 4	..	5 0 0	349 2 0	..	..	596 9 4
..	..	..	..	411 5 7	..	..	244 6 2	..	..	655 11 9
..	36,433 6 6	83,331 15 1	236 0 0	2,438 2 4	..	3,957 4 10	..	..	..	1,25,396 12 9
..	6,059 5 6	3,276 13 9	..	1,833 2 4	..	753 3 5	733 2 6	..	..	12,655 11 6
..	15,823 6 0	6,692 2 0	..	469 10 2	..	3,333 10 6	..	..	..	29,318 12 8
..	1,666 13 3	2,764 9 6	..	1,328 10 0	..	1,512 9 7	..	..	..	7,270 10 4
..	29,696 10 0	10,051 11 8	..	21,712 5 4	..	2,596 6 3	1,501 3 10	..	..	65,558 5 1
Total ..	1,32,866 6 6	1,31,421 12 7	236 0 0	30,443 10 7	506 9 10	19,636 15 3	7,017 6 6	..	..	8,22,128 13 3
<i>Western Group.</i>										
Canara ..	60,404 4 0	26,530 8 7	..	3,754 11 2	..	5,278 3 7	8,379 0 0	..	..	1,04,346 11 4
..	6,493 14 10	3,497 14 2	..	387 2 11	..	1,540 11 2	1,536 2 4	..	..	13,455 13 5
Total ..	66,898 2 10	30,028 6 9	..	4,141 14 1	..	6,818 14 9	9,915 2 4	..	..	1,17,302 8 9
Grand Total ..	1,99,764 9 4	1,61,450 3 4	236 0 0	34,585 8 8	506 9 10	26,455 14 0	16,922 8 10	..	..	4,39,931 6 0

* Total of Coasting Steamers' dues as per abstract statement in appendix B .. RS. A. P. 2,00,380 6 4
Deduct—
 Refund of Coasting Steamers' dues, Eastern group .. RS. A. P. 615 13 0
 Do. Western group 615 13 0
Total .. 1,99,764 9 4

APPENDIX C (ii).

showing the charges of the Maritime Districts of the Madras Presidency (under Act X of 1889) for the official year 1895-96 revised in accordance with the rules published in G.O., No. 24, Marine, dated 27th January 1890.

Districts.	Share of General Administration charges.	Establishment.		Share of lighthouse charges.	Contingencies and miscellaneous.	Public Works charges.	Fees.	Interest.	Contributions and investments.	Total.
		Port officers and Conservators.	Other establishments.							
<i>Eastern Group.</i>	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
..	11,443 7 6	3,188 2 3	1,348 3 7	1,783 7 4	..	223 8 0	440 9 1	..	..	21,413 9 11
..	22,242 4 11	5,906 9 9	2,184 0 0	2,115 6 0	223 8 0	781 2 9	1,336 11 0	..	..	40,267 3 0
..	14,907 13 9	5,711 3 5	2,368 15 0	2,111 3 3	781 2 9	3,172 9 11	502 3 4	..	..	30,653 14 1
..	7,005 7 1	3,042 9 3	661 10 9	2,263 12 6	3,172 9 11	..	966 3 9	..	..	19,077 4 5
..	241 4 7	..	..	17 12 9	..	..	..	..	..	326 12 2
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	32,19 ..	11,527 9 9	14,752 7 1	22,748 6 5	97 14 0	..	745 15 11	..	..	91,093 2 4
..	10,671 ..	720 0 0	1,748 12 10	2,193 0 11	187 0 0	..	279 4 3	..	..	18,792 10 2
..	14,603 12 8	5,767 3 9	1,674 11 5	2,228 13 4	219 3 11	..	1,079 0 6	..	..	29,668 15 8
..	4,740 6 2	2,606 10 5	491 5 2	1,889 12 2	4,791 1 6	..	117 5 7	..	..	15,966 3 0
..	14,279 1 7	4,553 6 0	2,774 12 9	6,990 6 3	58,902 14 10	..	1,207 2 3	..	..	92,712 13 8
Total ..	1,32,326 4 9	43,023 6 7	28,004 14 7	44,342 0 11	68,375 5 11	6,784 7 8	..	..	..	3,59,972 8 5
<i>Western Group.</i>										
..	50,879 11 4	17,592 15 11	6,084 11 2	5,092 14 2	5,848 9 0	..	2,290 1 6	..	..	94,907 5 11
..	13,308 15 11	4,017 14 9	1,404 0 0	781 3 9	2,840 5 9	..	341 14 10	..	..	24,556 9 2
Total ..	64,188 11 3	21,610 14 8	7,488 11 2	5,874 1 11	8,688 7 9	2,632 0 4	..	..	..	1,19,463 15 1
Grand Total ..	1,96,515 0 0	64,634 5 3	35,493 9 9	50,216 2 10	77,063 13 8	9,416 8 0	..	..	..	4,79,436 7 6

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APPENDIX C (iv-a).

STATEMENT of fees received during 1895-96.

Districts.	Fees levied under Acts.	Overtime fees for Port Officers and Conservators.	Overtime fees for establishment.	Total.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Ganjām	439 0 0	795 0 0	49 12 5	1,283 12 5
Vizagapatam	502 0 0	1,608 8 0	517 8 4	2,628 0 4
Gódvári	502 4 0	835 0 0	163 6 8	1,500 10 8
Kistna	374 0 0	1,535 0 0	157 5 3	2,666 5 3
Nellore	5 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	5 0 0
Chingleput	1,717 0 0	1,194 8 10	1,045 12 0	3,957 4 10
Madras	345 8 0	128 7 2	279 4 3	753 3 5
South Arcot	1,429 10 0	1,650 0 0	254 0 6	3,333 10 6
Tanjore	625 4 0	820 0 0	67 5 7	1,512 9 7
Madura	609 4 0	1,610 0 0	377 2 3	2,596 6 3
Tinnevely	1,320 6 0	3,423 8 0	534 5 7	5,278 3 7
Malabar	836 8 0	675 0 0	69 3 2	1,540 11 2
South Canara .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Total	8,765 12 0	14,175 0 0	3,515 2 0	26,455 14 0

APPENDIX C (iv-b).

