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No. 97. Read the following letter from H. NELSON, Esq., Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 7th October 1859.

I have the honor, by desire of the Chamber of Commerce, to call the attention of the Honorable the Governor in Council to the regulations which will be required for the Madras Pier, and to suggest that an early consideration of these on the part of Government is for several reasons, extremely desirable.

The Chamber being as yet unacquainted with the intentions of Government, as to the terms on which the use of the Pier is to be given to the public, is unable to do more than offer some suggestions of a general character, the chief one being that His Excellency in Council do, if it so please him, make public his views on this subject at an early date.

The use of the Pier will involve alterations in the present mode of embarking and landing passengers and goods, which will necessitate the construction of boats of a new build. The earliest notice, to all, of the description of boat which will be sanctioned, is very important. The public should know whether boats of five tons or fifty tons will be allowed to come close to the Pier. This must evidently be a matter for regulation to prevent injury to the structure itself. There is some mechanical provision to be made for hoisting up boats in bad weather, and the means which will be at command for this purpose will necessarily affect the size of the boats to be used.

Bye-laws for regulating the traffic, and for the prevention of damages and nuisance, will also be necessary; and should these require the sanction of an Act of the Legislative Council, as appears probable, it would be well for such Act to be drafted immediately, so as to give the Government and the public sufficient time to consider and discuss its provisions. Some rule respecting the anchorage of vessels seems also to be required, and probably other things of considerable importance will demand regulation and supervision.

The object which the Chamber has now in view is to submit to His Excellency in Council, that the time between this and the completion of the Pier, may be usefully employed in the deliberate consideration of a measure which may otherwise be passed in too much haste.

No. 98. ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1859, No. 2423.

Referred to the Chief Engineer who is requested to consider and report on the subject of this letter, in communication with the Superintendent of Marine.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Chamber of Commerce

Madras 7 October 1859

To

The Chief Secretary

to Government

Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor by desire of the Chamber of Commerce to call the attention of the Honorable the Governor in Council to the representations which will be required for the Harbour Pier, and to suggest that on reconsideration of these on the part of Government for several reasons, extremely clear, the Chamber being as yet unacquainted with the intentions of Government, as to the terms on which the use of the pier is to be given to the public, is unable to do more than offer some suggestions of a general character the chief one being that His Excellency in Council do fit to release him

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

W Mellor

Chairman

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