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G.O., No. 1024	Marine
DATED	8 th Dec '98

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Enclosure for Quarantining live stock
on the Sand Accretion to the South of the
Harbour

Informing the Chairman, Harbour
Trust Board, with remark, that the Govt has
no present intention of permitting any permanent
—, within a distance of 3000 feet to the South
— ward of the South Arm, ^{reporting that} there is, however, no
objection to a temporary plague camp being erected
anywhere on the area in question, Subject to certain
conditions.

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9th / on return
from board
meeting

14/12/98

Informing the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, with remark, that the Government has no present intention of permitting any permanent —, within a distance of 3,000 feet to the southward of the south arm; and stating that there is, however, no objection to a temporary plague camp being erected anywhere on the area in question, subject to certain condition.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, dated 11th November 1898, No. 3069.

ORDER—No. 1024, Marine, dated 8th December 1898.

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- (1) that the Board should have a preponderating voice in determining the uses to which the sand accretion to the south of the harbour should be put;
- (2) that the construction of a ship dock on this site having been advocated, any proposal to encroach on it is viewed with concern by the Trustees, who consider it inadvisable to locate plague camps in the centre of the Madras trade;
- (3) that, if any portion of the accretion be utilized for either of the purposes now proposed, a fair rent for the area occupied should be paid, by the department concerned, to the Board.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that, in G.O., No. 601, Marine, dated 28th October 1886, it was declared that Government was not prepared to part with its power of direct control over the area in question. In G.O., No. 278, Marine, dated 24th April 1896, the ownership of this land was again recognised as vesting in Government. The claim of the Trustees to levy rent for the use of the land cannot, therefore, be conceded.

3. The Chairman will be informed that the Government has no present intention of permitting any permanent enclosure for quarantining live-stock on the sand accretion to the south of the harbour, within a distance of 3,000 feet to the southward of the south arm, the outside distance likely to be occupied by a ship dock and its appurtenances. There is, however, no objection to a temporary plague camp being erected anywhere on the area in question, but it will be removed before a commencement is made with harbour improvements.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
„ Local and Municipal Department.

Ed. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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No. 3069 dated 11th November 1898.

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W. H. H.
13.12.96

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The Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Letter No. 3069 from the Chairman Harbour Trust Board.

4/11/1898

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SUBJECT.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

Location of livestock quarantine enclosure and plague camps on the sandy accretion to the south of the Madras Harbour.

FOR ORDERS.

The Chairman Harbour Trust Board submits copies of letters from the Chairman, Live Stock Importation Act Committee and the President of the Madras Municipal Commission, respectively, proposing sites on the sand to the South of the harbour for a live stock quarantine enclosure and for plague, Health Camps, and, in doing so, represents

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be paid by the Department concerned,
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1896 declared that Govt. was not pre-
pared to part with its power of direct
control over the area in question, and
in G.O. No. 278 Marine, dated 24th April
1896, the ownership of Govt. was again
declared. To admit the claim of the
Trustees to rent for the use of the
land would be equivalent to transfer^{ring}
to them the ~~proprietary~~ right in the
land. Whether it should be used for the
purposes now proposed is for Govt. to
decide.

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3. It will be seen from G.O.
276 Marine of 1 June 86 that, for
the purposes of the Harbour Trust
Act, the limits of the port of Madras
to the west, inside the artificial
harbour are "a line running
parallel to the water's edge between
the northern & southern limits
at 50 yards above high water
mark, spring tides, provided that, &
between a line running due
east from the military boundary
pillar near the Barracks & the office
in the north, & the mouth of the

x at corner of China Bazaar
H.

