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No. 165. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 27th October 1864, No. 3,612 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to inform you that the correspondence on the subject of the two groins, north and south of the Pier, recorded in Proceedings of the 31st August last, with the Order thereon, No. 2,517, has been carefully considered since my return.

2. The Master Attendant while in charge of my Office, brought to notice in July last the necessity for removing the groins, attributing the silting up of the sand round the Pier to their action.

3. The Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, in reference thereto, states that he sees no *immediate* necessity for their removal; considers that the Pier itself is the principal cause of the extension of the beach in its neighbourhood; and recommends that nothing be done till the coming north-east monsoon is over, a course which the Government have ordered to be followed.

4. An examination of the soundings taken during the last year proves that, not only the beach, but the shoal water is gradually extending outwards. This being the case no harm can arise from the removal of the groins, while on the other hand much good may result. I would therefore solicit a re-consideration of the orders in question, and would recommend that at least 50 feet of the outer end of each groin be removed at once, so as to allow the northerly current a freer passage through the inner part of the Pier than it has now. This can do no harm, and it may be the means of deepening the soundings outside.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
3rd November 1864.

No. 166. ORDER THEREON, 8th November 1864, No. 3,212.

The Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, will be requested to report the probable cost of removing 50 feet of the outer end of the groins referred to in this letter.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 3642

Madras
Marine Superintendent's Office
27th October 1864

From

J J Franklin Esquire
Superintendent of Marine

To

The Honorable A J Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary to Government
Marine Department
Fort Saint George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the correspondence on the subject of the two groins North and South of the pier recorded in Proceedings of the 31st August last, with the order thereon, No 2517, has been carefully considered since my return

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servant

Marine 1864 Dep.t

From
The Superintendent of Marine
To
The Hon.ble the Chief Secretary to Govt.
Marine Depot
Fort St. George

Dated 27 October 1864
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Solicits consideration of the order relative to the removal of the 2 groins North & South of the Pier, & recommends that, at least 50 feet of the outer end of each groin be removed at once.

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G. J. Cumberlege
Chief Secretary.

Fort St. George
5th November
1864.

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Transforming letter
from the Supt of Marine soli-
-citing a recommendation for
Re 25/7/1864 regarding the removal
of the 2 Booms North & South
of the Harbour Pier, and re-
-commending that at least
fifty the outer end of each
be removed at once -

William Alexander

C.W. 3212

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8th Novr 1864

To The Superintg Engr 4th Dn

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