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No. 296, MARINE, 29TH APRIL 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. J. MOORE, C.I.E., President, Madras Municipal Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 9th March 1896, No. 2571 P.W.

In forwarding copies of the marginally-noted correspondence, I have the honour to point out that, unless action be taken by the Harbour Trust Board, the whole of the Black Town sewage farm will, before long, be washed away. The Chairman's last letter is somewhat vague. I do not know whether he means me to make proposals. It would appear to be in the province of the Board to take action. I trust, therefore, that Government will move in the matter.

ENCLOSURES.

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. J. MOORE, C.I.E., President, Madras Municipal Commission, to the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, dated Madras, 8th February 1896, No. 1994 H.

In forwarding the accompanying tracing, I have the honour to invite your attention to the different lines showing the encroachment of the sea since 1887.

In 1885 survey No. 3771 was handed over to the Municipality by Government for sewage farm purposes (G.O. No. 268, Revenue, dated 3rd March 1885).

It then consisted of 6 cawnies 14 grounds 39½ square feet.

Since 1887 the sea has gradually been washing it away, and when the present sewage farm contractor took up the contract on 1st April 1894, there was only about 3 cawnies left. In October 1894, however, it had all disappeared and I have had to refund the contractor from that date up to 31st December 1895 Rs. 1,950, and shall have to refund a further sum of Rs. 1,950 up to 1st April 1897, making a total of Rs. 3,900.

This loss, I think, I can fairly call upon the Board to compensate.

But there is the still further loss of the land itself and I think that compensation should also be paid for that. I have been recently purchasing land north and south of the outfall channel for Rs. 42 per ground.

6½ cawnies at this rate would cost Rs. 6,552, so that my total claim amounts to Rs. 10,452.

There is no doubt that this erosion is due lately to the works thrown up for the protection of Cassimode.

You will observe how the sea is still encroaching.

I would therefore suggest that similar steps be taken to protect this locality, and drive the erosion as far to the north as possible; otherwise my claims on the Board will be continuous and still heavier.

From W. AUSTIN, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, to the President, Madras Municipal Commission, dated 24th February 1896, No. 4530.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 8th February, No. 1994 H., with a tracing enclosed, showing the advance and recession of the sea line north of Cassimode since 1887, as it affects survey No. 3771.

I have been unable to reply sooner, as I have had to obtain a copy of the Government Order referred to by you, No. 268, Revenue, dated 3rd March 1885, as it was not on record in the Secretary's office. A copy has now been supplied to me by Government.

2. Your claim against the Harbour Trust Board appears to be (a) for the value of the land at Rs. 42 per ground Rs. 6,552, and (b) loss of profit refunded to contractor Rs. 3,900,—total Rs. 10,452.

3. With regard to (a) I observe from the resolution of the Board of Revenue, No. 134, dated 15th January 1885, printed with G.O. No. 268, Revenue, that the Board approved of survey No. 3771 being made over to the Municipality for the extension of sewage irrigation. The request made by the President was that the ground might be leased at the annual rent of Rs. 10 per cawny which was sanctioned by Government in the Government Order to which you refer me. It would therefore appear that the Municipality, even according to the Government Order under which you claim the land, is not the owner, but merely the occupier for a public purpose; and, under such circumstances, I do not think your claim can be sustained.

4. I have also to refer you to notification published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* under G.O. No. 1839 W., dated 18th July 1882, wherein survey No. 3771 in Tondiarpet is advertised as required for purposes connected with the Madras Harbour Works. The total extent referred to is 6 cawnies 14 grounds 39½ square feet, of which serial No. 232, certificate No. 2455, representing an area of 21 grounds 324½ square feet, was Government land, and the balance, certificate Nos. 2449, 2447, 2448, 2446, 2968, 2967, 2966 and 2965, the property of V. Parthasarathi Aiyangar, M. Srinivasa Aiyangar and two others. The estimated value of the land was Rs. 2,370.

Survey No. 3771, serial No. 233, bearing the above certificate numbers, was in due course acquired for Harbour Works purposes, and the above-named owners were paid from Harbour works Rs. 1,892-14-5 on the 29th August 1883, at the rate of Rs. 250 per cawny.