Cornwall River in the south, the
northern limit shall be the
water's edge itself." This
has been the case for
years. It has been in the
instance of the military authority
the northern boundary to the
south of the harbour has been
a constantly fluctuating
line, as is now, according to the
above definition, from 600
to 200 yards from the sea-
-ward. It was in 1876,
with the result that the Harbour
Trust Board is deprived of
all right to the area gained
from the sea. The Board tried
to assert its right in 1886
& 1887, but unsuccessfully. It
has since played C and D.
I submit that as Govt. has
decided that the remains north
of the harbour is mainly
caused by the harbour, & that
the Harbour Trust Board is
therefore responsible for all
damage done thereby, it is
very inequitable to discontinue

along the Strand all night
 to the sand accretion to the
 north of the Harbour, which
 is under the control of the
 to the licence of the Harbour.
 The one is a fair set-off &
 compensation for the other.
 I strongly recommend that
 as an act of the highest justice
 the western limits of the port
 should be determined, and
 notified to be at 50 yards
 above the high water mark
 which existed at the time
 the Harbour works were
 commenced. With such modifi-
 cations in respect to the military
 zone as are considered
 necessary by the military
 authorities.

5. If this recommendation is
 accepted, the H.T.B. may be
 left to deal with the present
 applications for sites for
 permanent encampment & plague
 camp.

6. If, in the other hand, Govt.
 desires to retain its present

I do not think it would be safe to accept this
 recommendation. If it was accepted the H.T.B.
 could make what use they liked of the accretion,
 and they might exercise that power in a way
 that would be injurious to the port, and
 the public. A.H.

This alternative is safer and I think it
 might be accepted, subject to the modifica-
 tions.

-action of heading me by the insertion at
 the beginning of the words "I do not think
 and present intention of permitting any",
 and the deletion of the words "undecided
 in regard to". I do not think it would be
 prudent to bind ourselves for ever, to any
 particular course.

A.H. 8.12.98

I entirely agree with H.E.

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I should say []
 "It will be" removed to.

The Harbour extension improvements removed before a commence-
 ment is made with the
 camp stood on the ground. Harbour Improvement.

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over the area in question.
 I recommend that the
 Chairman be informed that
 (1) No permanent inclosure
 for paratubing like
 stock should be permitted
 in the sand accretion north
 of the Harbour, within
 a distance of 3000 feet
 to the southward of the
 north arm.

Note. 3000' is extent on the
 inside distance like
 to be occupied by a ship
 dock, & its appurtenances.

(2) There is no objection to
 a temporary plague camp
 being erected anywhere in
 the area in question, it
 being bracketed certain
 that it will have been []

(3) The Board not being the
 proprietors of the area

in position beyond so far
 from high water mark, and
 is not entitled to rent
 therefore -

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Department

The Madras Revenue Act
 is not that of. but
 of I remember right
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 is vested in the
 H. T. W. Revenue limits
 are defined in

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Land. Total in file. a little
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same to run with
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such being the case
 it seems to me that

the whole of the land
 accretion to the

the house is vested
 in the H. T. W. & all

that he are having

I primarily responsible
in the erosion to
the N. It seems
up fair that it
should be so -

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it was G.O. her
that would make
a misconception?

W.H.
30-10-87

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The western boundary
outside the harbour of
Sydney is a fluctuating
one, and on the south
has constantly advanced
as the sea receded.
It is 50 yards above high
water mark, whatever
that may be. The
Govt was aware of this
when G.O. bot Machine of
28 October 1886 was

I passed - The Chairman
brought it to notice -
now para 5 of his
letter printed with
this go. It then
follows that for gain
by the accretion on
the south while the
Board loses by the
erosion on the north.
The justice of this
may be open to question,
but the Govt has all
along been aware
of the facts.

R.S.

30-10-87

There is no doubt that
the Trust will be
charged with the
the land required for
their docks - but
the Govt evidently wishes
to retain its control
over the land accretions.

R.S.

Here we are of the plans of
the proposed ship dock
where all the time
The Govt let me see it
P.T.O. 30-10-87

Department

Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 1453

Order

From

The Chairman,
Harbour Trust Board,
Madras.

