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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Marine Department

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From Colonel A. Cotton,

Commandant of Engineers

Dated 19th January 1857.

For Orders.

From particularly after viewing the proof of the
instruct. which the Under Comd. have taken
in the question -

Well I entirely concur with Col. Cotton's
view on this very important sub-
ject -

~~The last thing I should wish to do~~
I would be the last to adopt any
view, which wd be likely to impede his
movements at Madras. but I cannot
divest myself of the opinion (of the opinion

= matter of ~~fact~~ =
= ~~fact~~ of ~~fact~~ =
= men selected for
their scientific
arguments or
for their experience
of the Madras
Port and its

that a pier would, however, be con-
sidered as of little service to the trade
of the town unless it were to be protected
by a breakwater.

It would doubtless serve for conveying
passengers. The Captain is across the
loose. And in that respect prove a
great convenience - but that end might
probably be gained as well by Capt Taylor's plan
which would cost at most £10,000. instead
of £100,000 the cost of that ^{sumptuous} pier.

At all events.

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for their experience
of the Madras
Port and its

Minute

The Hon^{ble} Court
 call on this Inst^{ce}
 to report their o:
 pinion upon the
 proposal of Messrs
 Saunders & Mitchell
 to construct a
 Pier on some miles
 from the
 Madras at an
 expense of 95,000
 The Plans of the
 Pier, and the
 nature of the work
 have been carefully ex:
 amined by a com:
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Copy of the
 Report of the
 Committee
 appointed by the
 Government of
 Madras to enquire
 into the
 proposed
 pier at
 Madras
 1857

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wants - The com-
-mittee have re-
-ported favorably
of the project in
all its parts,
suggesting merely
some trifling a-
-mendments in
construction, &
they ^{pronounce} ~~consider~~ the
amount named
by Messrs. Saunders
& Mitchell tho'
allowing there a
considerable
margin as not
unreasonable,
and recommend for
acceptance the
contractor's terms,
& the early com-
-mencement of the
work - I then

4.
can be no doubt
~~that~~ that a pier
would ~~afford~~
remedy much of
the inconvenience
to which the ~~the~~
-~~ing~~ of passengers
& goods are ex-
-posed in the pre-
-sent mode of
landing at Madras
& there seems to
be now the ex-
-tremity that this
great advantage
can be secured
by an outlay
limited to less than
£100,000 ~~as~~ ^{which} the
Hon: Court seem
disposed to grant
~~the~~
The feasibility

and I perceive
advantages to
the Port & County
of Calcutta Cottons
Breakwater. I
~~think~~ do not
think it to question.
I believe that his
grand projects
may be accomplished
by the means he
proposes, & that
by improving skill
Madras may be
converted from
an unsafe open
roadstead into
a secure Port.
But these ^{only} advan-
tages can be ob-
tained at a far
larger probable
~~expenditure~~ than the
fixed sum named
for a Pier - For

2 5.
For the Breakwater
of 2000 fads in
length alone col-
: Cotton gives a
rough estimate
of £250,000 &
more it completed
a Pier of ~~smaller~~
~~some kind or further~~
~~large or further~~
would be ^{still} required
The probability
not extending so
far as Mr.
Tenders of Int-
: eludes Plan
movables for -
It is not likely
that the Hon: Com-
missioner would
: under his name
be disposed to
enter on a scheme
involving such
an expense of

adventures of the
Humble Court
the experience
of sanctioning
the construction
of a Pier as de-
signed by Messrs
Samuel & Mit-
chell in the
the right mode
- resolutions of in-
-provements to the
- pond to the Com-
- mittee in their
Report of the 17th
MTC

21/1/57 - H. Montgomery

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- expenses of it
would, I think,
be a subject for
such report ~~to the~~
if the project of
a Pier offering
certain benefit
at a known ~~cost~~
moderate cost of
about within one fourth
I would be so as
- take a postponed
because a large
work has been
suggested at a
cost to all up-
- because far
beyond our present
means -

For these reasons
I would earnestly
recommend to
the favorable
and early con-

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Sir R. C. Thompson

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