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Local Municipal **DEPARTMENT**

G.O. No.
B.P. No.

1292 (M)

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Dated

2-10-1885

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Municipality

municipality have no one - not even an overseer - and if they had his services in looking after a floating structure of the kind would be of no value. Mr. Turner thought of putting it in charge of the Supervisor of the Southern Division of the District but he has absolutely no experience about matters of the sort and in addition is generally absent in camp. The danger the bridge runs is that of something going wrong with its moorings in the case of exceptional floods and this is a thing which would require instant attention - a thing which no itinerating officer could afford.

I myself have grave doubts about the security of these moorings and fear that the bridge may break adrift some day if not attended to in which case it will probably be swept out to sea. It is taking care of itself at present and if it is to continue to do so that certainly will be its fate in the end.

I would not press the question were the Port Officer's duties such as to occupy an appreciable portion of his time but his work

here

here is of the slightest possible description. During the greater part of the year four B. I. S. A. steamers call per week and remain in port for an average of 3 hours, and no other vessel puts in an appearance. The bridge is within a very short distance of the Port Officer's Office and if its charge were made over to him it would of course be on the understanding that it would not be allowed in any way to interfere with his proper duties. Indeed the charge might, if desired, be transferred altogether to the Marine Department the Council paying the costs.

I trust that on reconsidering the matter Captain Street, through whom I forward this letter, will withdraw his objections. If the arrangement cannot be made I must inform the Council that I am unable to help them in the matter and let things take their course.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

W. W. W.
Ag. Collector.

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No. 4/3

Vizagapatam

Dated 12th June 1887.

From

W. A. Willock Esq.

Ag. Collector and President District Board

Vizagapatam District

To

The Presidency Port-Officer

Madras.

Sir,

You probably know that a pontoon bridge has recently been thrown across the backwaters here to facilitate traffic with the south of the district. The bridge is a valuable one and cost Rs. 91,090 and I am now in a difficulty about arranging for its general charge. It seems to me that this duty, which consists mainly in seeing that the moorings are all right and the ironwork properly cared for is one which would fall more within the special qualifications of the Port-Officer than any one else. Its delegation to him would secure the attention of an Officer who is always on the spot and whose Office is within half a mile of the bridge.

2. I have the honor to ask whether you would have

have any objection to his being entrusted
with this duty. The bridge is the property of
the Municipal Council and has to be main-
-tained by it, but I would arrange matters
so that Port-Officer would not receive orders
from any one but myself on the subject.

3 I need hardly remind you that the
port is much interested in the preservation
of this bridge which conveys most of its cargo
to the landing place and that the Port-
Officer's work is very light indeed.

I have &c &c

(Signed) W. A. Willock

Ag. Collector & President, Dist. Board

(True copy)

W. A. Willock
Ag. Collector.

M

No. 5

Presidency Port Office,
Madras 22nd June 1889.

To

The President
District Board,
Vizagapatam.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter No. 413, dated 12th June 1889, and in reply have the honor to state, that as the general charge of the bridge in question is not one which, in my opinion, should form part of a Port Officer's duties, I regret that I am unable to recommend your proposal to Government.

2. The care of bridges generally devolves on the Public Works Department, and if the Executive Engineer is unable to undertake the work connected with the bridge in question, perhaps the local Fund Engineer could arrange to look after it.

I have &c &c
(signed) H. A. Street
Captain H. M. S. D. M.
Presidency Port Officer.

(True Copy)

M. W. M.
Asst. Collector,

1889.

DEPARTMENT.

ENCLOSURE No. 1

In a letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam to
Chief Government Local and
the Secretary to Board of Revenue dated
Municipal Dept 1889 No. 1969

PURPORT:

Copy of letter from the President
District Board Vizagapatam
to the Presidency Port Officer
No 413 dated 12th June 1889

1887.

Local & Municipal
DEPARTMENT.

