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No. 131. Read the following letter from His Excellency M. BONTEMPS, Governor of the French Settlements in India, to Son Excellence le Très Honorable Gouverneur de Madras, dated Pondichéry, the 24th February 1864, No. 6.

MONSIEUR LE GOUVERNEUR,

1. Vous avez bien voulu transmettre à mon Prédécesseur dans le courant de l'année 1861, des documents fort intéressants sur le Pier de votre ville.

2. Par suite de la construction, à Pondichéry, d'un pont débarcadère en fer dans le genre de celui de Madras, M^r l'Ingénieur en chef de mon Gouvernement désirerait, dans l'intérêt de ce travail, qu'il lui soit fourni quelques renseignements sur le déplacement du sol sous marin de la plage de la ville à l'endroit où se trouve votre débarcadère.

3. Dans le cas où vous ne verriez aucun inconvénient à satisfaire à cette demande, je vous serais fort obligé, Monsieur le Gouverneur, de vouloir bien me faire connaître les résultats des observations faites à ce sujet depuis l'envoi qui nous a été fait, et une copie du profil qui représente ces résultats jusqu'à la fin. Le titre de ce profil est:—Section of the Madras Pier showing the respective lengths of the piles and the depth to which each was embedded in the sand on different dates.

Je prie Votre Excellence de vouloir bien, à l'avance, accepter mes meilleurs remerciements.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Gouverneur, l'assurance de la haute considération avec laquelle j'ai l'honneur d'être.

Translation.

1. You were good enough to send to my predecessor, during the year 1861, some very interesting papers regarding the Madras Pier.

2. With a view to the construction at Pondicherry, of an iron Pier like that at Madras, my Chief Engineer is anxious to be furnished with some details regarding the displacement of the sand at the site of your Pier.

3. If it will not inconvenience you to comply with this request, I shall be much obliged if you will be so good as to let me know the results of any observations made subsequent to your last communication, and to send a copy of the section representing these results up to the present time.

No. 132.

ORDER THEREON, 5th March 1864, No. 672.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, with a request that, in communication with the Superintendent of Marine, he will submit a report on the effect of the Pier on the sand at its site, and that he will furnish a section of the present Beach showing the level of the sand along the line of the Pier before the construction of that work, as well as that which the sand has now assumed.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division,
„ Superintendent of Marine.

Exd S. T. Augustin.

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