

Marine (1898). Department.

G.O., No. 269 Ma

DATED 13 April 1898

*Mr. Somers
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[Despatch Abstract.]

Madras Harbour and Roadstead: Despatch
from the Secretary of State forwarding with
remarks copy of a note by Sir Alexander Rendel
on the recent survey recently made of the
— Comd to the Chairman of the Harbour Trust
Board and the soundings suggested by Sir
Alexander Rendel should be taken with
the desired frequency.

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G.O., No. 269, 13th April 1898.

APRIL.

Madras Harbour and Roadstead

Despatch from the Secretary of State forwarding, with remarks, copy of a note by Sir Alexander Rendel on the survey recently made of the —, communicated to the Chairman of the Harbour Trust Board, and the soundings suggested by Sir Alexander Rendel ordered to be taken with the desired frequency.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated India Office, London, 3rd March 1898, No. 2, Public Works.

I have received Your Excellency's letter in the Marine Department, No. 9, dated the 29th December 1897, enclosing copy of a survey recently made of the Madras harbour and roadstead.

2. I now forward, for your information, copy of a note by Sir A. Rendel. It will be seen that the apparatus for the suction dredger, which is under construction in this country, has been modified so as to allow of dredging being carried on at an increased depth. This will entail an addition of £54 to the cost of the machine, which in the circumstances I have sanctioned.

3. I request that you will cause frequent soundings to be taken, as suggested by Sir A. Rendel, in the harbour entrance for the next year.

ENCLOSURE.

Madras Harbour.

[Lieutenant Beauchamp's Report on his survey of Madras Harbour and its neighbourhood, dated 14th September 1897, and Mr. Wilson's note thereon, dated 26th October 1897.]

I have read these papers with much interest and think they dispose of the questions they deal with.

I expect that we shall from time to time have to clear the harbour of sand deposit, but with a suction dredger the cost should be very moderate, and I do not think there is any information before us to justify the fear that the roads outside the entrance are becoming shallower.

The suction apparatus ordered for the *Wenlock* is designed to dredge to a depth of 40 feet. As it seems to be desired that it shall if possible dredge to say from 43 feet to 45 feet, I have been in communication with Messrs. Gwynne, who have the contract for the apparatus on the subject. The extra depth can be secured by placing the suction pump 6 feet nearer the bows of the dredger and lengthening the suction piping by 6 feet. They offer to do so for the sum of £54, and to save time I have taken it upon me to order the work as an extra. I hope I have done right.

Soundings should certainly be taken in the harbour entrance for some time as often as possible, and if they could be taken say once a month for a year, it would be well to take them.

I suppose I am doing right in keeping the chart; several copies seem to have been sent home.

17th February 1898.

(Signed) A. M. RENDEL.

ORDER—No. 269, Marine, dated 13th April 1898.

Communicated to the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, with reference to G.O., No. 1053, Marine, dated 29th December 1897.

The soundings suggested by Sir Alexander Rendel should be taken with the desired frequency.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.

Exd. A. Rungasawmy Aiyangar.

Marine (1898) Department.

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To 269 Marine 13th Apr 98
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to the Chairman Harbour
Trust Board with reference
to G.O. 1053 Marine. of 29
December 1897.

From The Secretary of State
for India

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SUBJECT.

Note by Sir A. Rendel on the
recent Survey of the Madras Harbour
and Roadstead.

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of dates & return to Madras.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

(Sd) A.M.Rendel.

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*Copy of a Note by
Sir A. Rendel dated 17th
Feb 1898.*

*Referred to in Madras
Public Works Despatch
No. 2 dated 3rd March
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PUBLIC WORKS,

No. 2.

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IN COUNCIL FORT ST. GEORGE.

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Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant,

George Kenilby

SECRETARY
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Public Works.
3rd March 1898.

The Letter to Mr. P. George
No. 2.