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Marine DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

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of 1898, dated 20 June 1898, from the Presidency Port Officer

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" 1898, " 1 July 1898, " the S.R. V Circle

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ORDER. 666 D.O. No. 1/3rd August 1898

The Secretary to Govt. Rev. Dept.
for favour of C. i.

With his letter read above,
the Presidency Port Officer forwards
two memorials, one from the inhabi-
tants of Laticorin, and the other from
Messrs Darby, Butler & Co., in which
exception is taken to the site selected
on the foreshore of the port for the
residence of the local Port Officer.

2. The principal objections
advanced are

- (1) that the foreshore is narrow,
and barely sufficient for the
shipping needs of the port
- (2) that the stabling and outhouses
of the residence are in un-
suitable proximity to the
public drive and to business
premises, and
- (3) that an undesirable precedent
will

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will be established for building other private residences on this site, which should be reserved for public purposes.

3. The Presidency Port Officer reports that no other site is obtainable, except at large cost, and that the one selected is the most convenient. It is also stated that the foreshore will be fenced in hereafter, and that the public will not be permitted to use it as a promenade, as is assumed.

4. Before finally deciding the question, His Excellency the Governor-in-Council desires that the Committee assembled under G.O. 358 Marine, dated 7th May 1898 will consider the objections raised to the present site, and submit a report thereon, with suggestions, if necessary, as to alternative sites, the cost of acquiring which should be stated. The excavation of foundations has already been commenced and a sum of Rs 1797 has been spent, mostly on materials, but the work is now in abeyance pending consideration of the report called for in these Proceedings, which should be expedited

expedited as much as possible.
5. If the Committee has closed its sittings, the matter should be reported on by the Collector in communication with the Superintending Engineer and Presidency Port Officer.

Rd. To prevent further delay in this matter, this report should be treated as urgent & submitted with all haste
Yours truly
Rd.

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The Collector, Trincomalee with site plan and objections to be returned.

" Supdy: Engineer V. Leirde

" Presidency Port Officer

Messrs Darley, Butler & Co.

Messrs Adamson, MacTaggart & Co.

on behalf of the Memorialists

done
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From the Marine Dept - draft order on
Marine Currents nos 809, 861 and 928.

To See

It was proposed to build a residence for the Port Officer at Taticoma on a portion of the foreshore. Objections having been raised by the merchants and others to the construction of a building on the foreshore it is proposed in the draft order to ask for a report as to the validity of the objections, and as to the possibility of ~~obtaining~~ obtaining a better site.

2. It is thought that the draft order may be counter-initialed.

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2/8/98

No objections to the
draft, in this dept

S. B. 2/8/98

To Marine Dept as

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C. No 8094 928 of 1898

- (1) HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
(2) THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.
THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Site for the Port Officer's residence
at Tuticorin.

FOR ORDERS.

I have read Sir H. Bliss's Note of 22.7.98,
and I have no doubt his information on
the point is right. It is on the plea
of civility and courtesy that I
recommend a reference to the Committee.
Such a reference can do no harm, and
if no better site is suggested, - the
months of the Tuticorin Aqueducts would
be closed. We can easily insist that
the reference should cause no avoidable
delay, by fixing a reasonable time,
say ten days, - within which a reply
should be given.

A. H. 27.7.98
Perozwell, as H. L. writes it
H. S.
28/7/98

I respectfully submit that my
'free draft' is of small value
in the matter. But when it is
confirmed by what appears
to be the absolutely unanimous
opinion of the European
& native merchants of
Tuticorin, I think it would
be extremely disconcerting
to them if some inquiry
is not made. - a delay of
a month will make no
difference in the way in
the other.

L. H. H.
28.7.98

C. No. 829 of 1898

(2) HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR. ^{again 23 July 98} SUBJECT.

(1) THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E. ^{again 23 July 98} Site for the Port Officer's residence
THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E. at Tuticorin.

FOR ORDERS.

The ~~site~~ site may be selected
about this way or that without
objection - But there is no other
honble place that I know of, in
which the house can be built, except
on the beach between the entrance of
the railway siding & the N. & the Bank
premises & the S. So long as the
building is erected within those limits
it doesn't seem to me to matter at
all where it is erected. I can see no
greater objection to the building of this
house on this site than to the location
of the Customs shed on 1.7.98
Other buildings proposed by P
to be put up - I don't think people who al-
ready on houses on the Beach road
will, each of them, object to the house
being built in front of their own particular
house - But, wherever built, it must
be in front of someone - I would let the
P. & S. place it where he thinks best.
I see no need of reference to any one
else.

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I would suggest to the Hon. Sir H. Bliss that it can do no
harm to have the Committee hear to say. The G.E.
admits that the site is a bad one, and it is just possible
- that local knowledge may be able to produce a better one.

With reference to Note for orders
dated 26.6.98, I now submit
a plan & tracing of the
proposed site for the Port Officer's
residence at Tuticorin, just
recd from the S-E VI Circle.
which, however, doesn't give very
complete information -
2. The S-E reported by telegram
that the excavations of foundations
have commenced, that the extent
- Time up to date was Rs 1797.
mostly no materials - He was
thereupon directed to send the
plan of the site showing
the site, & to stop excavations
till further orders - In
forwarding the plan he states
that this has been done, & that
the site of the main building
I don't accept the C.E.'s proposal

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has been shifted a little to the south, so as to clear as much as possible the frontage of Darley Butlers Compound.

3. There is no record in this office as to how this particular site came to be selected. The P.O. in submitting the estimate for sanction says "the site selected in the building appears suitable" & this statement was accepted without demur.