No. 3069

Dated 11-11-98

Despatched 15-11-98

Received 18-11-98

Enclosures 25

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Submitting for information of
Government, copies of letters
(a) from the Chairman Livestock
Importation Act Committee (b) from
the President M.M.C. applying for
permission to erect Livestock
quarantine enclosure & plague
camps on the sandy accretion to
the south of the Harbour.

Plans submitted
They have not yet gone
to the Press. It has
proposed to print them
with the Proceedings
for submission to the
House for and further
reference.

30 Nov 98

Where is
Cis Street?

It is the corner house
at the angle formed by
the China Bazaar
road & the Beach road.

30 Nov 98

FURTHER PAPERS.

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278 m,	24	4/86	
71 m,	6/2	86	
601 m,	28.10	86	18.6
496 m,	8.9	86	
276 m,	1.6	86	

Sir,

I have &c.

G. No. 286

From

health camps at the following sites in the event of the plague appearing in the city of Madras. I request you therefore to be so good as to accord your sanction for the use of those sites that relates to your department.

1. Fort Esplanade.
2. The beach between the Fort and Napier bridge. X
3. The shore between the Fort and Harbour.
4. The Pudupet plain.
5. The vacant ground between the Cricket pavilion and the site of the Students' Hostel.
6. The vacant site south of St. Thome up to Quibble Island on the west of the road.
7. Government land between the Spur Tank and Mc Nichols Road.
8. The land covered by Commissariat farm Chamiers road and Mount road.

I have &c,
Signed R. E. Ellis,
Ag. President, Municipal Commission.

Extract of Proceedings of the Trustees of the Harbour of Madras, at a Meeting held at the Offices of the Board on Friday the 16th day of September 1898.

4. Read letter dated 9th September 1898, from the Chairman Livestock Importation Act Committee forwarding for favour of an expression of opinion a copy of the draft rules regarding Tick plague, the proposed site for the quarantine enclosure being on the sand to the south of the Harbour.

Read also letter No. 286 G dated 9th September 1898, from the President, Madras Municipal Commission, intimating that it is proposed to erect health camps in connection with Plague preventive measures, on the shore between the Fort and the Harbour and on the beach between the Fort and the Napier bridge.

Read minutes by Trustees.

Resolved that the Chairman is requested to draft a letter to Government protesting against the above proposed sites, and putting in

a claim on behalf of the Board for all the land accreted to the south of the Harbour.

(True Extract)

Signed C. Pinsent,
Secretary,
Harbour Trust Board.

Extract of Proceedings of the Trustees of the Harbour of Madras, at a Meeting held at the Offices of the Board on Friday the 11th day of November 1898.

8. Read and approved letter drafted to the Secretary to Government Marine Department, in accordance with the Board's resolution No. 4 dated 16th September regarding the erection of plague camps and a quarantine enclosure for Livestock on the sandy accretion to the south of the Harbour.

(True Extract)

Signed C. Pinsent,
Secretary,
Harbour Trust Board.

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MADRAS 1898-99

SECRETARY'S OFFICE

(True Copies)

C. Pinsent
Secretary,
Harbour Trust Board.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers:—

From the Hon. R. W. Barlow, C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board,
Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras,
23rd September 1886, No. 539.

Copy submitted
I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, in
reference to G.O. No. 496, Marine, dated 8th September 1886, and para-
graph 6 of proceedings of Harbour Trust Board therein recorded the en-
closed copy of resolution of the Harbour Trust Board, confirmed at
their last meeting, with reference to the sites required by the various
Military Departments, for the erection of store-godowns, within the
precincts of the harbour.

2. The Harbour Board, while quite willing to allot a site as already
intimated in their resolution of 24th June, submitted to Government
in my letter, No. 60, dated 29th June, consider that the present re-
quest of the departments are more than can fairly be conceded by the
board without detriment to the interests confided to their care.