STATEMENT of fees paid during 1895-96.

Districts.	Overtime fees paid to Port Officers and Conservators.	Overtime fees paid to establishment.	Total.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Ganjām	401 4 0	39 5 1	440 9 1
Vizagapatam	816 12 0	539 15 0	1,356 11 0
Gódvári	428 12 8	163 6 8	692 3 4
Kistna	797 8 0	168 11 9	966 3 9
Nellore .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Chingleput .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Madras .. .. .	.. .. .	745 15 11	745 15 11
South Arcot .. .. .	.. .. .	279 4 3	279 4 3
Tanjore	825 0 0	254 0 6	1,079 0 6
Madura	50 0 0	67 5 7	117 5 7
Tinnevely	830 0 0	377 2 3	1,297 2 3
Malabar	1,737 4 0	552 13 6	2,290 1 6
South Canara	277 8 0	64 6 10	341 14 10
Total	6,164 0 8	3,252 7 4	9,416 8 0

APPENDIX C (v).

STATEMENT showing Receipts and Charges of the Marine Funds of the Madras Presidency for 1895-96.

Funds.	Receipts.	Charges.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
<i>Landing and Shipping Dues Act III of 1885.</i>		
Vizagapatam	10,596 14 4	772 3 6
Cocanada	41,199 10 3	53,122 13 3
Masulipatam	3,045 1 0	2,016 5 2
Negapatam	8,644 12 0	9,013 11 10
Mangalore	8,614 9 5	6,660 2 9
Total	72,100 14 11	71,485 4 6
<i>Pilotage Funds Act X of 1889.</i>		
Madras	31,610 11 10	33,674 3 2
Pamban and Kilakarai	12,798 2 8	.. .. .

APPENDIX C (vi-a).

Plus and Minus entries to be made in Port Fund Receipts (Act X of 1889) for 1895-96 to arrive at the figures given in Appendix C (ii).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Districts.	Total receipts as per monthly accounts sent to Accountant-General.	Other adjustments.	Net receipts as per Appendix C (i-a).	Adjustments of Coasting Steamers' dues.	Adjustment of general receipts.	Net receipts as per Appendix C (ii).
	RS. A. P.	Add. Deduct.	RS. A. P.	Add. Deduct.	Add. Deduct.	RS. A. P.
Ganjām	14,894 9 8	.. .. .	14,894 9 8	13,491 15 4	13 11 11	15,994 13 5
Vizagapatam	30,640 10 1	.. .. .	30,640 10 1	23,273 0 6	26 11 5	40,582 0 6
Gódvári	26,012 10 5	.. .. .	26,012 10 5	14,438 5 4	17 14 6	30,794 7 11
Kistna	11,128 5 8	.. .. .	11,128 5 8	7,415 11 10	8 6 7	10,803 14 1
Nellore	596 9 4	.. .. .	596 9 4	259 13 7	0 4 8	856 11 7
Chingleput	655 11 9	.. .. .	655 11 9	.. .. .	.. .. .	655 11 9
Madras Port Funds (including General Administration)	1,26,396 12 9	.. .. .	1,26,396 12 9	36,433 6 6	38 10 7	1,26,199 7 4
South Arcot	13,271 8 6	.. .. .	12,655 11 6	10,513 9 3	12 13 0	17,122 12 3
Tanjore	26,318 12 8	.. .. .	26,318 12 8	12,043 12 0	17 8 7	22,556 11 3
Madura	7,270 10 4	.. .. .	7,270 10 4	2,796 6 10	5 11 1	8,405 15 0
Tinnevely	65,558 5 1	.. .. .	65,558 5 1	12,200 5 4	17 2 4	48,079 2 5
Total	3,22,744 10 3	.. .. .	3,22,128 13 3	1,32,866 6 6	158 14 7	3,22,051 11 10
Malabar	1,04,346 11 4	.. .. .	1,04,346 11 4	52,591 13 6	61 1 8	96,595 6 6
South Canara	13,455 13 5	.. .. .	13,455 13 5	14,306 5 4	15 15 9	21,284 3 8
Total	1,17,802 8 9	.. .. .	1,17,802 8 9	66,898 2 10	77 1 5	1,7,789 10 2
Grand Total	4,40,547 3 0	.. .. .	4,40,547 3 0	1,99,764 9 4	236 0 0	4,89,931 6 0

Column 3. (a) Coasting Steamers' dues subsequently refunded and deducted on both sides of the accounts.
 " 6. Distribution of Coasting Steamers' dues in proportion to the tonnage that entered each district during the year.
 " 6. Do. of general receipts distributed in proportion to the total tonnage that entered each district during the year.

APPENDIX C (vi-b).

