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26th January 1864.*

No. 562. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India (Public Works), to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 9th December 1863, No. 19 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to former correspondence on the subject of the improvement of the Harbour of Negapatam, copies are forwarded herewith, for the consideration of your Excellency in Council, of a letter* and of its enclosure from the Directors of the Great Southern of India Railway Company, urging the early construction of certain small works estimated to cost not more than £4,000.

* Dated 20th November 1863.

2. While giving to the suggestions of the Directors the attention to which they are entitled, your Excellency will doubtless continue to bear in mind the special necessity for caution in dealing with Plans of Harbour improvements.

From H. W. NOTMAN, Esq., Secretary to the Great Southern of India Railway Company, to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated London, 2 Leadenhall Street, E. O., 20th November 1863, No. 40.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a Report received from the Consulting Engineer jointly with Mr. Carr, late Engineer-in-Chief of the Company, as to the minimum of work which they consider necessary to render the Harbour at Negapatam available at all times for small country craft.

2. As has already been pointed out the subject is one of very great importance to this Company, and is now all the more so that the shipments of materials on account of the extension line will shortly be commenced; irrespective of the general benefit that may be expected to accrue to the Company from increased harbour accommodation being afforded at the terminus of the line.

3. The estimated cost of the work proposed is comparatively small (£4,000), and the Directors hope, therefore, that such a representation of the case may be made to the Government of Madras as will ensure active steps being at once taken to carry out the improvements suggested.

From Messrs. G. B. BRUCE, and M. W. CARR, to the Chairman and Directors of the Great Southern of India Railway, dated Great Southern of India Railway Engineer's Office, Westminster, 24 Great George Street, November 10th 1863 :—
Negapatam Harbour.

GENTLEMEN,

1. Having before us the report of the Committee appointed by Government in 1860 to suggest the work necessary for the stability and improvement of this Harbour, and bearing in mind its present condition, we proceed, in compliance with your instructions, to report to you the minimum of work which we think necessary to make the Harbour generally available for small country craft at all times.

2. We are of opinion that this object may be obtained by running out one Pier about 40 yards into the sea, on the north side of the river mouth in continuation of the old Jetty, and in the position proposed by the Committee referred to.

3. We believe the cost of such a work should not exceed four thousand Pounds (£4,000), and that money could not be more advantageously expended on the Harbour than in this most essential of the works proposed by the Committee.

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4. We think it desirable to call attention at the same time to the weak condition of the river bank opposite the Government School, and to the necessity of constantly watching and of keeping it always secure against breaching, this may be done without much present outlay; but the Government will no doubt feel that when they are in a position to do so they may advantageously construct more permanent work for the security of the bank which separates the river from the sea at that point.

No. 563. ORDER THEREON, 26th January 1864, No. 279.

No. 2,169, 11th, September 1862.
" 1,600, 19th, June 1863.
" 2,055, 21st October "

1. In Proceedings marginally noted, the Government deferred the consideration of the proposals submitted by the late Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, for the construction of certain works with a view to the improvement of the Negapatam Harbour.

2. In the postponement of these works, the Government was guided by the suggestion in paragraph 5 of the letter from the Home Government No. 10, dated 25th April 1862, wherein adverting to the great uncertainty which generally attends plans for the improvement of Harbours, it advised that the opinion of some competent Harbour Engineer should be obtained before carrying them into execution.

3. With reference to previous correspondence, the Government resolves to communicate the Despatch recorded above from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India to the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, for his opinion, and for such observations as he may have to offer regarding the works, the early construction of which is urged by the Directors of the Great Southern of India Railway.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Public Works Department.
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Under date of 26th Jan'y/64
Read the following
from the Secretary of State
for India

Proposals for
improvement of the
Negapatam Harbour
to and to include
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£ 4,000

Secretary of State
1863

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