

Requesting the Presidency Port Officer to investigate and report the cause and extent of the — in view to orders being passed regarding the purchase of a new dredger for the port and stating that it is necessary that he should be more moderate in his proposals for expenditure.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 1st June 1897, No. 163/203 G.

With reference to the correspondence connected with Tuticorin port ending with this office letter No. 163/388 G., dated 25th November 1896, I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that, as the temporary dredging apparatus therein referred to has been found unequal to the work of removing accumulation of silt at the end of the pier, the Port officer recommends that a steam dredger of the Priestman type should be obtained for service at the port. In this view I concur as the Wenlock's draft is too great to permit of her working alongside of the pier, and unless some means are soon taken to remove the silt, which since the erection of the new pier has accumulated in its vicinity, boats will be unable to approach the structure except at high water.

2. I have ascertained from the Director, Royal Indian Marine, that a suitable apparatus would cost approximately Rs. 28,650. He proposes to obtain the crane and grab from England and to construct the barge at the Calcutta Dockyard. The barge could be sent to Tuticorin in pieces and re-erected there. The estimate covers the expense of this. The cost of the apparatus could be met from the Eastern Group Port Fund surplus which may be taken at Rs. 2,13,000.

ORDER—No. 524, Marine, dated 11th June 1897.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that before any expenditure is incurred on the purchase of a new dredger for the port of Tuticorin, the cause and extent of the silting should be ascertained. The Presidency Port Officer will accordingly arrange for this matter being investigated and reported on.

2. It is also pointed out that the Presidency Port Officer is mistaken in supposing that there is an available surplus in the funds of the Eastern Group. The proposals already made to Government in connection with lighthouses will more than absorb the money to the credit of this group of ports. It is accordingly necessary that the Presidency Port Officer should be more moderate in his proposals for expenditure. He has in separate Proceedings been directed to draw up a regular forecast of outlay. This, when approved, will form a useful guide in the administration of the funds of the Marine Department.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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to

Marine (1897) Department.

The Marine Branch S.E. CURRENT No. 799

For orders whether this proposal should be approved, or the Presidency Port Officer instructed to include it in the forecast statement Order which he is to prepare under present orders.

From

The Presidency Port Officer, Madras

No. 163/203 4

Dated 1st June 1897

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or perhaps the old one should be removed

SUBJECT.

Recommending the construction

5.6.97 W.H. Certainly - It would be pointed out to the P.P.O. that in supposing that there is a surplus Priestman type for the port in the funds of the Eastern group, all those there all of which will for some years of Taticorin. It could be required for light houses; and he should be told to be more moderate in his proposals. Only a few days ago he came up for sanction to buying a house at Fokelam. If the funds of the group are to be frittered away in this way, how is the money to be found for building light houses?

9/6/97

H.M. 5.6.97 R 10.6.97

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W.H.

For M.

To

The Presy. Port Officer.

28.20/97
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FURTHER PAPERS.

No. 168/203 ly

Presidency Port Office;
Madras, 14th June, 1897.

Sir,

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which may be taken at Rupees 2,13,000.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. A. Theet

Commander, R.I.M.,

Presidency Port Officer.