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G.O., No. 331, 6th April 1897.

APRIL.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From the Honorary Secretary, Malabar Chamber of Commerce, Tellicherry, to the Presidency Port Officer (through the Port Officer, Tellicherry), dated 18th January 1897, No. 98 P.

At the request of the above Chamber, I have the honour to draw your attention to the serious inroads which the sea has recently made on the foreshore of this place from the southward of the Customs House as far north as the Government salt godowns, causing the destruction of much property and probable destruction of more.

The waves have found out sundry weak places, and there have scoured out the foundations of buildings, leading to a broken outline of foreshore, and the risk is that, during next monsoon, the sea will get behind the now more prominent foundations and undermine and destroy them also.

The Chamber would suggest that the Executive Engineer of Malabar be instructed by the authorities to inspect the foreshore in question, and report as to the possibility of constructing protective works as a matter of public utility.

The Chamber is further of an opinion that if anything is to be done, it should be done soon so as to prevent further damage during next monsoon.

No. 12/1.

Forwarded to the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, with the following remarks:—

The sea has encroached very seriously along the whole coast line as far as Cannanore, at which latter place protective measures have been necessary to save the old Fort.

At Tellicherry a small sea wall has been recently built to protect the flagstaff and this is still in hand. To the north of this wall, however, the sea has undermined private premises, and part of a temple has given way.

Further destruction is inevitable if the monsoon be a heavy one.

TELLICHERRY,
18th January 1897.

(Signed) J. M. SIMPSON,
Port Officer.

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 16th March 1897, No. 1747/85 G.

In January last the Malabar Chamber of Commerce addressed me respecting the erosion of the foreshore which was taking place at Tellicherry, and requested that "the possibility of constructing protective works as a matter of public utility" might be considered. The Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, was communicated with by me on the subject, and in reply states that, "no damage has been done to Government property," and that "the orders of Government are required if estimates are to be prepared for protecting private houses built in the margin of the sea." The damage done has affected private property solely, and in bringing this fact and the letter of the Malabar Chamber of Commerce to notice, I beg that I may be favoured with the views of Government in regard to the request of the Chamber that the protection of the foreshore at Tellicherry should be considered as a matter of public utility.

2. It would, no doubt, be advantageous to the respective owners of the properties affected to have the needful protective work carried out at the cost of Government, but as the work is one which would not benefit vessels entering or leaving the port, I submit that the cost could not be met from port funds.

ORDER—No. 331, Marine, dated 6th April 1897.

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(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.

- .. Presidency Port Officer.
- .. Chamber of Commerce, Malabar.
- .. Revenue Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Chambers of Commerce — H.E. No 19/98 dated 18 Jan: 1997.

From the Presy: Port offices — " " 1747/85. G of 16 March 99.

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(The Secretary to Govt: Revenue Department for favour of counterinitials.)

The P.W. Dept: ✓
" P. R. O. ✓
" C of C. Malabar ✓
" Rev. Dept: ✓
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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

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Tellicherry

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From the Honorary Secretary, Malabar Chamber of Commerce, Tellicherry,
to the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, No. P/98, dated 18th Jan. 1897.

From the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, No. 1747/⁸⁵~~135~~ G., dated 16th
March 1897.

The Hon. Secy. C. I. C.

FOR ORDERS.

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vide G.O. 882 W. dated 11th
March 1896. Flagged C
G.O. 2610 W. dated 8th
Sep. 1896. Flagged E

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Measures have had to be taken
to protect public property from the
encroachment of the sea at Tellicherry. The question now arises as to
whether public funds are to be spent
on the protection of private pro-
perty also.

*I should say myself
that the protection of private
property by the erection of a
sea wall was a matter for
the owner or perhaps for
the Municipality. It does not
seem to me a case for the
expenditure of ~~public~~ funds.*

2. The Presidency Port Officer con-
siders that as the interests of the
port are not now affected, it would
not be legitimate to spend Port
Funds on the proposed protective
works. If any work is done, therefore,
the cost would, it is thought, fall on
Provincial Funds.

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Circ The request of the Chamber is that the Collector
and Secy. Engineer should inspect and report. *R.A.*
I think this might be ordered with the remark
that the Govt. cannot pledge itself to undertake the
protection of ^{public} private property. *A.H.* 27.3.97

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FOR ORDERS.

Marine (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 392

Order

From,

The Presidency Port Office
Madras

No. $\frac{1747}{85}$ G

Dated 16 March 1897.

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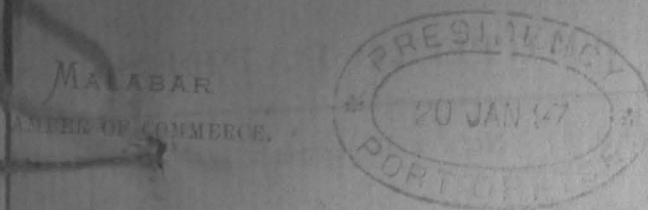
Requesting the views of
Government in regard
to the request of the
Malabar Chamber of
Commerce respecting
protective works for
the erosion of the foreshore
at Tellicherry.

BACK PAPERS.

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657	7	25-9-96	✓
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Tellicherry, 18 January 1897

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through the Port Officer

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

N. J. Tatham

Henry Secretary

Malabar Chamber of Commerce

12/12

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Tellicherry
18-1-97

John Simpson
Post Officer

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Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 16 March, 1897.

From

Commander H. A. Street, R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer,
M A D R A S,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
C H E P A K.

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Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. Atkeel

Commander, R.I.M.,

Presidency Port Officer.