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No. 439. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel H. W. HITCHINS, R. E., Superintendent and Controller Pier Works, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 20th November 1862, No. 1,984:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Order of Government dated 10th instant, No. 2,705, requesting me to report the result of the call stated to have been made on the Pier Contractor's Agent regarding the fender piles of the Pier that were carried away on the night of the 1st instant, I beg to inform you that the Contractor's Agent has attended to my requisition and that the damaged fender piles are being repaired.

2. Since my previous report on this subject, three more of the fender piles have given way, and it is my firm conviction, if Madras is visited by a severe gale and it lasts for any length of time, that the greater part of them will be damaged.

3. It is evident that the Contractor's Agent has a suspicion that something of the sort will occur, for his work-people have been engaged for a greater part of this month in tightening the Iron bands which hold the fender piles in their places, but as they do not appear to be imbedded in the sand to a greater depth than 1½ or 2 feet, nothing that the Agent can do will prevent their being carried away at their lower portions.

No. 440. ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1862, No. 2,821.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed.) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 1984.

Madras, 20th November, 1862

From

Lieut. C. H. W. Hitchins,
Supt. and Controller Pier Works.

To

The Secretary to Government
P.W.

Sir

With reference to the order of Government dated 10th Instant No. 2705 requesting me to report the result of the call stated to have been made on the Pier Contractors Agent regarding the Fender Piles of the Pier that were carried away on the night of the 1st Instant. Beg to inform you that the Contractors Agent had attended to my requisition and that the damaged Fender Piles are being repaired.

2. Since my previous report on this subject, three more of the Fender Piles have given way, and it is my firm conviction, if Madras is visited by a severe gale and it lasts for any length of time, that the greater part of them will be damaged.

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3. It is evident that the Contractors Agent has a suspicion that something of the sort will occur, for his workpeople have been engaged for a greater part of this month in lightening the Iron bands which hold the Sheeted piles in their places but as they do not appear to be imbedded in the ground to a greater depth than 1½ or 2 feet, nothing that the Agent can do will prevent their being carried away at their lower portions.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servt.

Jno Stephenson Lieut. Col. R.E.
Inspt & Controller Pier Works.

P. D. 1862 Depte
Secretary
Secretary of Govt for Harbours
From No 3507.
The Supt & Controller
Pier works.
To
The Secretary to Govt
D. P. W.
Dated 20th Novr.
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Reports that the
Pier Contractor's agent
has attended to his requi-
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Fender Piles, and the
damages are being
repaired. &c &c.

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Chs Paul &
24th Novr 62 }

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C. 27th Nov. 1862 R. 2nd Decr