3. A glance at the enclosed map will I think, convince Government of
the reasonableness of the board's decision.

4. What was originally asked for was, as Government are aware, a
small piece of land marked "A" in plan No. 2 also forwarded.

Copy submitted
5. In connection with this subject, I beg to bring to the notice of
Government that the notification, G.O., No. 276, dated 1st June 1886,
Marine, requires, in my opinion, modification, as regards the western
limits of the harbour south of the southern groyne. Government are
aware that the cost of the erosion to the north of the northern arm has
been debited to the construction of the harbour, and I presume that,
should further erosion take place, the Harbour Board will be held re-
sponsible for it. On the same principle I consider that the large ac-
cretion south of the southern groyne, which results from the construct-
ion of the harbour, should vest in the trust. This is not the case
under the terms of the notification which run " . . . and without
the limits of the artificial harbour a line running parallel to the
water's edge between the northern and southern limits of the lands above
high-water mark, spring tides, provided that, the line runs
due east from the military boundary to Messrs Parry and Co's
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office on the north, and the mouth of the Cooum river on the south, the western limits shall be the water's edge itself; " and the board lose much valuable property; and further, this boundary line is continually changing, as the sea recedes.

6. I would suggest that the boundary should be 50 yards above the high-water mark which existed at the time the harbour works were commenced, exception being made, if necessary, as regards that portion of the coast " from the military boundary pillar near Messrs Parry and Co's office on the north and the mouth of the Cooum river on the south," where the boundary can remain as already notified, should Government so see fit.

7. The accretion immediately to the south of the southern groyne up to the military boundary line, by Messrs Parry and Co's, is needed by the Harbour Works Department at present, and will be emergently required in the future for various harbour additions and improvements.

Enclosure.

Extract from Proceedings of the Harbour Trust Board, appointed under the provisions of section VII of the Madras Harbour Trust Act (11 of 1886), at a meeting held at the sea Custom House on Thursday the 9th September 1886.

2. Read letter No. 2642, dated 4th September 1886, from the
Commissary-General,
Superintending Engineer, V Circle,
Inspector-General of Ordnance, and
Quartermaster-General,

regarding plots of ground, within the harbour limits, which they consider should be reserved for military purposes; and examined plan relating thereto.

Resolved that, having regard to the future interests of the harbour traffic, the board are enable to concede the large spaces now asked for by the several Military Departments.

From the Hon. R. W. Barlow, C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board,
Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras 24th October 1886, No. 651.

In continuation of my letter No. 539, dated 23rd September 1886, I

have

have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, extract from the report of the Engineer-in-Chief, Madras Harbour Works, dated 25th February 1879, from which it will clearly be seen that Mr. Parkes counted upon the accretions, to the south of the harbour, becoming property of considerable value, and regarded the same as a set-off to the heavy expenditure that would have to be incurred on account of the erosion to the north.

Enclosure.

Extracts from report addressed by W. Parkes, Esq., M.I.C.E, Engineer-in-Chief, Madras Harbour Works, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 25th February 1879.

12. I confess I am unable to look upon the advance of the shore line by annually decreasing increments as an evil although it is sometimes assumed to be so, unless it is permitted to become so by neglect of the obvious precautions to prevent the new lands being devoted to unsuitable purposes. The portion which will abut on the south pier will become ultimately of great value as possessing a harbour frontage, and I would suggest that an ample area contiguous to such frontage be reserved for purposes connected with the business of the harbour. With regard to the remainder, it is only necessary for me to point out that it will continue to accrue, and the proper authorities will no doubt be prepared to deal with it to the best advantage of the public.

14. I now come to the part of the shore north of the harbour, where what we have to deal with is erosion. There is no doubt that this, at any rate, is an evil, and one for which some watchfulness and judgment is required to reduce it to a minimum, but it is one which, estimated at its worst, is not of great magnitude. It may also, I think, be fairly considered as a price paid for the gain of valuable sites in and near the harbour to the southward.