Plus and Minus entries to be made in Port Fund Charges (Act X of 1889) for 1895-96 to arrive at the figures given in Appendix C (ii).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Districts.	Total charges as per monthly accounts sent to Accountant-General.	Other adjustments.		Net charges as per appendix C (ii-a).	Adjustments on account of general charges.		Adjustments of lighthouse charges.	Net charges as per appendix C (ii).
		Add.	Deduct.		Add.	Deduct.		
Ganjam	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Vizagapatam	13,108 13 1	136 0 0	..	13,244 13 1	11,443 7 6	136 0 0	3,209 12 2	6,348 6 10
Godavari	14,798 12 7	997 7 0	..	15,796 3 7	22,242 4 11	997 7 0	6,238 11 4	3,012 9 10
Kistna	17,593 7 6	660 0 0	..	18,253 7 6	14,907 13 9	660 0 0	4,181 4 7	6,028 11 9
Nellore	12,392 5 5	103 8 0	..	12,495 13 5	7,005 7 1	103 8 0	1,964 15 2	2,285 7 3
Chingleput	2,431 2 1	..	..	2,431 2 1	241 4 7	..	67 10 10	2,413 5 4
Administration	3,925 0 2	..	..	3,925 0 2	..	..	..	8,925 0 2
Madras ..	1,96,515 3 11	(b) 1,96,515 3 11	..	1,19,710 9 3	32,191 5 3	66,313 15 0	9,029 7 11	3,524 5 1
Madras Port Funds	53,396 6 4	66,314 2 11	..	5,851 4 9	10,671 5 3	158 9 5	2,933 2 11	564 9 4
South Arcot	6,303 8 4	158 9 5	(a) 615 13 0	12,280 1 11	14,603 12 8	96 0 0	4,096 3 1	1,215 2 0
Tanjore	12,184 1 11	96 0 0	..	1,37,560 7 10	4,740 6 2	1,26,331 4 9	1,329 10 0	1,333 0 3
Madura	11,229 3 1	1,26,331 4 9	..	80,988 4 1	14,279 1 7	94 3 10	4,005 2 0	6,465 8 2
Tinnevelly	80,894 0 3	94 3 10	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	4,24,777 0 8	1,94,891 3 11	1,97,131 0 11	4,22,537 3 8	1,32,826 4 9	1,94,891 0 0	37,116 0 0	3,59,972 8 5
Malabar	40,189 4 8	1,584 0 0	..	41,773 4 8	50,879 11 4	1,584 0 0	7,118 13 10	8,280 7 11
South Canara	15,085 15 2	40 0 0	..	16,125 15 2	13,308 15 11	40 0 0	1,862 2 2	5,700 8 1
Total ..	55,275 3 10	1,624 0 0	..	56,899 3 10	64,188 11 3	1,624 0 0	8,981 0 0	8,981 0 0
Grand Total ..	4,80,052 4 6	1,96,515 3 11	1,97,131 0 11	4,79,436 7 6	1,96,515 0 0	1,96,515 0 0	46,097 0 0	4,79,436 7 6

Column 3. (a) Refund of Coasting Steamers' dues deducted on both sides of the account.
 " (b) General charges including charges on account of dredger *Wenlock* incurred in other districts and brought under the heading "Administration."
 " 5. General charges distributed in proportion to the tonnage that entered each district during the year.
 " 6. Lighthouse charges distributed in proportion to the tonnage that entered each group.

APPENDIX D.

STATEMENT showing the number of officers and men employed otherwise than in Government vessels in the Port Department under the Government of Madras during the official year 1895-96.

Description of establishment.	Number of officers.	Number of men.	Total annual cost.	Total annual earnings.
1	2	3	4	5
<i>Madras.</i>				
Port establishment ..	4	93	52,754	..
Lighthouse establishment ..	..	7	2,347	..
Divers' establishment ..	..	2	2,156	..
Marine Police establishment ..	..	..	5,072	..
Do. Dispensary establishment ..	..	2	2,293	..
Pilotage, Madras ..	3	34	23,415	31,611
<i>Coast Ports.</i>				
Port Officers and Conservators ..	16	198	53,107	..
Lighthouses ..	..	96	21,606	..
Pilotage (Pamban and Kilakarai, Cochin and Mangalore). ..	2	14	4,298	48,024
Landing and Shipping dues (Cocanada, Vizagapatam, Masulipatam, Negapatam and Mangalore) ..	..	55	11,370	72,101

APPENDIX E.

STATEMENT showing the various Government vessels, &c., in charge of the Port Department in the year 1895-96.

Detail of vessels.	Tonnage of each vessel and horse-power of engine if a steamer.	Number of officers.	Number of men.	Total annual cost.	Total annual earnings.
1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>River-Going Vessels.</i>					
Steam Dredger "Priestmans" ..	..	..	10	5,474	..
Do. "Connemara" ..	..	..	11	4,811	..
Steam Launch "Empress" ..	..	..	1	240	..
Steam Tug "Gólavari" ..	..	..	9	1,995	..
Steam Dredge (at Cuddalore) ..	6½ tons ..	..	6	1,101	..
Steam Dredge (at Cuddalore) ..	40 tons, eighty horse-power.	..	27	13,437	..
Steam Dredge "Wenlock" ..	12 tons, six horse-power.	..	..	..	..
Steam Launch (at Madras) ..	407 tons, forty-five horse-power.	..	6	1,922	..

APPENDIX F.

STATEMENT showing the number, &c., of changes of Masters endorsed on registers of vessels under Act X of 1841 and the Merchant Shipping Act, from 1st April 1895 to 31st March 1896, in the various districts of the Madras Presidency.

Districts.	Number of vessels on the registers of which changes of Masters were endorsed.	Amount of fees.
Madras	7	Rs. 14
Ganjām	..	..
Vizagapatam	..	..
Górávari	10	20
Kistna	13	26
Nellore	..	..
Chingleput	..	..
South Arcot	..	..
Tanjore	42	84
Madura	31	62
Tinnevely	17	34
Malabar	21	42
South Canara	59	118
Total for 1895-96 ..	200	400
„ 1894-95 ..	129	258
Increase ..	71	142

APPENDIX G.

STATEMENT showing the number, &c., of vessels registered under Act X of 1841, from 1st April 1895 to 31st March 1896, in the various districts of the Madras Presidency.

Districts.	Total number of vessels.	Total tonnage.	Total amount of fees.
Madras	..	TONS.	RS. A. P.
Ganjām	..	..	..
Vizagapatam	..	..	..
Górávari	9	1,391	176 6 0
Kistna	9	219	83 0 0
Nellore	..	..	..
Chingleput	..	..	..
South Arcot	..	..	..
Tanjore	15	1,559	229 10 0
Madura	14	769	101 4 0
Tinnevely	9	1,086	97 12 0
Malabar	31	963	206 8 0
South Canara	..	..	..
Total for 1895-96 ..	87	5,987	894 8 0
„ 1894-95 ..	101	5,750	987 15 0
Decrease ..	14	237	93 7 0

APPENDIX H.