ENCLOSURE No. 2

In a letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam to
Chief *Government*
the Secretary to Board of Revenue dated *4th June 1887*
Local Municipal 188 No. *1969*

PURPORT:

Copy of letter from the Presidency
Post Office No $\frac{C}{3}$ dated 22nd June
1889

Board & Co. *104*
 CURRENT NO. *1509*

From
 The Collector
 of Vizagapatam

To The Chief Secretary
 to Government
 Local Municipal Dept

Dated 4th July 1889
 11 JUL. 89

No 1969
 Enclosures two

Requesting orders as to the
 charge of the Pontoon Bridge
 lately erected across the back-
 waters at Vizagapatam and
 suggesting that the Port Officer
 may be placed in charge of it
 as resolved upon by the Municipal
 Council —

(With Endorsement)

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DEPARTMENT

FROM
 THE COLLECTOR OF
 VIZAGAPATAM.

TO
 THE SECRETARY TO THE
 BOARD OF REVENUE
 MADRAS.

Dated } 188
 Received }

No.

ENCLOSURES.

29th 620
Referred *pro*
transferred to the Marine
Department.
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meant to be forwarded, for remarks
Assistant Secretary
1/3
16/7/89 - 18-7-
Fort St George
3rd August 1889

Note
This letter has not been forwarded
to the Presidency Port Officer as proposed
by the Collector.

To the Marine Dept.
To the Presidency Port Officer
12/7 1889/8 with papers in original

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Local & Municipal Dept

CURRENT No. 1509 m.

From

The Collector
of Vizagapatam

No. 620

Referred to the Presidency
Port Officer through whom the letter
was meant to be forwarded, for
remarks.

(By order)

Wm. B. Anderson

Capt R. E.

Fort St. George

3rd August 89Under Secretary, P.O.
for Chief Secretary

No. 1969.

Dated 4th
Received 11th } July, 89.

Enclosures 2.

SUBJECT.

Requesting orders as to the charge of
the Pontoon Bridge lately erected
across the backwaters at Vizagapatam
and suggesting that the Port Officer
may be placed in charge of it as
resolved upon by the Municipal
Council.

(With endorsement)

For

No. 576 g
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PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,

Madras, 5th August 1889

Heading.

Bridge at
Vizagapatam

From

THE PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,

MADRAS.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MARINE DEPARTMENT,

FORT ST. GEORGE.

SIR,

In returning the accompanying
papers received with endorsement
No. 620, dated 3rd August 1889, I have
the honor to submit, for the con-
sideration of Government, the
following remarks in respect to the
proposal therein contained, viz:-

(a) The bridge in question belongs
to the Municipality, and in no way
forms part of the port equipment;

(b) If the structure is placed
under the care of the Port Officer it
will cease to become to all
intents and purposes a servant of
the

the Municipality, and that Body would thus procure without any expenditure from Municipal funds the services of an Officer whose salary is met from other sources;

(c) An occasion may arise when the safety of the bridge might require the immediate attention of the Port Officer at the very time when his port duties demanded his immediate presence at the Port Office, and if on such an occasion the Port Officer decided to leave the bridge to its fate, I think it doubtful if any understanding of the nature referred to in the 3^d paragraph of the Acting Collector's letter would prevent his decision being called into question, and he would probably have considerable difficulty in preventing blame being attached to his conduct.

(d).

(d) The fact of the port work at Vizagapatam being light is, I submit, no argument in favor of harnessing the Port Officer with other duties of a nature which have no connection with the Port, but on the other hand is, a strong argument in favor of a more economical arrangement being introduced, if practicable, for the carrying out of the Port work at Vizagapatam, and on this point it is my intention to address Government in due course after I have ascertained whether one Port Officer could not work the two ports of Bimlipatam and Vizagapatam. This scheme, I may add, had attracted my attention before

before the receipt of the letter
from the Acting Collector of
Vizagapatam.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

H. A. Theet

Captain H. A. Theet
Presidency Port Officer.