Order Thereon--dated 13th March 1879, No. 758 W.

1. The recommendations made by Mr. Parkes in his report are generally approved.

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Order-dated 28th October 1886, No. 601, Marine.

Communicated to the Military Department.

2. The Government observe that if the areas applied for by the Military Departments are correctly shown on the map submitted by the Chairman, a portion only of the large area shown in pink, immediately to the south of the southern harbour groyne, is under the control of the Harbour Trust.

3. With reference to the suggested modification of the western port limits as defined for the purposes of the Harbour Trust Act, the chairman will be informed that the Government are not prepared to part with their power of direct control over the area lying south of the southern harbour groyne and more than 50 yards above high-water level. This, however, need not prevent the Harbour Trust Board from applying for the use of any portion of the area in question.

(True Extract)

H. E. STOKES,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

(True copy)

HARBOUR TRUST
MADRAS 15 NOV 1908
SECRETARY'S OFFICE

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Secretary,
Harbour Trust Board.

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Harbour Trust Office,

MADRAS, 11th November 1898

No. 3069

FROM

J.N. Atkinson Esq I.C.S.,

CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,

MADRAS.

TO

W.B. deWinton Esq,

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Marine Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit for the information of Government copies of letters (a) from the Chairman Live-Stock Importation Act Committee and (b) from the President Madras Municipal Commission No. 286 G both dated 9th September 1898, together with copy of the Harbour Trust Board's resolution thereon.

2. After many years of controversy as to the form which Harbour Improvements should take, the Chamber of Commerce, the Trades Association, a large number of influential Native Merchants, and the Harbour Trust Board, have recently concurred in advocating the construction of an Inner Basin, or Ship Dock in the sand accreted to the south of the Harbour, and the Trustees view with concern any proposal to encroach on this site by the erection of buildings, and enclosures, whether for temporary or permanent objects.

3. Apart from the preponderating claim which the Harbour Trust Board maintains that it must have in determining the uses to which the sand accretion south of the Harbour should be put, the Board submits that it is inadvisable to locate what might easily become foci for the dissemination of disease in the immediate vicinity of what in a few years

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will be the centre of the Madras trade.

4. The Board considers that this is a suitable occasion to invite the attention of Government to G.O.No.60I Marine dated 28th October 1886 a copy of which is enclosed herewith for ready reference. With it were printed extracts from a report by Mr Parkes M.I.C.E. Engineer-in Chief Madras Harbour Works dated 25th February 1879. Para 12 points out that the accretion of sand to the south of the Harbour would ultimately become of much value for Harbour improvements, unless devoted to unsuitable purposes, and suggests that an ample area contiguous to the Harbour should be reserved for the business connected with the Harbour. Para 14 deals with the erosion north of the Harbour and Mr Parkes remarks that it may be fairly considered as a price for the gain of valuable sites in and near the Harbour to the southward. In its order in the Public Works De-

partment No. 756 W dated 13th March 1879 Government generally approved Mr Parkes recommendations. But in G.O.No.60I Marine above referred to Government declined to part with direct control over the area lying south of the Harbour groyne, "which however need not prevent the Harbour Trust from applying for the use of any portion of the area in question!"

5. It seems quite clear from the sentence just quoted that Government intended to reserve to itself only the power to regulate the disposal of the area in question, while leaving to the Harbour Trust Board the full right to enjoy all pecuniary and other advantages accruing therefrom; and that for instance, any public or private bodies or individuals placed in possession of any portions of the area would be liable to pay rent to the Harbour Trust Board for their occupation. That being so, the Harbour Trust Board submits that if any portion of the accretion be utilised for either Plague camp, or Livestock quarantine enclosure, a fair rent for the area occupied should be paid by the Department concerned to the Board.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Secy.

Chairman,

Harbour Trust Board.