PARTICULARS of changes in the Gazetted Official Staff of the Madras Port Department by absence on leave, deputation, &c., in the official year 1895-96.

Name.	Designation.	Cause and period of absence.	Acting arrangements.
Commander W. J. Powell, R.I.M.	Presidency Port Officer.	Privilege leave for 60 days from 10th October 1895.	Commander C. W. Hewett, R.I.M., Deputy Port Conservator, acted.
Mr. H. D. Baddeley ..	Agent for Government Consignments and Personal Assistant to the Presidency Port officer.	(1) Privilege leave for 2 months and 11 days from the 17th April 1895. (2) Acting for the Deputy Port Conservator, Madras, for 60 days from 3rd August 1895, while that officer was on privilege leave. (3) Acting for the Deputy Port Conservator, Madras, for 60 days from 10th October 1895, while the Deputy Conservator was acting for the Presidency Port officer. (4) Acting for the Port officer, Tuticorin, from 25th December 1895 to 31st January 1896. (5) Acting for the Deputy Port Conservator, Madras, from 23rd March 1896 to the close of the official year, on that officer proceeding on medical leave.	During each of these periods, the Manager of the Agent's office was in charge of that office.
Mr. G. W. Wicks ..	Port officer, Cocanada.	From the one year's privilege leave granted from 24th October 1894, returned to duty on 24th October 1895.	Mr. J. P. James, Port officer, Negapatam, acted.
Mr. J. P. James ..	Port officer, Negapatam.	(1) On deputation to act for the Port officer, Cocanada, up to 23rd October 1895.	Mr. W. S. Carlyon, Port officer, Mangalore, acted up to 18th September 1895, and from 19th September to 28th October 1895, the Superintendent of Sea Customs was in charge.
Mr. W. S. Carlyon ..	Port officer, Mangalore.	(2) Privilege leave from 8th November to 13th December 1895. (1) On deputation to act for the Port officer, Negapatam, up to 18th September 1895. (2) Privilege leave for 2 months from 19th September 1895. [From 29th October 1895 permanently transferred to Gopalpur.]	The Superintendent of Sea Customs was in charge. Mr. J. M. Simpson, Port officer, Gopalpur, acted.
Mr. M. Woodhouse ..	Port officer, Cochin ..	Privilege leave from 6th March to 28th May 1895.	Mr. H. S. Brown, Port officer, Tellicherry, acted.
Mr. J. M. Simpson ..	Port officer, Gopalpur.	On deputation to act for the Port officer, Mangalore, up to 24th October 1895. [From 29th October 1895 permanently transferred to that port.]	Mr. J. H. Batt, Port officer, Pamban, acted.
Mr. J. H. Batt ..	Port officer, Pamban.	On deputation to act for the Port officer, Gopalpur, from 1st April to 25th November 1895.	Mr. R. L. Swann, Reserve Port officer, acted.
Mr. T. H. Baker ..	Port officer, Tuticorin.	To navigate Indian Government Steamer <i>Margaria</i> to the Laccadives from 3rd to 16th December 1895. Privilege leave for one month and 14 days from 18th December 1895 to 31st January 1896.	From 3rd to 10th Dec. the Superintendent of Sea Customs was in charge. From 11th to 16th Dec. Reserve Port officer Mr. Swann acted. From 18th to 24th December 1895, the Superintendent of Sea Customs was in charge. From 25th December 1895 to 31st January 1896, Mr. H. D. Baddeley acted.

APPENDIX J.

STATEMENT showing the particulars of dredging operations at the Port of Cocanada for the official year 1895-96, including the figures of the previous two years.

Name of dredger.	Particulars.	Previous two years.		1895-96.
		1893-94.	1894-95.	
Priestman's dredger.	(a) Days working	172	184	183
	(b) Hours dredging	1,538	1,646	1,630
	(c) Barges loaded, giving number of tons each	621 of 59½	622 of 59½	992 of 59½
	Boats	and 491 of 29½	and 299 of 29½	and 167 of 29½
	barge will hold.	tons.	tons.	tons.
	(d) Tons dredged	51,469	45,805.4	63,883.6
	(e) Cubic yards dredged	38,126	33,946	47,322
Dredger "Connemara."	(f) Average outturn per day	299	248.9	349.08
	(g) Working expenses per ton	As. 1-5	As. 2-3	As. 1-2
	(a) Days working	189	202	241
	(b) Hours dredging	1,669	1,798	2,193
	(c) Barges loaded, giving number of tons each	636 of 59½	621 of 59½	1,164 of 59½
	Boats	and 495½ of 29½	and 530 of 29½	and 398 of 29½
	barge will hold.	tons.	tons.	tons.
	(d) Tons dredged	52,524	47,876.5	80,961.7
	(e) Cubic yards dredged	38,907	35,464	59,972
	(f) Average outturn per day	277.9	237.1	331.4
	(g) Working expenses per ton	As. 1-1	As. 3-4	As. 1-1

APPENDIX J (i).

STATEMENT showing the particulars of dredging operations at the Port of Cuddalore for the official year 1895-96, including the figures of the previous two years.

Name of dredger.	Particulars.	Previous two years.		1895-96.
		1893-94.	1894-95.	
(a) Days working	(b) Hours dredging	148	149	96
	(c) Barges loaded, giving number of tons each	888	894	576
	Boats	2,413½	2,362½	1,435½
	barge will hold.	of 4 tons each.	of 4 tons each.	of 4 tons each.
	(d) Tons dredged	9,655	9,451	6,742
	(e) Cubic yards dredged	7,152	7,001	4,255
	(f) Average outturn per day	43	48	58
(g) Working expenses per ton		As. 1-7	As. 2-3	As. 2-0

APPENDIX K.