4. I quite agree with the objection that the site is most unsuitable for a private residence, being practically on the beach & in front of existing buildings and I think the matter should be referred for consideration to the Committee referred in GO No 304 of 7 May 1898, or if this Committee has completed its sittings, to the Collector, by which a Port Office in consultation

L.H.C.
16.7.98

that the site is a bad one. I have known Tuticorin for 50 years & during all that time the beach has been considered the best site in the place. The bank is there and the Club & all the residents try to get there if they can. I don't suggest to H.E. that a refusal to the Comtee would only mean delay. They couldn't find a better place for the Port Office than close to this work.

GO 2751 W of 2 Oct 97
Flay.

+ with stables & out-houses
L.H.C.
21.7.98

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Marine DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 809 of 1898. and 928

(2) HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

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

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

SUBJECT.
Selected site for the residence of the Port Officer at Tuticorin. Petitions objecting to the-----.

FOR ORDERS.

So far as I know, and I know the place, there is no other suitable site for the building. A map has however been put up.

As the Lieut had telegraphed, it cannot be possible to circulate this until reply was received.

Ans
30/8/98

With his letter read above, the Presidency Port Officer forwards two Memorials, one from the inhabitants of Tuticorin, and the other from --- Messrs. Darley Butler & Co., in which objection is taken to the site selected on the foreshore of the port for the residence of the local Port Officer.

2. The principal objections are

(1) that the foreshore is narrow and barely sufficient for the shipping needs of the port,

(2) that the stabling and out-houses of the residence are in unsuitable proximity to the public drive and to business premises,

(3) that an undesirable precedent -- will be established for building -- other private residences on this -- site which should be reserved for public purposes.

3. The Presidency Port Officer -- says that no other site is obtainable except at large cost, and that the

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the one selected is the most convenient.

4. It is also stated that the foreshore will be fenced in hereafter, and that the public will not be permitted to use it as a promenade.

5. There is a provision of Rs. 10,000 for the work in the current year's P.W. budget, and some expenditure was, it is believed, incurred last year, but there is no information in the office here either as to the amount spent or the nature of the work carried out.

6. I propose sending a telegram to Mr. V. to ask if the foundations have been commenced, and if the answer is in the negative I think the Collector might be asked to report on the matter if not to commission the measurements that their objections to the selected site have been considered. It is unfortunate that they did not raise them when I was at Fort St. John in March last.

L. H. S.
20. 6. 98

Telegram despatched 29 June 98

Marine
Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 928

Order

From

The Engineer-in-Chief

No. 532 T.M.

Dated 12 July 1898

Received 16. 5.

Enclosures 2 plans

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SUBJECT.

Foreshore at Tuticorin
— Forwarding a plan of the — and also the original site plan of the Port Officer's quarters.

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Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No.

From

The Presby Port Officer
Madras

No. $\frac{1678}{211}$ l

Dated 17th June 1898.

Received

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding Memorials
received from the Port
Officer Anticorin signed by
the inhabitants of Anticorin
objecting to the residence
selected for Port Officer and
informing that the objections
raised are of no great
importance.

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Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 17 June 1898.

From

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

To

The Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Chepak.

Sir,

The Ag. Port Officer, Tuticorin, has forwarded to me the accompanying memorials from certain inhabitants of Tuticorin regarding the site selected for the residence of the local Port Officer, and in doing so states that a great many people who have no interest in the port have signed the memorials. He also points out that as the foreshore will be fenced in in due course, the public will not be permitted to use it as a promenade.

2. No other site is obtainable except at a large cost, and certainly no other site would be so convenient for the Port Officer as the one selected. In my opinion the objections raised by the memorialists are of no great importance.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. A. Street

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

Marine (189 8) Department.

CURRENT No. 861

Telegram

Order

From

The Sup'tg: Engineer
VI Circle

No.

Dated 1- 7- 98.

Received 1- 7- 98

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SUBJECT.

Port Officer's Residence at
Iuticorin

Reporting that foundation excavation
for the — is progressing and
that an expenditure of Rs 1797
has been incurred mostly on
materials.

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F.C.I.

Telegram

From Madras Works
To Suptg. Engrs & Civils

No. 355 E., d/2nd July 1898

Send plan of proposed
Tuticori showing site of
Port officers quarters and
existing buildings. Mean-
while stop excavation
foundations till further
orders.

Tel. Dept. 2/7/98

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Superintending Engineer's Office
Camp. Pili-patti.
No 532 T.V. Dated 12th July 1892.
D/14.

From
The Superintending Engineer
IInd Circle
Trichinopoly.

To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Madras.

Sir—

With reference to your telegram
of the 2nd instant, I have the honour to forward
herewith a tracing plan of for shore at Tuticorin,
showing site of Port Officer's quarters and
existing buildings, as also the original site plan
of the Port Officer's quarters. The site of the
main building has been shifted a little to the
south so as to be clear as much as possible the
frontage of Darley Butters' Compound.

2. Excavating foundations has been
stopped as ordered.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant.

V. K. S. ally Lieut. Col. R. L.
Superintending Engineer IInd Circle

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Submitted

As regards the
this request for a plan,
it will be seen from the
R.O. attached - No 358.

Marine of 7 May 98 -
page 4 - that the plan
showing the fresh shore
and contiguous buildings
which had previously
been sent up, is now
with the collector - There
is no other plan here.

L.S.

1 July 98.

Mr. L.S. showing
plan of fresh shore.
showing site of P.O.
quarters - other buildings
- up - sketch him
to show co-ordination
of buildings till
further orders

R.H.S.

2.7.98

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Resubmitted with
site plans and information
as to expenditure and
state of progress of work

N.A.
16 July 98

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