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[Despatch Abstract.]

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G.O., No. 648, 23rd September 1896.

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Calicut Pier

Requesting that the Collector of Malabar be called on to state whether, having in view the traffic served by the —, it would, in his opinion, be advisable to spend the large sum of money now stated to be necessary to put the structure in order.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Letter from the Presy Port Officer (H.E. No. 206 Cal 18 Sept 1896)
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do do do (H.E. No. 311 Cal 10th Sept 1896)

No. 648 Marine 23rd Sept 1896

The Collector will be called on in the Revenue Dept to state whether, having in view the traffic served by the pier, it would, in his opinion, be advisable to spend the large sum now stated to be necessary to put the structure in order.

(The Secy to Govt Revenue Dept for income of municipalities)

To the Collector, Malabar,
thru the Secy to Govt
P. P. O.

18/9/96
H. M. S.

Calcutta Pier

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Read the following:-

from the Presy Post Officer No. 206 4/5 Sept 86.
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The papers below are all out of
order - There are printed instructions
for the arrangement of papers, which must
be adhered to -

FOR ORDERS.

I should say it wd be unjusti-
fiable to spend Rs 25,000 on
this pier - But perhaps better
ask the Chs. for a report - He
has no particular interests to
serve.

BS
16/9/96

* These instructions
are now being attended to -
They were received after
the present file was
arranged.
H.B.
* Flay B

The Presidency Post Officer
brings to notice the condition of the
Calcutta pier. It is said to be extremely
shaky. It would appear that a
sum of Rs 25,000 will be required
to place it in a state of complete
repair. The pier was constructed in 1864-1871,
the total capital outlay
amounting to Rs 73,000. In
1882 it was found that the
structure was showing signs of
weakness but the cost of repairing
it was considered to be out
of all proportion to the utility
of the structure. A few European
merchants were however interested
in its maintenance, and the
Govt decided in Co. No. 2202 W
dated 28 August 1882 to make
over the pier to these merchants
on their forming themselves
into a Company for its upkeep,
the Government promising to

allot, as a final contribution,
double the amount which might be
advanced by the Company towards
putting the pier into order. It was
added that should these offers
not be accepted the Government
would decline to spend any
more money on a work which
to them had proved a financial
failure and which was of little
or no use to the native mercantile
community, who possess large
interests in the trade of the port.

These offers were accepted
and the pier was made over
in L.O. N. 935 W dated 24 March
1883 on a 99 years' lease.

The pier now seems to be in a
worse condition than ever, and the
merchants are inclined to withdraw
from their responsibilities.

As regards the limited use
of the pier attention is invited to the
Master Attendants' letters recorded
in L.O. N. 2202 W of 28 Aug. 1882.

* Flag: B.

The traffic using the pier is given
in Commander Street's letter of the
9 June 1894 (L.O. 236 Marine,
of 19 June 94)

* Flag: A.

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Marine (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 969

Order

From,

The Presidency Post Office,
Madras

No. $\frac{206}{292}$ 4

Dated 5 September 1896.

Received

September 1896

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SUBJECT.

Submitting report regarding
the state of the Calicut
Pier.

No. 206
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PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,
Madras, 5th September 1896.

Commander A. A. Street, R. I. M.,
PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,

Madras,

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

~~PUBLIC WORKS~~ (MARINE) DEPARTMENT,

~~Madras.~~
Chepak.

SIR,
With reference to the correspondence con-
nected with the state of the pier at Calicut
ending with G. O. Marine No. 236, dated 19th
June 1894, I beg that the attention of
Government may be again directed to
its condition which is far from satis-
factory. The whole structure is pro-
nounced by the Executive Engineer of
the district to be "extremely shaky"
and must be in a great measure
renewed. The Secretaries and Treasurers
of the Pier Company in reply to a letter
from me on the subject - dated 1st
June last - state that "the Company
has not the means to go in for the ex-
tensive repairs and renovation con-
templated by the Executive Engineer,
- it can only each year do what is
absolutely necessary to keep the pier
in

in a fit condition for the shipping and landing operations that are conducted over it. The Company would be quite willing to hand back the pier to Government should Government be willing to execute the more elaborate repairs suggested by the Public Works Department. The Pier is of much more importance to Government now than it was 12 years ago, as this port is more largely used for the embarking and disembarking of troops.

2. From the above it will be seen that the Pier Company is unwilling to place the pier in the state of repair considered necessary, and though I do not concur in the view that the pier is of more importance to Government now than it was 12 years ago, I submit that to save the structure from falling to pieces it is advisable for Government to resume control of the structure.

3. In this office letter to ²⁰⁶/₂₁₄ G dated 9th June 1894 particulars relating to the trade served by the pier during the three years 1890-93 are given and I do not think that there has been any important change for the better since.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
your obedt. servant,
H. A. T. T. C.
Commander, R. S. M. 1
Presidency Port Officer.

Marine (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 997

Order

From,
The Presidency Port Officer,
Madras

No. 311 G

Dated 10 September 1896.

Received 14-9-96

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SUBJECT.

stating that the cost of placing the Calicut Pier in complete repair is estimated approximately Rs. 25,000.

May A.
checked of by
by G.O.D. 236
19.6.94
May B.

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No. 311 G

Heading.

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,

Madras, 10. September 1896.

From

Commander H. A. Street R. I. Co.

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,

Madras,

To

THE ~~CHIEF~~ SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MARINE DEPARTMENT,

Chapman
~~Fort Saint George.~~

SIR,

In continuation of this office letter No. $\frac{206}{292}$ G. dated 5th September, 1896, I have the honor to acquaint you that the cost of placing the Calicut pier in complete repair is estimated approximately at Rupees (25,000) Twenty five thousand.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours Obedient Servant,

H. A. Thurt
 Commander R. I. M.,
 Presidency Post Office.