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No. 216. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel O. W. S. CHAMBERS, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Waltair, 28th May 1864, No. 219 —.

SIR,

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Enclosure 1.

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3. Hitherto such Estimates have always been sanctioned by the Collector, and on this one being countersigned by him, an allotment was made by me for the work from the 500 Rupees in the Budget; but, on this item coming before the Comptroller, in one of the lists of appropriation of funds, he informed me that the sanction of the Collector was of no value, but that, that of the Superintendent of Marine must be obtained.

4. Application was consequently made to that Officer.

5. In the meantime the Estimate was under suspension, and on the 1st of May the allotment of 500 Rupees, as before, lapsed.

6. In the Budget of the present year there is an allowance of 600 Rupees for Light Houses in the Godavery District under the head of "Repairs;" there are consequently ample funds available for the repair of the Coringa Light House and its subsidiary buildings, which I have personally inspected and have found much out of order.

7. In exposed situations such as that of the Light House, when buildings are of brick, unless they are frequently plastered, white and black-washed, and painted, they suffer greatly from the sea air. I almost think that yearly repair is needed in such cases.

8. The Master Attendant, in a letter attached, refuses to sanction the Estimate on the plea that a former repair Estimate was sanctioned nearly two years ago, and that certain contingent charges have been incurred in cleaning harbour buoys; of these charges I know nothing, they have not been incurred in this Department.

9. Evidently the Master Attendant has mixed up the amount available from the Port Fund and that granted in the Imperial Budget.

10. The orders of Government are requested on the subject; perhaps it would be as well, to leave to the local authorities of the District the power of sanctioning the petty repairs of its Light Houses, instead of having to make application for sanction to Madras of an authority ignorant of the necessity of frequently repairing brick buildings exposed to the salt air, and thinking that, because money has been spent in 1863-64 in lifting and cleaning buoys, repairs to a Light House in 1864-65 should not be undertaken.

No. 217. ORDER THEREON, 10th June 1864, No. 1,693.

1. The Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, will be requested to re-submit the Estimate for repairing the Light House, &c., on Hope Island, to the Superintendent of Marine with the explanation contained in this letter.

2. Paragraph 11, Chapter XXIV of the Code, distinctly provides that repairs to Marine buildings should be sanctioned by the Superintendent of Marine.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, with one Enclosure.

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Superintending Engrs Office
1st Division Baltaw
28th May 1864.

No. 219

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Superintending Engineer
1st Division

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8. The Master Attendant, in a letter attached, refuses to sanction the Estimate, on the plea that a former Repair Estimate was sanctioned nearly two years ago, and that certain Contingent Charges have been incurred in clearing Harbour buoys - of these Charges, I know nothing; they have not been incurred in this department.

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most obedient Servant

O.B. Chambers
Superintending Engineer 1st Div.

Printed in the Commercial Gazette
No. 1693 Relative to Lighthouses
Represented the Inadequacy of Fees

Copy of Letter from the Superintending Engineer 1st Division with the Enclosures

Dated 10th January 1694

Read 17th January 1694

No. 1693. The Superintending Engineer 1st Division with the Enclosures to resubmit the Estimate for repairing the Light House &c on Rose Island to the Superintendent of Marine with the explanations contained in this letter.

2. Para 11 Chapter XXIV of the Code — Mentions by Pounders Hull Pilots & Marine Pilotage should be conducted by the Superintendent of Marine — Chesapeake Sub C.

To the Asst Engr 1st Dn with Enclosures — Dated 18th January 1695

Office of the Superintending Engineer 1st Division
Newport 10th January 1694

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith a Letter from the Lighthouse Establishment Board, requesting me to report my opinion as to the necessity of repairing the Light House on Rose Island, and the probable expence thereof.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Wm. Chevalier
Superintending Engineer

To
The Secretary of State
Rhode Island