PARTICULARS of Seamen shipped and discharged at Ports in the Madras Presidency under the various Merchant Shipping Acts in the official year 1895-96.

Name of port.	Europeans.		Asiatics.		Total.	
	Shipped.	Discharged.	Shipped.	Discharged.	Shipped.	Discharged.
Calingapatam	..	..	..	1	..	1
Vizagapatam	..	..	..	2	..	2
Cocanada	..	..	..	23	..	24
Madras	..	..	..	785	32	796
Negapatam	..	..	..	386	386	394
Porto Novo	..	..	..	80	80	110
Tuticorin	..	..	..	26	26	27
Tellicherry	..	..	..	3	3	..
Cochin	..	..	..	6	84	9
Calicut	..	..	..	2	..	2
Total of year under report	11	19	528	1,427	539	1,446
Total of previous year	10	27	543	1,296	553	1,323
Increase	1	..	..	131	..	123
Decrease	..	8	15	..	14	..

APPENDIX L.

STATEMENT showing the number of cargo and other licensed boats at the principal Ports in the Madras Presidency at the end of the official year 1895-96.

Name of ports.	Number of boats serviceable.	Number of boats unserviceable.	Total.
Gopalpur	86	..	86
Calingapatam	92	8	100
Vizagapatam	168	12	180
Bimlipatam	79	102	181
Cocanada	298	34	332
Masulipatam	39	16	55
Cuddalore	136	26	162
Porto Novo	48	20	68
Negapatam	161	36	197
Pamban	93	18	111
Tuticorin	165	40	205
Cochin	161	40	201
Calicut and Beypore	127	38	165
Tellicherry	68	..	68
Cannanore	55	22	77
Mangalore	90	24	114
Total of 1895-96	1,866	436	2,302
.. of 1894-95	1,671	424	2,095
Increase	195	12	207
Decrease	..	..	..

ADMINISTRATION REPORT of the Deputy Conservator of the Port of Madras for the year 1895-96.

The number and tonnage of vessels entering and leaving the port of Madras during the year is shown in the following statement, and shows an increase over the preceding year in numbers and tonnage*—

		1894-95.		1895-96.	
		NO.	TONS.	NO.	TONS.
Steam ships, mercantile	...	640	1,150,037	* 656	1,184,644
Sailing "	...	2	2,299	1	1,400
" native crafts	...	77	7,657	86	9,628
Man-of-war, Government ships and transports	...	6	14,589	11	15,828
Total	...	725	1,174,582	754	1,211,500

		1894-95.		1895-96.	
		NO.	TONS.	NO.	TONS.
Steam ships, mercantile	...	657	1,185,999	1	1,400
Sailing "	...	1	1,400	85	9,219
" native crafts	...	85	9,219	11	15,828
Man-of-war	...	11	15,828		
Total	...	754	1,212,446		

Of the above vessels, 284 were foreign-going and 371 coasting.

The revenue amounted to Rs. 1,50,970 against Rs. 1,35,260 for 1894-95 and was obtained from the following sources:—

	RS.
Port Fund	1,19,765
Salvage	217
Diver services	168
Hire of port raft	1,140
Boat licenses	957
Shipping office fees and fines	860
Office fees for overtime	1,419
	1,24,526
Pilotage and boat charges connected	22,802
Moiety of Harbour Master's fees	3,640
Total	1,50,968

Artificial harbour.—Shipping operations have been carried on during the whole of the year without intermission.

The berths in the harbour have been equal to the requirements except on three occasions; the total number of vessels thus having to wait outside being five in all and on an average for about six hours each.

The S.S. *Booldana* was placed alongside the northern groyne and horses were successfully landed.

The S.S. *Fazilka* was placed alongside of the same groyne and 170 horses were discharged and walked on shore by means of a stage.

* Including ..
 42 German.
 24 Austro-Hungarian.
 23 French.
 2 Norwegian.

Total Foreign .. 91

The S.S. *Argus* was berthed alongside of the northern arm and discharged stores by means of a stage from the ship to the wall.

The smoothness of the water inside the harbour has been all that was necessary.

Moorings.—The Harbour Engineer has been carrying on the work of screwing down permanent moorings. All the bow and stern moorings are nearly completed, each buoy having two lengths of 2½" chain of 24 fathoms attached to screw piles; this will complete head and stern moorings for nine vessels, thus securing ships much more effectually than could be done by using their own anchors.

Weather.—The weather has been fine throughout the year, with the exception of 11th August and 28th September, on both of which days warning signals were hoisted.

Accidents.—The stern lines of the S.S. *Bhopal* carried away on the 18th June whilst the vessel was unmooring. The engines being immediately moved ahead, a collision with the S.S. *Clan Macdonald* which was moored in the next berth to leeward, was avoided.

Stern lines of the S.S. *Dilwara* and *Curfew* parted during a heavy squall from the north on the 9th June, but no casualty occurred thereby. Whilst the S.S. *Putiala* was being taken to sea on one occasion, the steering gear jammed causing her to approach dangerously near the southern groyne, but she eventually proceeded without mishap.

The S.S. *Kangra* entered the harbour without having a Harbour Master on board, and this disregard of the Port rules on the part of the Master of that ship nearly caused a disaster. His behaviour was reported to the owners. There were only two Harbour Masters on duty at the time and both were engaged with other vessels (the senior Harbour Master being on leave).

Boats.—The steam launch since being placed for repairs under the Harbour works has been running fairly well and is in fairly good order.

Boats have been kept in good condition, but their having had to be used for shackling ships chain cables on to the mooring buoys, they have been injured to a considerable extent. Sanction has, however, been obtained for the construction of a mooring boat for Rs. 900 which is at present being carried out and when complete will diminish the wear and tear to the Harbour Master's boats.

