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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
from 11th to 17th May 1859.*

No. 20. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, (*Public*), dated 7th May 1859, No. 1081.

(*Vide* Public Works Proceedings from 7th to 10th May 1859, Nos. 62 to 64.)

(*Communicate for information order passed on a letter from Messrs. Brice and Co. respecting the recent loss of the ship "Rose Ellis" at Tuddry.*)

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1859, No. 196.

Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine, and to Lieutenant A. D. Taylor, I. N.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again letter from Messrs. Brice and Co., dated 23rd March and recorded in Proceedings of the 10th May 1859. *of this day's date.*

Regret that the recent loss of the Ship "Rose Ellis" at Tuddry, and the consequent difficulty that they will experience in inducing Vessels to proceed there to load, will very materially affect the prospects of success that might have attended the establishment of Traction Engines on the Road leading from Hoobly to Tuddry; apprehend that to bring the scheme forward under existing circumstances would result in its failure; and submit that it would be desirable to postpone the scheme, until the present unenviable notoriety of the Port of Tuddry shall have worn off.

Also the following papers.

Extract Minutes of Consultation in the Marine Department.

Sanction the proposals for laying down warping Buoys at Tuddry in the manner explained in Mr. Franklin's letter, and resolve to apply to the Bombay Government for the Buoys and appurtenances required, leaving them to be selected by Lieutenant Taylor on his arrival there. Also sanction the cost of making three Coir Hawsers at Cochin for use at Tuddry. (Here enter 28th March 1859, No. 110.)

Letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 4th April 1859, No. 1402.

I have the honor to forward, in compliance with your Official Memo. of the 2nd Instant, No. 24, the accompanying copy of a communication from the Collector of Canara reporting the loss of the "Rose Ellis" at Tuddry, and to state that no other intelligence regarding her loss has reached me.

2. Mr. Fisher believes that the accident was caused by the sudden cessation of the land wind while the vessel was proceeding out of the Port, which obliged her to anchor in such a position as to leave her no room to swing without grounding.

Letter from W. FISHER, Esq., Collector of Canara; to J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, Madras, dated Mangalore, 17th March 1859.

I have the honor to inform you, that I have received a report from the Customs Manager at Tuddry, stating that the Barque "Rose Ellis," Commander R. Loney, struck on a rock, when endeavouring to get out of the Tuddry river on the morning of the 4th Instant. The immediate cause of this loss is not clearly stated, or perhaps understood by the writer; but I believe that the vessel was going out of the river under sail with the last of the flood tide, when the land wind suddenly ceased and sea-breeze set right into the Port, obliging her to anchor in such a position that in swinging she came on a rock, where the ebb tide left her. From Captain Loney, I have merely received a notice of sale of Hull, &c., and I gather from the information received, that he remains in charge of the Ship.

Most of the Cargo has, it appears, been saved, though some of it is damaged. Captain Loney speaks of there being 12 feet of water in the Ship's hold, but other reports put it down at six. The Additional Sub-Collector is on the spot, and will render any assistance that may be necessary. A part of the Crew have been already forwarded to Bomhay by Captain Loney.

ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1859, No. 1081.

It appears from this letter from Messrs. Brice and Co. that the loss of the "Rose Ellis" at Tuddry was owing to the absence of Buoys to aid her in warping out of the Port, and this is confirmed by the Collector's Report enclosed in the letter of the Superintendent of Marine. It

* Para. 8 of his letter of February 23rd 1859, to the Superintendent of Marine, Madras. is to be feared that this unfortunate accident will have a serious effect in checking the advance of this improving little Port Lieutenant Taylor of the Indian Navy had already pointed out*

that English Merchants were unable to charter Ships for Tuddry for want of such aid, and this is further dwelt on by Messrs. Brice and Co. in the second para. of their present letter.

2. The Governor in Council cannot but feel that the loss of this Vessel is thus due to delays in Offices and Departments under Government. So long ago as 1855 Messrs. Brice and Co. appear to have pointed out to the local authorities the want of warping Buoys at Tuddry; but in consequence of delays and differences of opinion it was not till March in the present year that

• Recorded above.

the proposition came before Government in a tangible shape; and on the 28th of that month orders* were issued in the Marine Department for procuring two Buoys at Bombay and laying them down. They will be sent from Bombay to Tuddry by Lieutenant Taylor; and the Chief Engineer will instruct the Acting District Engineer to make immediate arrangements for placing them in the positions described by that Officer, immediately on their arrival. Colonel Bell will take particular care that no further delay takes place in this matter, so far as his Department can prevent it.

3. The Governor in Council desires also to be informed whether a Buoy or other mark is necessary to shew the rock on which the "Rose Ellis" was lost. If this is thought to be the case by those well acquainted with the Port and with nautical requirements, and especially by Lieutenant Taylor, the Chief Engineer will report what is thought necessary, together with an Estimate, in the Marine Department.

4. The Government resolve to call the attention of the Chief Engineer to the orders noted in the margin, on the subject of Buoys at Tuddry, to none of which has any answer been yet received. The Governor in Council concludes that the cause of this absence of reply is the non-receipt of the necessary information from the District Engineer; and if that is really the case, he desires that Lieutenant Hunter may be called on to explain this long delay on a matter of such importance.

February 27th 1858 No. 337.
July 12th " " 1336
October 9th " " 2099.
November 12th " " 2384.

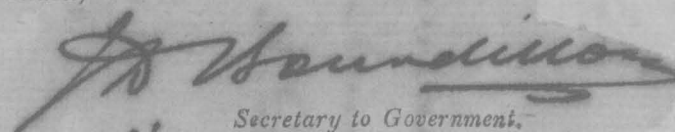
5. It is observed that by an order in the Marine Department dated October 26th 1858 No. 443,* Government sanctioned an Estimate for a Light-House at Tuddry, and that it has been entered in the Budget for 1859-60, being Item No. 181 in Statement No. 2.

* Communicated to the Chief Engineer in an order in this Department November 16th, No. 2414.

6. The Governor in Council thinks it necessary to recall to the Chief Engineer's recollection the order of March 25th 1859, No. 707. An early report in reply to para. 4 of that order is expected. The beacon also should be re-erected without delay, as ordered in para. 2, even though it may be so situated as to be ultimately superseded by the Light House.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for information and guidance together with the papers, as well as to the Board of Revenue for communication to the Collector of Canara, to the Marine Department, and to Messrs. Brice and Co. of Bombay.

(True Extract.)


Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue with E. M. C., M. D., No. 110.

„ Chief Engineer with Do.

„ Marine Department. Do.

To Messrs. Brice and Co. with Do.

Exd. Wm. Thomas.

Wm. A. R. 1859.

Proceedings of the
the A.M. Lodge
No. 1087
of 1867

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Enclosure on the par-
ticulars of the
- of an letter from the
Chief of the
Accountants of the
State of the
at London.

With an Order.

Communicated to the Su-
perintendent of Marine & to
Lt. A. S. Taylor &c.

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The Superintendent

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Squadron, U.S. Navy {
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