

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
19th June 1861.*

No. 31. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department,
dated 14th June 1861, No. 1,091.

*Communicating the Order passed on a letter from
the Chief Engineer on the subject of the
Beacon Buoys required for the Tuddri
Harbour in North Canara and requesting
sanction for the expenditure of Rupees 2,500
for the Buoys, &c.*

(Vide Proceedings Public Works Department,
dated 14th June 1861, Nos. 136 and 137.)

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, 19th June 1861, No. 207.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer :—

Forwards for the information and orders of Government the papers on the subject of Beacon Buoys required for the Tuddri harbour in the North Canara District, and requests sanction for the expenditure of Rupees 2,500 for the Buoys, &c.

(Here enter 15th May 1861, No. 538.)

ORDER THEREON, 14th June 1861, No. 1,091.

1. With this letter the Chief Engineer forwards correspondence on the subject of the Beacon Buoys required for the Tuddri harbour in North Canara.

2. In Order of 27th February 1858, No. 339, the Government sanctioned the laying down of two small Beacon Buoys at the outer entrance of the Channel of the Tuddri harbour to denote the passage; but this sanction remained inoperative from the Buoys not being procurable. Subsequently, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Marine, the Government sanctioned* a proposition of Lieutenant

* Proceedings of Govt. 7th May 1859, No. 1,081, para. 2.

Taylor of the Indian Navy to have two Warping

† Proceedings of Government, 1st Nov. 1859, No. 2,572.

Taylor from the Dockyard of that Presidency. The requisite Screw Moorings were procured by that Officer from Cochin.

3. The Chief Engineer now brings to notice that the District Engineer in his annual report for 1859-60 represented that the works at Tuddri were at a stand still from several mistakes having been made as to the articles provided.

4. The Superintendent of Marine, to whom a reference was made on the subject, admits the correctness of the District Engineer's remarks on the unwieldiness of the Buoys and Moorings supplied for the harbour. Mr. Franklin is of opinion that the screwing in of the Moorings cannot be effected with the means at command, and therefore suggests reversion to the original plan of the Beacon Buoys. He mentions also that Beacon Buoys of suitable sizes are now available, and that two can be sent from Madras to Mangalore at a cost of Rupees 1,581-7-0.‡

5. The fixing of the Buoys is proposed to be "carried out under the supervision of the Officer in command of the Indian Navy vessel, to be stationed in Beital Bay throughout the monsoon, by order of the Bombay Government." The cost of this work, as well as the freight of the Buoys to Tuddri, is not now precisely determinable; the Chief Engineer therefore asks sanction for the expenditure, in all, of a sum not exceeding Rupees 2,500, which he hopes will suffice.

6. Under the circumstances stated, the Government sanction the supply of the Buoys, &c., and the disbursement of their cost and freight to Tuddri out of the reserve fund of the current year; but as it is unlikely that the Buoys will reach even Mangalore for several months, there will be time for the Central Office to obtain and submit some more satisfactory estimate of the cost of putting them down properly and in right situations. Colonel Birdwood will attend to this.

7. Nothing is said in the present papers as to what is proposed to be done with the useless Buoys and Moorings; and no notice is taken by the Chief Engineer of Captain Walker's remark (in his report referred to above in paragraph 3), that the sea wall constructed by Messrs. Brice & Co. for the security of their property is having an injurious effect on the Tuddri harbour. On both these points information is requested.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer.

„ Marine Department.

„ Superintendent of Marine.

„ Accountant General, with reference to paragraph 6.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.