Entrance lights.—The two head lights at the end of each harbour wall were lit at sunset on the 1st January 1896 for the first time, giving an uniform and unbroken light all round the horizon, visible about 8 miles.

Cargo boats.—The number of lighters on the register is 90, musulah boats 172, jolly boats 46, and water boats 11.

Port rafts.—The port rafts is still the only method of landing heavy weights and has been used 76 times and earned Rs. 1,140, in addition to the mooring work which occupied about six months in the year.

Leave.—Commander C. W. Hewett, R.I.M., was granted privilege leave for 60 days from 2nd August 1895, and Mr. H. D. Baddeley acted as Deputy Conservator in his absence.

Commander C. W. Hewett, R.I.M., acted as Presidency Port Officer from 9th October to 8th December 1895, and Mr. H. D. Baddeley acted as Deputy Conservator for that period.

Commander C. W. Hewett, R.I.M., availed himself of one year's furlough on medical certificate handing over charge of the office to Mr. H. D. Baddeley on the afternoon of the 22nd March 1896.

Port diver.—The port diver, as in former years, was well employed and had constant work, and a considerable amount of property was recovered.

Time signal.—The time signal has worked well, there being only seven failures during the year.

The time ball sanctioned by the Board some two years back has not yet been provided by the Harbour works.

Life-saving apparatus.—Quarterly practice has been carried on during the year. The men are efficient and the gear in good order.

Shipping office.—The number of Native seamen engaged at this port shows a considerable decrease on last year's figure.

European seamen engaged ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
" discharged ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
" sent to jail ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
" sent to hospital ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Native seamen engaged ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
" discharged ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	785
" sent to jail ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
" sent to hospital ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Distressed seamen sent home ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Periodical statements and returns were sent to Board of Trade, London, and the Government of Madras.

W. AVES, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Acting Deputy Conservator of the Port.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT of the Office of Agent for Government Consignments, Madras, for the Official year 1895-96.

Mr. H. D. Baddeley, Agent for Government Consignments, availed himself of the privilege leave granted to him by Government from 17th April to 28th June 1895. The same officer was on deputation for various periods, viz., from 3rd August to 30th September 1895 and from 10th October to 8th December 1895, as Acting Deputy Conservator of Port, and from 24th December 1895 to 6th February 1896, as Acting Port Officer, Tuticorin. He acted again as Deputy Conservator of Port from the 23rd March 1896 up to the time he proceeded on six months' leave to Europe.

2. Appended to this report are two statements showing the various departments for whom stores were landed and shipped with quantities during the past three official years, viz. :—

Appendix A, Import. | Appendix B, Export.

3. The total quantities of Government stores landed and shipped during the year 1895-96 as compared with those for the previous year are subjoined :—

Import.							Number of packages.	Tons.
1894-95	...	...	...	...	...	...		
1894-95	...	...	...	...	...	...	72,539	4,355
1895-96	...	...	...	...	...	...	51,125	4,048
							— 21,414	— 307
Export.							Number of packages.	Tons.
1894-95	...	...	...	...	...	...		
1894-95	...	...	...	...	...	...	25,582	2,267
1895-96	...	...	...	...	...	...	32,773	2,157
							+ 7,191	— 110

4. A large decrease is noticed in both the number of packages and tonnage under import. The cause of the difference is probably attributable to the fact that fewer consignments were received by the Home Line steamers for the Public Works department, and a smaller number of small arms, ammunition and other stores landed from coasting boats for the Ordnance department.

5. The increase in the number of packages under export is chiefly due to the large shipments of telegraph stores, such as sole-plates, sockets, and tubes which had been transferred to Calcutta and Burma.

6. The landing of stores was carried on by contract, and the rate accepted being comparatively favourable, the cost was nearly the same as that of last year, viz., As. 13-6 per ton.

7. The rate paid for removal of packages including cart-hire averaged As. 6-6 per ton, which is less by 9 pies than that of the previous year.

8. The shipping operations were entirely conducted by the office staff deputed for the purpose. Boat-hire amounted to As. 13-3 per ton, for all stores except specie which is conveyed under special arrangements without regard to the carrying capacity of a boat.

9. The shipping charges would have been considerably lower were it not for shipments of explosives (the amount of which allowed to be carried in a boat is limited to 2,000 lb. with no other cargo), and several urgent consignments of less than a boat-load received and despatched after the usual time.

10. The sum of Rs. 780-14-8 was recovered on account of loss of, and damage to, stores, from the parties in fault, as follows :—

	RS.	A.	P.
From the agents ...	758	14	2
" landing contractor ...	22	0	6
Total ...	780	14	8

11. No loss whatsoever accrued to Government by the transactions of the year under report.

MADRAS, (Signed) W. AVES, Comdr., R.I.M.,
15th August 1896. Ag. Agent. for Govt. Consignments.

APPENDIX A.

STATEMENT of Government Stores landed during the past three official years.

Departments.	1893-94.		1894-95.		1895-96.	
	Packages.	Tons.	Packages.	Tons.	Packages.	Tons.
Civil—						
Stamp	2,131	269	1,611	219	2,615	351
Stationery	1,105	297	1,115	310	929	247
Telegraph	9,237	506	10,770	253	12,114	444
Police	204	44	131	29	163	41
Press	81	11	249	13	349	33
Prisons	6	1	16	2	..	..
Salt	109	24	78	7	21	1
Survey	2	2	37	4	42	4
Forest	2	1	..	..	..	..
Post Office	780	73	2,784	294	2,359	319
Treasury—						
Copper	855	..	480	..	145	..
Silver	458	..	429	..	167	..
Paper Currency Department	30	6	13	..	16	..
Public Works Department	10,172	548	12,351	735	1,930	281
Secretariat	85	6	68	7	56	6
Government Gardens	122	16	285	36	193	28
Military—						
Clothing	2,146	490	1,899	415	2,073	484
Medical	627	998	998	177	501	149
Ordnance	22,857	1,404	34,540	1,498	24,209	1,227
Commissariat	2,314	513	3,605	208	2,150	291
Regimental necessaries	721	106	501	75	303	47
Marine—						
Port Department	58	8	316	27	160	10
Miscellaneous	1,213	126	202	46	630	85
Total ..	56,606	5,077½	72,539	4,355	51,125	4,048

APPENDIX B.

