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No. 361. Read the following Endorsement of the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras :—

From Colonel R. STRACHEY, R. E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to Sir R. M. STEPHENSON, dated Fort William, 19th February 1864, No. 812 :—

SIR,

Your letter dated the 27th ultimo, to the address of Colonel Beadle, making certain offers relative to the construction of Screw-pile piers at various points on the Coast of Madras, Bombay and Bengal, having been placed before the Governor General of India in Council, I have been directed to request your attention to Act XXII of 1863 of the Indian Legislature, and to invite your making any definite proposals you may desire to submit under the provisions of that Act to the Governments of the Presidencies in which the contemplated works would be constructed.

No. 812 A.

Copy of above, with copy of letter to which it is a reply, forwarded to the Government of Bombay for information.

No. 812 B.

Copy of above, with copy of letter to which it is a reply, forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.

No. 812 C.

Copy of above, with copy of letter to which it is a reply, forwarded to the Government of Bengal for information.

(Signed) R. STRACHEY, Colonel, R. E.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 362. ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1864, No. 786.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Dated 27th January 1864.

From Sir M. Stephenson, *to Offg. Secy. to Govt. of India, P. W. Dept.*

I have the honour to address you with reference to the imperfect means of communication at present existing between the shore and the shipping at the several ports on the Malabar and Coromandel Coasts, and to state that provided the Government of India shall consider the subject to be of sufficient importance to the trade of the country, to call for Government support, I shall endeavour, on my return to England, to give effect to such measures as I believe to be calculated to effect the object.

The course I propose to adopt consists in the construction of a cheap and light screwpile pier, with approaches and facilities for landing and shipping goods and produce, the length, strength, and cost varying with the local circumstances; and in lieu of employing steam vessels to transport the cargo to and from the ships, when the pier will not allow vessels to lie alongside, to make use of suitable vessels worked by cattle-power, such as I have seen in the United States, by which the expenses are very much diminished.

The ports referred to are: Masulipatam, Coconada, Vizagapatam, Bimlipatam, Chicacole, Ganjam, Pooree, Pondicherry, Cuddalore, Negapatam, Tuticorin, Trevandrum, Cochin, Narekul, Calicut, Cannanore, Mangalore, Shedashewghur, and Goa.

I would beg the favour of being informed whether the Government of India will afford pecuniary encouragement to the undertaking, in such form as the Government may deem advisable, and to such an extent as to justify the outlay which will be necessary to accomplish the object effectually.

I would beg the favour of a reply addressed to the care of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Agent at Galle, not later than the 30th March.

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No. 812.

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SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA,

To Sir R. M. STEPHENSON.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Fort William, 19*th February*, 1864.

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I have the honour to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient Servant,
R. STRACHEY, *Colonel*, R. E.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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R Strachey *Colonel*, R. E.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To
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Forwarding copies of their letter to Sir R. M. Stephenson, and of the one herewith it is a reply, relative to the construction of Screw-pile piers at various points on the Coast of Madras, Bombay and Bengal.

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