5. In G.O. No. 268, Revenue, dated 3rd March 1885, Government may have overlooked the fact that this land had been acquired for Harbour purposes and paid for out of Harbour funds, as it is possible that the Collector's letter No. 2272, dated 4th November 1884, may have misled Government, as it is therein stated that "there is no objection to making over the land referred to" (survey No. 3771). It is, however, clear that, as Government acquired the land in 1883 for the harbour, because it was threatened with erosion by the sea, no claim can now be made against the harbour when the erosion which Government foresaw would take place, has become an accomplished fact.

6. With regard to your claim (b) I do not think you can sustain your request that the Harbour Trust Board should make good to you a profit which you have failed to realize, by the use of harbour land as a sewage farm during the period referred to, on the ground that such land has been eroded by the sea, as foreseen by Government many years ago, and for which reason it was in 1883 taken up for harbour purposes to prevent any claim for compensation being made afterwards.

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. J. MOORE, C.I.E., President, Madras Municipal Commission, to the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, dated 3rd March 1896, No. 2533 P.W.

With reference to your letter No. 4530, dated 24th February 1896, I have the honour to point out that, while you deal with my claim for compensation, you have not touched upon the request conveyed in the concluding paragraph of my letter No. 1994, dated 8th February 1896.

I do not propose to argue at present on my claim for compensation for damage in the past, but I shall be glad to know if the Harbour Trust Board propose to take any action to prevent further erosion.

From W. AUSTIN, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, to the President, Madras Municipal Commission, dated 4th March 1896, No. 4659.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 3rd March 1896, No. 2533 P.W., and to inform you in reply that no proposals have been made for extending the protective revetment beyond the spot where it at present terminates.

No. 373, Local and Municipal.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
21st March 1896.

(Signed) W. W. PHILLIPS,
Acting Assistant Secretary.

From W. AUSTIN, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, to the Joint Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated Madras, 13th April 1896, No. 191.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement, Public Works Department No. 1731 C., dated 27th March, with papers in original (herewith returned), and to submit for the information of Government copy of resolution No. 6 passed at the Board's meeting of the 10th instant.

2. The land for which the President of the Madras Municipal Commission claims Rs. 10,452, has already been acquired for and made over to the harbour, and no action that could now be taken would be of any avail as the land has been washed away as anticipated when it was acquired.

3. To protect other land in the neighbourhood it would be necessary to extend the stone revetment a distance of 4,500 feet from its present limit at a cost of Rupees 2,28,804, and the Board has decided that it will be much more economical to acquire land from time to time as necessary than to expend this large sum on protective works.

4. Experience has shown that a deep bay is formed by the erosive action of the sea immediately to the north of any protective revetment, and the result of protecting the land as suggested by the President of the Madras Municipal Commission would be increased erosion of land at the north end of the revetment.

5. The Board's Engineer anticipates that very little, if any further erosion will take place.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT of Proceedings of the Trustees of the Harbour of Madras, at a meeting held at the offices of the Board on Friday the 10th day of April 1896.

6. Read endorsement, Public Works No. 1731 C., dated 27th March 1896, from the Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, forwarding for report correspondence between the President, Madras Municipal Commission, and the Chairman, regarding a claim for compensation amounting to Rs. 10,452 for land, survey No. 3771, washed away by the sea north of Cassimode.

Read minutes by Trustees.

Resolved that the Trustees do not propose to extend the revetment. The Chairman is requested to arrange in communication with the Board's Engineer to take up such further land as may be necessary. Report will also be submitted to Government.

ORDER—No. 296, Marine, dated 29th April 1896.

His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that it would, as pointed out by the Harbour Trust Board, be probably cheaper to allow the erosion to the north of the harbour to proceed than to spend over 2½ lakhs on revetment. But it has to

be considered, in the event of the Black Town sewage farm being washed away, whether there is any other place on which the sewage can be disposed of, and whether its disposal in such place is feasible without increased cost. The President of the Madras Municipal Commission will be called on in the Local and Municipal Department for an early report on these points.

(True Extract.)

J. H. M.

Under Secy. to Government.

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
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Communicated to
the President, Municipal Commission,
Madras, with the request that he
will submit ^{at an early date} the report referred
to in the order read above.

W.D.

18-5-96

Dated April, 29th.

Recd.

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G.O. No. 296, 29th April 1896.

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The President, M.C., Madras.
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