STATEMENT of Government Stores shipped during the past three official years.

Departments.	1893-94.		1894-95.		1895-96.	
	Packages.	Tons.	Packages.	Tons.	Packages.	Tons.
Civil—						
Stamp	233	25	221	24	267	29
Stationery	654	118	680	124	779	147
Telegraph	4,953	123	3,045	100	10,870	355
Police	926	58	933	69	497	53
Press	478	39	588	53	489	41
Prisons	103	4	58	5	23	1
Salt	732	34	950	54	725	27
Survey	236	20	138	11	54	6
Forest	1	..	87	5	..	..
Post Office	2	1	..	..	..	..
Treasury—						
Copper	163	8	225	..	105	..
Silver	95	..	22	..	865	..
Paper Currency Department	8	..	6	..	2	..
Public Works Department	3,168	54	1,241	85	1,678	48
Secretariat	..	..	..	..	..	..
Government Gardens	11	1	48	8	30	5
Military—						
Clothing	924	128	1,160	141	1,225	176
Medical	2,159	325	1,027	183	573	74
Ordnance	9,222	834	8,829	856	7,352	660
Commissariat	5,365	556	6,029	518	6,849	493
Regimental necessaries	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marine—						
Port Department	37	5	98	8	51	3
Miscellaneous	283	20	197	23	339	89
Total	29,753	2,353	25,582	2,267	32,773	2,157

MADRAS,
15th August 1896.

(Signed)

W. AVES, Commander, R.I.M.,
Ag. Agent for Govt. Consignments.

ORDER—No. 848, Marine, dated 8th December 1896.

With his letter recorded above, the Presidency Port Officer submits the Administration Report of the Madras Port Department for the year 1895-96, also the reports of the Agent for Government Consignments and the Deputy Conservator of the Port of Madras for the same period.

2. *Official staff.*—The most important changes were: the retirement of Commander W. J. Powell, the head of the Marine Department, and the appointment to the office of Commander H. A. Street, R.I.M. An exchange was also effected between Mr. W. S. Carlyon, Port Officer, Mangalore, and Mr. J. M. Simpson, Port Officer, Gopalpur.

3. *Acts.*—The action taken under the provisions of various Marine Acts is specified in paragraph 2 of the report, and evinces commendable activity in certain branches of administration.

4. *Casualties.*—There were 30 casualties* during the year as against 21 in the previous year, but it is satisfactory to notice that there was no loss of life. As a result of the Court of Inquiry held in connection with the loss of the Austro-Hungarian steamer *Thisbe*, a temporary light has been exhibited† at the Sacramento Shoal, and plans and estimates for the erection of a permanent structure with a new light are under preparation.

* 1893-94 16
1894-95 21
1895-96 30
† G.O., No. 292, Marine, dated 4th October 1895.

5. *Tonnage and dues.*—The following statement exhibits the number and tonnage of the several classes of vessels which entered the ports of the Presidency and the dues paid by them during the year as compared with the figures for the two preceding years:—

						Number of vessels.	Tonnage.	Dues paid.
<i>Madras.</i>								RS.
1893-94	..	..	..	..	..	724	1,233,735	1,16,386
1894-95	..	..	..	..	..	705	1,165,715	1,11,096
1895-96	..	..	..	..	..	742	1,225,426	1,19,765
<i>Other ports.</i>								
1893-94	..	..	..	..	..	24,109	6,142,638	2,23,594
1894-95	..	..	..	..	..	25,056	6,228,691	2,34,022
1895-96	..	..	..	..	..	25,861	6,255,303	2,42,201

The results during the year under review compare favourably with those of previous years.

6. *Trade.*—The subjoined is an abstract of the import and export trade of the principal ports in the Presidency, exclusive of Government stores and Government and private treasure:—

	Value.			Duty.		
	Imports.	Exports.	Total.	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Madras.						
1893-94	6,49,78,552	5,76,53,455	12,26,32,007	10,78,662	9,741	10,83,403
1894-95	7,15,21,088	5,92,32,809	13,07,53,897	26,20,108	21,271	26,41,379
1895-96	6,28,26,933	6,60,98,517	12,89,25,450	30,23,722	1,281	30,25,003
Other ports.						
1893-94	6,08,43,234	10,94,55,876	17,02,99,110	1,00,892	4,43,660	5,44,552
1894-95	5,69,19,560	12,17,88,674	17,87,08,234	3,18,746	5,52,892	8,71,638
1895-96	6,18,49,698	11,96,26,117	18,14,75,815	3,79,228	4,35,103	8,14,331

As regards the total value of the imports and exports at Madras during the year under review, there has been a decrease of Rs. 18,28,447. There has, however, been an increase of Rs. 3,83,624 in the amount of duties collected. The value of imports and exports at other ports increased by Rs. 27,67,581, while the duty shows a decrease of Rs. 57,307. Tuticorin continues to hold the first place among the outports in regard to the value of trade.

7. *Passenger traffic.*—There was an increase of 59,271 in the number of passengers outward bound, while there was a decrease of 4,769 in the number landed. The increase in departure is attributed to the regular daily steam service between Tuticorin and Colombo. As in previous years, the bulk of the passenger traffic lay at Tuticorin, Pamban and Negapatam. The numbers were as follows:—

	Passengers sailed.	Passengers landed.
Tuticorin	72,856	77,009
Pamban	29,104	51,711
Negapatam	24,116	25,581

Details of the traffic are given in appendix I of the report.

