

Marine (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 52 *man*

DATED 16 January

[Despatch Abstract.]

Inspection Notes. Recording with remarks
letter from the Deputy Port Officer Submitting
his notes of inspection of the ports of ^{Pamban} Tutic-
Corin.

Recording, with remarks, letter from the Presidency Port Officer submitting his notes of inspection of the ports of Pámban and Tuticorin.

*Inspection list. P.P.O.
No. 52 dated 16th Jan'y 1897.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

Letter from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, No. 1730/423 G,
dated 19th December 1896.

Recorded with the following
remarks.

The estimate for the two wooden jetties at Pamban, which the Superintending Engineer has been asked to prepare will be awaited.

The subject of para 3 of the Presidency Port Officer's Inspection notes is remitted to the P.W. Department in continuation of the undermentioned endorsements:-

No. 450 E d/14th September 1896.

No. 526 E d/26th October 1896.

The Superintending Engineer has in separate Proceedings been called on to report the cause of delay in carrying out the repairs to the Pier at Tuticorin.

The delay in putting the one-ton crane in position at this port will also be explained under orders in the P.W. Department.

The question of improvements to the port, referred to in para 5 of the notes, is under consideration in the

This may issue but whether any money will be available for these works remain to be seen. The P.P.O. seems to be indulging in the amount of burning the candle at both ends. We can't be carrying out improvements here, there & everywhere, & at the same time carry out our schemes for new light houses.

*BS
14/1/97*

*on marine C.O. 8.
(under issue)*

*W
15/1/97*

the Revenue Department, the papers
having been transferred to the Dept.
with Marine endorsement No.9 E d/
7th January 1897.

11/1/97

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The Presidency Port Officer.
,, P.W. Department.
,, Revenue Department.

PAMBAN.

file with 6503 2P
12-12-96

Considerable improvement in the depth of the Horse Shoe Channel has been effected by means of the Dredger "Wenlock" and, should all go well, it is expected that the channel will be deepened to the depth required, by about the middle of February. Owing to stormy weather during the S. W. Monsoon, and afterwards to the death of Mr. Palliser, the Engineer & Dredging Superintendent of the "Wenlock", it has been impossible to carry out dredging operations continuously, and the delays caused by these interruptions have increased the expenses of the vessel.

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Sub P. 1960
22-8-95

Flag F.

Pamban file
(Circular)

the PPO.
R.S.

2. In this office letter No.1739/223,G, dated 14th August 1895, the attention of Government was drawn to the necessity of sanctioning two landing jetties at Pamban, and in Marine Department Memorandum No.1960, dated 22nd August 1895, it was asked whether two wooden jetties would not meet the requirements of the port. Commander Powell, who was then Presidency Port Officer, appears to have communicated with the Collector of the District on the subject, and, in consequence of certain information which was required regarding depth of water, &c, not having been supplied, it was not until the 14th September 1896 that I found myself in a position to address the Superintending Engineer of the Vith Circle in view to an estimate being prepared — the estimate has not yet been forwarded to me. The piers, I may add, are much needed to meet the wants of the native passenger traffic.

P. 4503
14-9-96

3. The Port Officer's house was not ready for occupation and, as stated in my letter to Government, No.137/298,G, dated 8th September 1896, additional accommodation is required to make the house a suitable residence.

4. The Port Office books were up to date, and, with a few exceptions, kept in accordance with ^{the} instructions relating to the same.

5. A new flagstaff is necessary, and this is receiving attention.

TUTICORIN

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TUTICORIN.

The repairs to the pier at this port sanctioned by G.O.No.357 Marine, dated 19th May 1896, have not yet been carried out, & the structure is deteriorating in consequence. The attention of the Superintending Engineer, VIth Circle, was drawn to this matter by me in September last, and the reply I received was that an agreement had been made with one Richard Watson -- a Madras Contractor-- to finish the repairs by 31st December-- the delay, I submit, seems extraordinary and requires explanation.

2. The 1- ton cranes sanctioned for the pier vide G.O. Marine, No.215 dated 18th July 1895 have been supplied by Messrs. Massey & Co., but nothing has yet been done by the Executive Engineer towards putting them in position. The cranes reached Tuticorin about the end of September last.

