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Public Works DEPARTMENT.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of November 1859.*

No. 6. Read the following letter from the Committee for the Madras Pier; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 7th November 1859, No. 1.

We have the honor to inform you that, having assembled in pursuance of the orders of Government, recorded in their Proceedings of the 22nd October 1859, No. 2486, it appeared to us that it would be advisable in the first place to elicit the views of Government as to the objects for which Pier dues should be levied, in order that their amount might be regulated accordingly. We consider that there could be no question of the expediency of raising a sufficient revenue for the payment of the ordinary current expenses of the Pier; such as, for instance, an establishment for the preservation of order and regularity, including a superintendent and deputy for the collection of the dues; and for the repairs, as well to the Pier, as to the standing and rolling stock, the wear and tear of which will be considerable. But besides these, there will be other charges which it may or may not be the policy of Government to have borne by the Pier fund, and on these we beg to be favored with the views of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council. We allude to the following:

- 1st. Interest on the original outlay.
- 2nd. First charge of standing and rolling stock.
- 3rd. Expense of alterations, additions and improvements, which may hereafter be found advisable.
- 4th. Cost of spare screw piles and other stores to be obtained from England.

2. We desire to limit the revenue to be derived from the Pier dues, as far as practicable, to what is actually necessary, and to enable us to do so, it is obvious that we should be in possession of the sentiments of Government on the abovenamed points. We should wish also to be informed, if there are any other objects the Pier fund is expected to meet. A doubt has been expressed regarding the ultimate sufficiency of the Pier now under construction for the wants of the port, and it has been suggested that a fund might be formed from the dues, to be employed hereafter in building a second Pier if found necessary. On this point we do not now desire to express an opinion of our own, but merely forward the suggestion for the information of Government.

3. With respect to the regulations to be enforced on the Pier, we find ourselves at a disadvantage from there being no work of a similar nature in this country, whereby we might be guided in framing them. We are about to open communications with Bombay, the Mauritius, Bourbon and Cape Town, with the view of obtaining full information regarding the rules established on the Piers at those ports: but as there is ample time for reference, we would wish likewise to be in possession of similar information from Home, and would solicit that early application be made to the Council of India for the Acts, Bye-laws, and any other regulations of some of the public and private Piers in England; such as Ramsgate, Brighton, Dover, Herne Bay, Ryde, &c.

(Signed) JOHN J. FRANKLIN, Chairman,
(„) J. H. BELL,
(„) H. NELSON,
(„) H. D. E. DALRYMPLE,
(„) W. ELPHINSTONE UNDERWOOD.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1859, No. 2637.

The Government are of opinion that the proper charges to be met by a toll on the Pier are the following:

First. The current expenses of management and working.

Second. The cost of repair and maintenance, including the provision of the necessary spare materials.

2. The Government will immediately write to the Home authorities to the effect proposed in the 3rd paragraph of the Committee's letter.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir

We have the honor to inform you that having assembled in pursuance of the orders of Government recorded in their Proceedings of the 27th October 1859, N^o 2481, it appeared to us that it would be advisable in the first place to elicit the views of Government as to the objects for which pier dues should be levied, in order that their amount might be regulated accordingly. We considered that there could be no question of the expediency of raising a sufficient revenue for the payment of the ordinary current expenses of the pier, such as, for instance, an establishment for the preservation of order and regularity, including a superintendent and deputy for the collection of the dues, and for the repairs as well to the pier as to the standing and rolling stock, the wear and tear of which will be considerable. But besides

besides these there will be other charges which it may or may not be the policy of Government to have borne by the pier fund, and on these we beg to be favored with the views of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council. We allude to the following

- 1st Interest on the original outlay.

- 2^d First charge of standing and rolling stock.

- 3^d Expense of alterations, additions and improvements which may hereafter be found advisable.

- 4th Cost of spare screw piles and other stores to be obtained from England.

2. We desire to limit the revenue to be derived from the pier dues, as far as practicable, to what is actually necessary, and to enable us to do so it is obvious that we should be in possession of the sentiments of Government on the above named points. We should wish also to be informed if there are any other objects the pier fund is expected to meet. A doubt has been expressed

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3. With respect to the regulations to be enforced on the pier, we find ourselves at a disadvantage from there being no work of a similar nature in this Country whereby we might be guided in framing them. We are about to open communications with Bombay, the Mauritius, Bourbon and Cape Town, with the view of obtaining full information regarding the rules established on the piers at those ports: but as there is ample time for reference we would wish likewise to be in possession

Copy in a letter to
11 Nov 1859 N^o 66.
Pl 31 Oct 59 Re

20 Nov 1859 O'Connell
Pro: of Govt 20th Nov

N^o 2910

From the Committee
for the Madras Riv

Oct 26th }
Remedy 2 } Nov 59
Pl 1

Applying to be
funded with the
view of the Govt in
certain points con-
sidered with the au-
thority of the
Madras Riv-

From the Chairman of the
Committee of 12, 1859
N^o 2910

N^o 647

With an order

N^o 2637

The Govt are of opinion
that the proper charges to be met
by a bill on the Riv are the
following

1. The current expenses of ma-
nagement and working
of the Riv. The cost of repair and main-
tenance, including the pro-
vision of the necessary stone
materials.

2. The Government will con-
siderately unite to the same
authorities, to the effect proposed
in the 3rd Para of the Committee's
letter.

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11 November 1859.

Copy to the Secy of the Madras Riv
Pl 31.