8. *Registration of vessels.*—The number of vessels registered under Act X of 1841 fell to 87 from 101 in the previous year. Details are given in appendix G.

9. *Government vessels.*—The previous year's report shows six vessels in charge of the Port Department, and appendix E of the present year's report shows the addition of a steam launch at Madras.

10. *Licensed boats.*—The number of cargo and other licensed boats at the principal ports in the Presidency at the end of the year 1894-95 amounted to 2,095. This number increased to 2,302 in 1895-96. Details are given in appendix L.

11. *Dredging operations.*—These operations were carried on during the year at Cocanada and Cuddalore. Of the two Priestman's dredgers employed at the former port, one worked at a cost of 1 anna 2 pies per ton, and the other at 1 anna 1 pie per ton. These rates compare favourably with those for 1894-95, which amounted to 2 annas 3 pies and 3 annas 4 pies, respectively. The operations at Cuddalore were carried on at a cost of two annas per ton against 2 annas 3 pies in 1894-95. Details will be found in appendix J and J (i). Dredging by manual labour had to be resorted to at Negapatam, but arrangements were made for constructing a bucket dredger at the Calcutta Dockyard.

12. *Accounts.*—The opening balance of Port funds under Act X of 1889 on the 1st April 1895 amounted to Rs. 7,32,656. The receipts during the year were Rs. 4,39,931 and the charges Rs. 5,13,336, not Rs. 4,79,436 as mentioned by the Presidency Port Officer in paragraph 23 of his review. The difference is probably due to the contribution of Rs. 33,900 (*vide* paragraph 24) made to the Madras Harbour Trust Board. The closing balance on the 31st March 1896 was Rs. 6,59,251. The revenue and expenditure during the previous year amounted to Rs. 4,35,871 and Rs. 5,76,744, respectively. The transactions of all the district ports except Tinnevely, Vizagapatam, Gódvári, Nellore, Chingleput and Malabar, resulted in a deficit during the year, due to the adjustment against their funds of a heavy charge of Rs. 1,12,852 on account of the dredger "Wenlock." There was also a large deficit in Tinnevely for which the new pier at Tuticorin is mainly responsible. Government securities of the nominal value of Rs. 33,900 were transferred by the port of Madras to the Harbour Trust Board. The surplus balance of the port at the end of the year amounted to Rs. 35,106-5-0. Out of this sum Rs. 2,063-7-4 will have to be made over to the Madras Pilotage funds to cover its deficit balance on the 31st March 1896, and the balance Rs. 33,042-13-8 transferred to the Harbour Trust Board as amounts will be issued after the figures are verified by the Accountant-General. The following statement shows the financial position of Port funds at the beginning and close of the year:—

	Madras.	Ports of the Eastern group.	Ports of the Western group.	Total.
Opening balance on the 1st April 1895 ..	Rs. 2,78,375	Rs. 85,532	Rs. 3,68,749	Rs. 7,32,656
Receipts during 1895-96 ..	1,24,199	1,95,852	1,17,880	4,39,931
Charges during do. ..	1,24,993	2,68,879	1,19,464	5,13,336
Closing balance on the 31st March 1896 ..	2,79,581	12,505	3,67,165	6,59,251

13. The financial position of the Pilotage funds under Act X of 1889 and of Landing and Shipping Dues under Act III of 1885 will be seen from the following statement:—

	Opening balance on 1st April 1896.	Receipts during 1895-96.	Charges during 1895-96.	Closing balance on 31st March 1896.
Pilotage funds under Act X of 1889 ..	Rs. 58,394	Rs. 48,024	Rs. 38,201	Rs. 68,217
Landing and Shipping Dues under Act III of 1885 ..	1,32,050	72,101	71,485	1,32,666

The transactions of the Madras port under Pilotage funds resulted during the year in a deficit of Rs. 2,063-7-4. At Mangalore there was a deficit of Rs. 12-8-0, while at Pámban and Cochin there was a surplus.

14. Under Landing and Shipping Dues, the ports of Vizagapatam, Masulipatam and Mangalore had a surplus balance, while Cocanada and Negapatam had each a deficit. The deficit at the former port was, in a great measure, due to charges on account of the new groynes which amounted to Rs. 28,558, and that at Negapatam to the adjustment of the cost of the new dredger built at the Government Dockyard at Calcutta. Details of receipts, charges and the financial position of the Port and Marine funds are given in appendices C, C (i) and C (ii) of the Presidency Port Officer's report.

15. The Presidency Port Officer will submit the usual statement prescribed in G.O., No. 28, Marine, dated 30th January 1890, after verification by the Accountant-General; and, on its receipt, the necessary transfers and adjustments will be sanctioned in the Financial Department.

16. In future reports, the works carried out by the agency of the Marine Department should be noticed.

17. *Deputy Conservator of the Port of Madras.*—The report of the Deputy Conservator of the Port of Madras which has been reproduced in this review has already been dealt with by Government in G.O., No. 602, Marine, dated 4th September 1896.

18. *Agent for Government Consignments.*—The number of packages landed and shipped during the year amounted to 83,898 weighing 6,205 tons, against 98,121 weighing 6,622 tons in 1894-95. The sub-joined statement compares the imports and exports during 1895-96 with those for the two previous years:—

	Imports.		Exports.		Total.	
	Packages.	Tons.	Packages.	Tons.	Packages.	Tons.
1893-94	56,606	5,077½	29,753	2,353	86,359	7,430½
1894-95	72,539	4,365	25,582	2,267	98,121	6,622
1895-96	51,125	4,048	32,773	2,157	83,898	6,205

The decrease under imports during the year was due to a falling off in consignments for the Public Works and Ordnance Departments, and the increase in the number of packages under export to large shipments of telegraph stores transferred to Calcutta and Burma.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
 " Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
 " " Chamber of Commerce.
 " Public Works Department.
 " Revenue Department.
 " Financial "
 " Accountant-General.

Ld. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.