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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th May 1865.*

No. 140. 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, 11th April 1865, No. 1,305:—

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the accompanying original letter from the Master Attendant and Conservator of the Port of Madras, having reference to Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department of 23rd February last, No. 521.

From H. D. E. DALRYMPLE, Esq., Master Attendant, to J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, dated Madras, 7th April 1865, No. 422.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to address you on a subject which has for some time past caused me much pain.

2. A censure was passed on me in Orders of Government in the Public Works Department, under date 23rd February 1865,* founded apparently on erroneous information, and neither

* No. 521.

prior to that date, nor up to the present hour, have I been furnished with any copy of the charge or charges preferred against me, been called upon by Government for any explanation whatever, nor do I now know, beyond conjecture, by whom the charges were preferred.

3. As Master Attendant and Conservator of the Port I am under the Marine Department of Government, and not under the Department of Public Works, and a Memorandum, which I believe is alluded to in the Order of Government in question, was furnished solely for the information of the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, as explanatory of our relative positions along the line of Beach within the limits of the Port, and was not by any means intended for Government.

4. I therefore respectfully request that I may be permitted by Government an opportunity of answering any charge of irregularity which may have been preferred against me as Master Attendant or Conservator of the Port, feeling confident that all my official acts have been solely for the interests of the Government I have the honor to serve.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) B. J. ARBUTHNOT,

Chief Secretary.

25th April 1865.

No. 141.

ORDER THEREON, 6th May 1865, No. 1,234.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 49.

1. In July 1864, the Master Attendant in charge of the Marine Superintendent's Office addressed Government on the subject of the immediate necessity of removing the two stone groins to the north and south of the Pier. Mr. Dalrymple urged that, owing to the action of the groins, the Beach in the neighbourhood of the Pier had gained very considerably on the sea, that the line of surf was consequently thrown further out, and that a great part of the Pier had thus become useless for purposes of traffic.

2. This letter was referred to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, for report: and the Government resolved to postpone passing final orders on the subject until after the north-east monsoon, when the effect produced by the action of the groins during the prevalence of a northerly current might be carefully registered.

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3. In December 1864, the Superintending Engineer submitted a report on the condition of the Beach near the Pier, accompanied by lines of soundings which had been taken parallel to the Pier during the months of November and December. From this report, and from a comparison of these lines of soundings with corresponding ones taken two years before, the Government came to the conclusion

• G. O. 18th January 1865, No. 174.

that the alternate action of the monsoons in depositing and removing sand was not likely to be permanently affected by the groins in question, and that their proposed removal was therefore unnecessary.

4. On the 4th February last, the Superintendent of Marine, at the instance of the Master Attendant, again addressed Government upon the subject of these groins, urging strongly that the removal of a portion at least of the stones should be at once sanctioned.

5. Before any order was passed upon this application, it came to the knowledge of Government that the Master Attendant, in the face of their orders to the contrary, had removed some stones from the groin south of the Pier; and that, when the Superintending Engineer requested to know under what authority this was done, the only explanation offered was that, as Conservator of the Port, the Master Attendant was invested with power to act in such matters at discretion, when the benefit of the Port or the interests of Government were concerned. Seeing their orders thus violated, the Government in reiterating their opinion as to the retention of the groins, could not do less than express their dissatisfaction with Mr. Dalrymple's proceedings.

6. In the letters recorded at the head of these Proceedings Mr. Dalrymple, through the Superintendent of Marine, requests that the censure conveyed in the previous order of Government may be re-considered. He urges that the censure was founded on erroneous information, that he had not been called on for any explanation, and that the order in question was issued in the Public Works Department, whereas he is under the Marine Department.

7. On re-consideration of the subject, the Government observe that, from official documents laid before them, it was evident that a formal report of the removal of stones from the groin had been made to the Superintending Engineer, and that when called on by that Officer to state the authority on which he acted, the Master Attendant virtually admitted the fact of the removal by alleging his power to act in such matters at discretion. Orders were accordingly issued in the Department concerned.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintendent of Marine.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Madras
Marine Supdt's Office 3
N^o 1305 11th April 1865*

*From
J. J. Franklin Esq^r
Superintendent of Marine*

*To
The Honorable A. J. Arbutnot
Chief Secretary to Government
Marine Department
Fort St. George*

*Sir
I have the honor to forward the
accompanying original letter from the Master
Attendant and Conservator of the Port of Madras
having reference to Proceedings of Government in the
Public Works Department of 23rd February last*

N^o 521.

*I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt^t Servant
Wm. Macaulay*

Superintendent of Marine

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Dated the 6th May 1865

Read the following

From the Superintendent of Marine.

Forward letter from the Master Attendant & Conservator of the Port of Madras having reference to No: of 1082 in the G.O. of 23rd July last N: 521 in which a censure is passed on him —

N: 11 April/65 No: 1315

In July 1864, the Master Attendant in charge of the Marine Superintendent's Office addressed Government on the subject of the immediate necessity of removing the two stone groins to the North and South of the Pier.

[Handwritten signatures and initials]

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25/5/65 L. Cunningham Chief Secretary

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One of your Hon. Secy's
No: 1411
The Superintendent of Marine
to
The Honble the Chief Secretary
to Govt Marine Dept
Port of Madras

Dated 11 April 1865
No: 12
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No 1315

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4. On the 4th February
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Government upon the subject
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* J. O. 18th Jan'y / 65
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5. Before any order
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planation offered was
that, as Conservator of
the Port, the Master
Attendant was invested
with power to act in such
matters at discretion,
where

when the benefit of the
Port on the interests of
Government were concerned.
Seeing their orders thus
violated, the Government
in reiterating their opinion
as to the retention of the
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than express their dis-
satisfaction with the
Dabrymple's proceedings.

In the letters recorded
at the head of these Pro-
ceedings Mr Dabrymple,
tho the Superintendent
of Marine, requests that the
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previous order of Govt.

may be reconsidered.

He urges that the cen-
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planation, and that the
order in question was
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Works Department where
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7. On reconsideration
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official documents laid
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stones from the groin
had

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and that when called on
by that Officer to state the
authority on which he
acted, the Master Attendant
virtually admitted the
fact of the removal by
alleging his power to act
in such matters at dis-
cretion. Orders were
accordingly issued in
the Department concerned.

W.B.

Suplt. of Marine
W.B. Lister

Sept 8th May

J. W. 1863 Department
Pro: of Govt for May

No 1234

Pro: of the Madras Court

D of 5th May 1865

Letter from the Master

Attendant remonstrating
against the Court and passed
upon him for removing the
two stone groins to the North
and South of the Madras River
with orders thereon.