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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers :—

From Colonel ROSS THOMPSON, R.E., Executive Engineer in charge of Consulting Architect's office, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepâk, 7th June 1886, No. 319.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 1892 C., dated 21st May 1886, I have the honor to submit an estimate, amounting to Rs. 3,750, for providing fifteen deodorizing ventilators over the openings of the Harbour intercepting sewer, between the Lighthouse battery to some distance north of the Post and Telegraph office.

2. The ventilators will be in all respects similar to the one already constructed and found to work satisfactorily.

3. The cost of the work should, it is considered, be debited to the Madras Harbour Works as in the previous case (*vide* G.O., No. 2789 W., dated the 21st November 1885.)

No. 294 D.

Referred, with a copy of G.O., No. 2789 W., dated 21st November 1885, to the Chairman, Madras Harbour Trust, for favor of report whether the Trust is prepared to accept the charge of Rs. 3,750 against the Harbour Works.

2. In the opinion of the Government the proposed incidence of the charge is a fair one.

24th June 1886.

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

From the Honorable R. W. BARLOW, C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 18th September 1886, No. 508.

In accordance with the concluding paragraph of your memorandum, No. 480 D., dated 4th August 1886, I have the honor to return the file of papers therewith forwarded to me having reference to the Harbour intercepting sewer.

2. These papers have been carefully gone into by the Harbour Trustees, and the question has on several occasions been discussed at the Board meetings.

3. In compliance with a resolution passed, I have now the honor to communicate to you the result of a reference to the Acting President of the Madras Municipal Commission, as detailed in a letter to him from the Vice-President, Madras Municipal Commission, No. 209 D., P.W., dated 3rd September 1886, communicated to me under his endorsement, No. 217 D., copy of which letter I herewith forward for your information, together with copy of my letter to the Acting President, Madras Municipal Commission, No. 348, dated 28th August 1886.

4. The Acting President of the Madras Municipal Commission, you states that the Harbour intercepting sewer vests in the Commission as an asset of the Madras Municipality, and the charges for upkeep and repairs of the same are required to be met by the Municipality.

ENCLOSURES.

From the Honorable R. W. BARLOW, C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, to the President, Madras Municipal Commission, dated Madras, 28th August 1886, No. 348.

I have the honor to address you with reference to the question of the present Harbour intercepting sewer, and the proposal to build another larger one to carry off storm water which now escapes into the Harbour through the ventilation openings of the existing drain, about which Mr. Pinsent, Secretary to the Harbour Trust Board, called on you on Thursday afternoon last.

2. I understand that, although constructed by the Superintendent of, and at the expense of, the Madras Harbour Works, the intercepting sewer now forms part of the Madras Municipal Sewage System and vests in you.

3. I also believe that, in the original plans of construction, it was provided that certain ventilators should be erected at the cost of the Municipal Commission, and I further gather that the two ventilating shafts, at the north-west corner of Post office, and south-west corner of the Telegraph office, have been so constructed, together with the experimental "Charcoal Tray" opposite the Chartered Mercantile Bank.

4. Mr. Pinsent has, as suggested by you, called on Mr. Dowson of the Government Telegraph Department, and on Mr. Sullen, Presidency Postmaster, with reference to these ventilators, and he informs me that both gentlemen state that the nuisance previously complained of has been greatly abated as regards the Telegraph and Post office buildings by the ventilating shafts; but that occasionally the stench is still very bad when the wind is blowing direct from any one of the open ventilating openings in the sewer. Mr. Sullen adds that the quarters of the Sergeant in charge of the Post office stable are at times quite uninhabitable; and both consider that the remainder of the openings should be covered with the charcoal trays.

5. I have the honor to inquire whether, in reference to paragraph 2 above, I am right in supposing that the present Harbour intercepting sewer is vested in the Municipal Commission. If so, I shall feel obliged if you will kindly inform me under what section of the Madras Municipal Act, and whether I am in any way held responsible for its upkeep and repair.

6. In reference to paragraph 3 of this letter, it would appear that should any more shafts or charcoal trays be required to bring the drain into accordance with original plans that the cost of their construction should be borne by the Municipal Commission, and I have the honor to inquire whether you are prepared to defray the cost of construction, if it be decided that further ventilators or charcoal trays are necessary.

7. As the Superintendent of Harbour Works proposes shortly to commence the construction of the storm water drain, I have the honor further to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether, on its completion, it would vest in you as part of the Municipal Drainage System, and its upkeep be chargeable to Municipal funds, or whether you would consider it exclusively a Harbour work, and look to me to maintain it.

From J. A. JONES, Esq., Vice-President, Municipal Commission, to the Acting President, Municipal Commission, dated Madras, 3rd September 1886, No. 209 D., P.W.

With reference to the Chairman of Harbour Trust Board's letter, No. 348, dated 28th August 1886, I have the honor to inform you that, under section 254 of the Municipal Act, I consider that the Harbour intercepting sewer vests in the Municipality and it has been so considered to vest and has been repaired and altered at Municipal expense.

2. Two high ventilators have been erected in connection with the sewer, which fall into the intercepting sewer, and on all such sewers ventilators have been fixed at ground level.

3. The charcoal ventilator which has been erected over No. 3 sewer in proximity to the Post office and which is said to be effective, was erected at the cost of Government. I am not prepared to recommend that similar ventilators be fixed over all sewer openings, as I think that ventilators of a different design, but as effective, can be built at much less cost. It is, however, for the Municipality to decide whether such ventilators are required, and this question need not be considered by the Harbour Trust Board.

4. I have before stated in paragraph 1 that I consider that the intercepting sewer is vested in the Municipality; it forms part of the Drainage Scheme and should therefore be maintained from the funds of the Municipality. I have also stated that the storm water drain for storm water about to be constructed is not a work which is maintained by the Harbour Trust Board, but is a work which is maintained by the Municipality. I think.

No. 217 D.

True copy communicated to the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, with reference to his letter, dated 28th ultimo, No. 348. The Acting President has nothing to add to the Vice-President's remarks which have his full concurrence.

(Signed) C. F. MAC-CARTIE,
Ag. President, Madras Municipal Commission.

From the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, No. 607, dated 28th September 1886.

ORDER—dated 30th September 1886, No. 2551 W., Public Works.

Recorded.

2. The question of providing the sewers with ventilators will be left to the consideration of the Municipality.

(True Extract.)

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7/11 Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Chairman, Madras Harbour Trust Board.

- „ Consulting Architect to Government.
- „ Chief Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division.
- „ Postmaster-General.
- „ Financial Department, with estimate. (3 Encls)
- „ Public Department.

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Communicated to the President,
Municipal Commission, Madras

Dated September, 30th.

Recd. 13-10-86

Encl. 3.

G.O., 30th Sept. 1886, No. 2551 W.

SEPTEMBER.

So
The President Municipal Commission
Madras with 3 enclosures

Sept. 18-10-86

Harbour Intercepting Sewer
at Madras

Report from the Chairman, Harbour
Trust Board, that, in the opinion of the
President, M. Municipality, the —
vests in the M. and that charges
for upkeep of the sewers should be
defrayed by the Municipality, recorded.

Miscellaneous.

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G.O., DATED 16th Oct. /86

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Madras Harbour.

*Coming to the President
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G.O. P.W. Dept. on the
report of the Chairman
Harbour Trust Board
that the charges for the
upkeep of the intercept-
ing sewer of the — shd
be defrayed by the
Municipal Corp.*