

~~Marine~~ (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 651 Ma

DATED 26th July

No. 647 sent
to Mr. W. K. to inform
Mr. O. B. 6/10/98
J. M.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Madras Harbour. Certain papers relating
to compensation for land taken up in con-
nection with erosion by the sea to the north
of the ———— supplied to the H. T. Board

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cap. 459
d/o cap. 12

S.A.W.
Some of the papers on the subject appears to have been kept back at Botocaman and with cap. 357 + 536 marine via slip attached to d/o cap. 12 marine / may I beg of you to write to H.C. to send them down soon the papers will be returned back as soon as done with

(SD) Abdul Aziz
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The above refers to the file about the erosion to the north of the Madras Harbour. Please send down the required papers soon if available.

(SD) - C.S.S.
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Supply of papers to the Harbour Trust Board

Papers to be read in Proceedings:-

Again G.O., dated	189	, No.
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Current No. 536	of 1898, dated 2nd May	, from the Chairman, H.T.Bd.
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The Hon. Sir Henry Bliss, K.C.S.I.

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Copies of the following papers will be supplied accordingly for -- the information of the Harbour Trust Board.

- No. 3186 W dated 24th December 1881
- ,, 601 W dated 8th March 1882
- ,, 1037 W dated 27th April 1882
- ,, 1585 W dated 27th June 1882
- ,, 1622 W dated 27th June 1882.
- ,, 2704 W dated 17th October 1882
- ,, 2723 W dated 19th October 1882
- ,, 1250 W dated 16th May 1884.
- ,, 698 W dated 17th March 1882.
- ,, 1839 W dated 18th July 1882
- ,, 2002 W dated 7th August 1882
- ,, 2263 W dated 2nd September 1882
- ,, 2723 W dated 19th October 1882
- ,, 2799 W dated 25th October 1882
- ,, 3131 W dated 28th November 1882
- ,, 3276 W dated 12th December 1882.

2. As regards para 2 of the Chairman's letter it is observed that -- the general character of the information

information before Government in 1882, and previously, led it to form the conclusion that the erosion of the strand that was then taking place was due to the action of the harbour works, and this opinion was unaffected by the statement of the Committee that erosion had also taken place prior to their construction. The tracing which is on record with G.O. 601 W dated 8th March 1882 shows, moreover, how rapid the erosion was after 1876, when the harbour works were commenced. It is further quite evident from the report printed with G.O. 698 W dated 17th March 1882 that Mr. Parkes himself anticipated the erosion as a consequence of the execution of his design.

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To *Chairman,*
The Harbour Trust Board,
with copies of papers.

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Marine Department.

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C. No. 536 of 1898.

SUBJECT.

Application from the Harbour Trust Board for papers relating to compensation paid for land taken up in connection with the erosion by the sea.

FOR ORDERS.

The copies of the orders applied for may perhaps be supplied to the Harbour Trust Board, as well as of any others that may be found on the same subject.

2. In para 2 of his letter the Chairman asks for "any information on record throwing light upon the reasons which induced Government to admit responsibility for erosion", notwithstanding the opinion of the Government Committee that "long before the harbour works were commenced there had been continual erosion and loss of land by the encroachment of the sea". A reference to the original of G.O. 601 W dated 8th March 1882 will show that there is no special record of reasons. The previous order appointing the Committee, viz G.O. 3186 W dated 24th December 1881, assumed that the erosion of the strand that was then taking place was due to

(2) *His Excellency the Governor*
~~HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.~~
(1) THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.
(3) *The Hon. Mr. A. J. Arundel*
~~THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

I should say that the question whether the papers should be given should certainly lie over pending the disposal of the main question of the liability of the H.T.B.
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I would suggest that the papers should be given. To withhold them would look as if Govt. were trying to keep back information damaging to itself; whereas, the papers have no certain title or nothing of that kind. Besides, the H.T.B. could hardly get back copies of their papers for itself, if it tried to do so. The matter is Flag B.
for this, the Govt. was asked the previous and open.
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to "the action of the harbour works", and this opinion was evidently unaffected by the statement of the Committee that erosion had also taken place prior to 1876, when the harbour works were commenced. ~~The fact that erosion took place before the harbour groynes were thrown out does not prove that the subsequent erosion was not due to these groynes. The severity of the erosion was only manifested after the groynes were built.~~

3. The Government is now awaiting the opinion of the Advocate-General on some points of law to which the correspondence has given rise. This opinion has

not been recd, & is adverse to the H.T.B. in the matter of liability for erosion.
There is absolutely no manner of doubt that the erosion is mainly due to the harbour walls, & the former the H.T.B. accepts this view, & acts upon it, with regard to its liability in the consequence of erosion, the latter

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and see no reason why any of them should be withheld.

Mr. 20.7.98

The tracing which accompanies 601 W detail & bench 1882 shows how rapid the erosion has been since 1876. Attention is also called to 698 W & 4.17 bench 1882 (the last letter in the file) which gives an interesting acct. of Mr. Parker's view of the matter, & the conclusions drawn by Lord Mervin

Marine (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 536

Order

From

The Chairman,
Harbour Trust Board,
Madras.

No. 393

Dated 26th April 1898

Despatched — do —

Received — 2nd May 1898

Enclosures —

Spare copies —

SUBJECT.

Requesting to be furnished with copies of G. O. relating to compensation paid for land or other property north of the Harbour before the constitution of the Harbour Trust Board

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Recd 21/5/98*

BACK PAPERS.

G. O.	No.	Department.	Date.
	31864	PA	24-12-81
	6014	-	8-3-82
	10374	-	27-4-82
	15854	-	22-6-82
	16224	-	27-6-82
	27044	-	17-10-82
	12504	-	16-5-84
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FURTHER PAPERS.

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Harbour Trust Office.

MADRAS, 26th April 1898

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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 be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Secy.

J. H. Atkinson

Chairman, Harbour Trust Board

No. 3186	W.	dated	24th December	1881
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