3. A large quantity of silt has accumulated at the end of the pier, and the Port Officer is trying to remove it with the means at his disposal. The matter is receiving my attention, and a report will be submitted on it should the Port Officer's efforts be unsuccessful.

4. Passengers intending to embark for Colombo are now carried by the train to the base of the pier, and are met by a train on arrival from Colombo. Certain questions in connection with the upkeep and maintenance of the permanent way along the foreshore, and other matters appertaining to the use of the ground by the Railway Authorities have been brought to my notice, and will form the subject of a separate communication.

5. Now that the work of reclamation has been completed, it is necessary that some decision should be arrived at in respect to the improvements proposed by the Collector of Tinnevely after consultation with me on the subject and referred to in the accompaniments to Marine Department Endorsement No.641. E, dated 9th December 1896.

6. The office books (with the exception of a few regarding which necessary instructions have been given) were found in order.

R. I. M.
Commander, R. I. M.,
Presidency Port Officer.

Marine (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 1408.

Order

From

The Presidency Port Officer,
Madras

No. 1730
423 G

Dated 19 December 1896.

Received M. Dr.

Enclosures one.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding inspection
report of the ports of
Pamban and Tuticorin

1400
sent from 4-1-97

Flag I

Explanation
Called for in
C.O. 8 March
1897

Flag J.

sent
Mar 1400/97

sent in origl
to Pres Dept
with 988/97

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
No.	152	marine	9-1-97
"	92	"	7-1-97
"	6412	"	9-12-96
"	830	"	30-11-96
"	6032	"	24-11-96
"	671	"	30-9-96
"	596	"	2-9-96
"	551	"	14-8-96
"	3562	"	9-7-96
"	491	"	8-7-96
"	367	"	22-5-96
"	357	"	19-5-96
"	2592	"	9-5-96
"	2532	"	6-5-96
"	2522	"	6-5-96
"	307	"	5-5-96
"	233	"	4-5-96
"	17412	"	27-3-96
"	1068W	"	25-3-96
"	1620C	"	21-3-96
"	166	"	13-3-96
"	166	"	13-3-96
"	159	"	11-3-96
"	752W	"	2-3-96
"	932	"	26-2-96
"	111	"	22-2-96
"	101	"	18-2-96
"	923C	"	17-2-96
"	884C	"	14-2-96
"	881C	"	14-2-96
"	60	"	1-2-96
"	280W	"	23-1-96
"	19	"	11-1-96
"	3136W	"	6-12-95
"	24	"	23-11-95
"	309	"	28-10-95
"	255	"	17-8-95
"	245	"	13-8-95
"	237	"	7-8-95
"	1946W	P.W.	6-8-95
"	210	marine	20-7-95

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
S.O.	131	marine	10-5-95
"	111	"	19-4-95
"	56	"	18-2-95
"	232	P.W.	31-1-95
"	382	marine	24-9-94
"	2327W	P.W.	13-5-94
"	328	marine	17-8-94
"	1747W	P.W.	12-7-94
"	81	marine	8-3-94
"	409	"	22-11-93
"	375	"	20-10-93
"	308	"	24-8-93
"	292	"	15-8-93
"	44	"	15-3-93
Pamban file			
No.	6502	marine	12-12-96
"	5262	"	26-10-96
"	4862	"	25-9-96
"	4502	"	14-9-96
"	455	"	24-6-96
"	401	"	5-6-96
"	2252	"	24-4-96
"	164	"	12-3-96
"	315	"	6-11-95
"	1960	"	22-8-95
"	1067	Fish	5-12-94
"	426	marine	6-11-94
"	337	"	20-8-94
"	138	"	4-8-94
"	103	"	21-3-94
"	45	"	2-2-94
"	404	"	17-11-93
"	2W	"	6-1-81

No.1730/ 423 G

Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 19 December, 1896.

From

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

To

The Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Chepak.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, the accompanying remarks connected with my recent visit to the ports of Pamban and Tuticorin.

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

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

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