2359 1-12-87 1912 15-2-87
522 1-5-89
1062 1-9-87

From *Marine* (1889) DEPARTMENT.

From THE PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
Madras,

To THE CHIEF SECY. TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George.

Current No. 1509 & 1767 A.M.

H.P.

*Transferred to the Marine
Department.*

*H.S. Meyer
Assistant Secretary*

*1/5/89 24-8
Int. Secy.
August 1889*

To the Marine Dept.

No. *575-4
334*

Dated *5th* August 1889
Received

No.



Subject.

Submitting that the
Port Officer could not be
placed in charge of the
Pontoon Bridge lately
erected across the Back-
waters at Vizagapatnam.

(With endorsement)

From *Marine* DEPARTMENT.

C No. 1509 & 1767 A.M.

From

Dated 188

FOR ORDERS.

If a Port Officer is retained at
Himilipatan Vizagapatnam,
it is clear that the work
the bridge might be the same?
was willing to be headed over the
Marine Dept. the Marine Dept.
the actual charges in carried on
its maintenance. It is superior
by the P.O. to be over the services
which port officers may normally
be called on to render to Municipalities.
But if in future there is the
absence of P.O. from Himilipatan and
Vizagapatnam together, that of course
alters the case.
The Marine P.O. who was in
charge of an inspection on the 20th
was not probably not be capable of
looking after the bridge properly
by himself. But he might perhaps
be under the supervision of the
by. In any case the might be directed
to inspect the bridge periodically
and report to the Council on the condition
of the same.

It seems desirable to if possible arrange that the Port Officer Vijayapattam should have charge of the bridge. A nautical man is more likely to be able to see to moorings and to have insight than as they should be than any one else. Even if Bimlabattam is added to his charge he can hardly have overmuch to do and the objections raised by Capt. Smith do not appear to be based by much in reason. The last one seems to be that Capt. S. is afraid that his duties Port Officer will be converted into a servant of the mouth. This Capt. distinctly promises that this shall not be the case. Mr. Dillack appears to have made out a very good case for a compliance with his request.

*Supervision of the
Porton bridge Vijayapattam*

Capt. Smith's objections are unavailing and I should be surprised to overcome them at once if I thought the Port Officer were the best man to have responsibility charge of the bridge. It is no doubt the best man to see to the moorings, but the case of the iron work & of the structure itself more properly belongs to the Executive Engineer. I think that the latter officer should have charge but that the P.O. should be responsible for the moorings & should give his assistance whenever required by the Engineer besides seeing to the moorings & the structure of the bridge. It seems to me that they are all right.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 188 , No.
Again G.O., dated 188 , No.
Current No. 1509 of 1889, dated 24/12/89 from the Clls of Vijayapattam

Current No. 1767 of 1889, dated 5/1/90 from the P.O.

order of 22/12/89
The supervision of the porton bridge at Vijayapattam is one of the services which port officers may appropriately be called upon to render to Municipalities. The bridge will be placed under the general charge of the Ex. Engr. but it will be the duty of the Port Officer to look after the moorings which he should examine periodically & to render his assistance whenever required by the Engr. any other incurred in the maintenance of the bridge will of course be defrayed by the Municipality.

To the Clls of Vijayapattam
Chairman Mr. K. V. S. S. S.
14/8/90
P.O. through the Council
24/12/89

22/12/89 (2 orders)
been
16/1/90
has not yet been counter-sailed

Cms 1559 + 1767 am

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Change of the Indian Land
Vijayapuram
(From orders)

The Secularizing Report

P. W. D.

for the purpose of the land

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Miscellaneous.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPT.

G.O., DATED 27 Oct 189

No. 1292 on

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Pontonsbridge

Stating with remarks
that the at Vigafata
will be placed under the
general charge of the Execu-
tive Engineer and direct-
ing the Port Officer to
look after its moorings
which should be examined
by periodically by him

G.O. No.
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