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DATED 10^c December 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

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Messrs Abbotthorpe & Co, at the back of the Madras
Harbour Trust Board & Engineer's Office, cannot be
rented for the storage of petroleum.

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No. 3147.

Madras Harbour Trust,
Secretary's Office,
12th October, 1897.

From

The Secretary,
Harbour Trust Board,
M A D R A S.

To

Messrs Arbuthnot & Co,
M A D R A S.

Gentlemen,

Referring to your letter dated 16th September 1897 I am directed to inform you that at present the Harbour Trust has no necessity for the whole of the space comprising the Harbour Works block-making yard, behind Clives Battery; but as to whether circumstances might not arise in connection with the Harbour, in the future, under which it would be required, no statement can be made.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(sd) C. Pincent

Secretary

Harbour Trust Board.

CHAIRMAN
MADRAS HARBOUR TRUST
4-NOV-97

Madras, 29th October, 1897.

FROM
MESSRS ARUPUTHNOT & CO,
MADRAS.
TO
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
PORT ST GEORGE.

Sir,

As we are desirous of acquiring a piece of land for the purpose of erecting tanks for the storage of Bulk Petroleum we have the honor to enquire whether Government will consider an application for a portion of the land now in the occupation of the Harbour Trust Board.

The land we have in view is a portion of the yard at the back of the Board's Engineer's office, which has hitherto been used for the making of concrete blocks in connection with the Harbour Works, but which the enclosed copy of letter from the Board's Secretary dated 13th instant will show is not now required.

If therefore Government could see fit to allow us an area of about 10,000 square yards at a reasonable rent for a term of years, & we understand that a site of this size could be dispensed with by the Harbour Trust without any inconvenience under any circumstances, we should esteem it a great favor, as suitable sites for our purpose are difficult to be secured on private lands.

We may mention that the oil we purpose importing in bulk is produced & refined in Sumatra, & for some months past we have been importing it in cases, & finding a ready sale for it on account of its cheapness & superiority over Russian oil.

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Trusting that the above matter will have your early and
favorable consideration,

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

Authentic

C. W. S.

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Marine (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 1595

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From

The Chairman,

Harbour Trust Board,

Madras.

No. 4068

Dated 10 - 12 - 97

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SUBJECT.

Replying to endorsement no. 645 dated 2nd Nov. 97, forwarding a letter from Messrs. Arthur & Co. applying for a portion of the harbour works block making yard for the purpose of erecting tanks for the storage of Petroleum in bulk, also submitting a plan showing the area required.

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blockmaking yard is not at present required. The space West of the site applied for by Messrs Arbuthnot & Co would be ample for blockmaking requirements for the proposed Boatbasin, and the arrangements shown on the plan would give access to the tanks to both the Madras and South Indian Railway Companies; but until a General Plan embodying the future development of the Harbour has been drawn out, the Trustees consider it unsafe to assume that they will not, hereafter, again require the whole of the Blockmaking yard. Besides the Boatbasin, Docks Quays or a north east entrance may be found necessary, and the Board would deprecate the erection of any permanent structure upon the site selected by Messrs Arbuthnot & Co, such as tanks for the storage of oil in bulk, which once erected could not conveniently be moved. The Trustees therefore object to the Blockmaking yard being used for the purpose, at present.

5. It was understood at the time the Harbour improvements Committee met in 1895 that, if the Blockmaking yard was not required for Harbour improvements, the Madras Railway intended to apply for the site, to erect upon it and the Company's land adjoining a goods Station, which would be more conveniently situated for the Trade of the Port than the present one at Salt Cottours.

6. It will be observed that the proposed site is immediately in rear of Olives Battery, and it would appear to be a matter for the consideration of the Military authorities whether thousands of tons of Petroleum, in such close proximity to the battery, would not be a source of danger in the event of hostilities.

7. It would no doubt be convenient for Messrs Arbuthnot & Co to erect their storage tanks as close to the north arm of the Harbour as possible; but another site is apparently available, immediately to the west of Messrs Best & Co's tanks, upon the other side of the road leading over the Railway bridge. This land is the property of the Madras Railway Company, and if it is desired to erect a goods station to the south of the present Royapuram Terminus, the Agent and Manager might be willing to allow Messrs Arbuthnot & Co to erect their tanks a little further to the west.

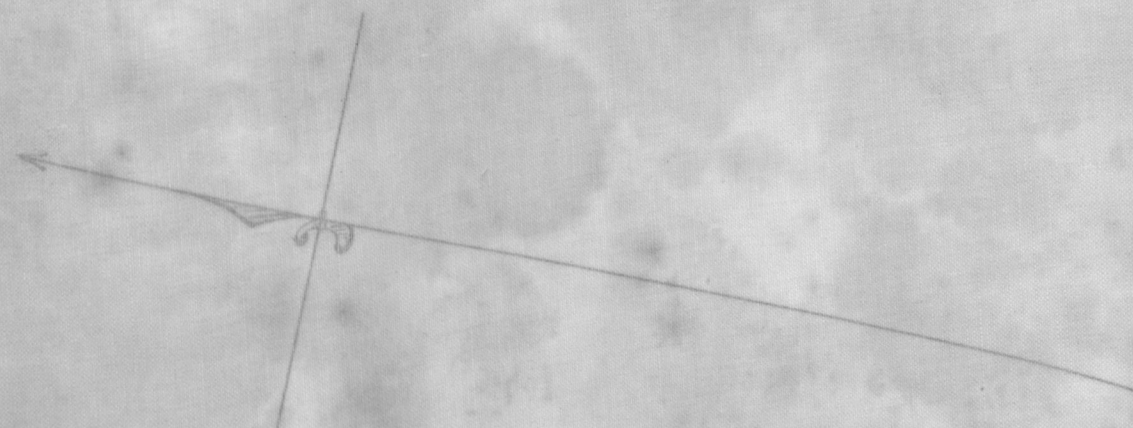
8. I am not aware what arrangements are proposed to connect the East Coast Railway with the Harbour, but this should also be considered in alienating any land in the vicinity.

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

J. H. Atkinson
Chairman, Harbour Trust Board

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