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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,

6th June 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, 18th May 1865, No. 1,972 :—

SIR,

6th May 1865, No. 1,234.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of Government marginally noted, which were made known to the

Master Attendant. This Officer was in hopes that the Government would have been pleased to put him in possession of the statement or complaint upon which the censure he sought to have removed was passed on him, because he felt confident he could have explained his conduct satisfactorily.

2. I now beg to submit a final letter from Mr. Dalrymple, wherein, I think, he clearly shows that he in no way acted in opposition to the orders of Government. It is to be regretted that his explanation was not elicited sooner, but it has been withheld in expectation of hearing the exact nature of the complaint against him. The Government decided that the outer portion of the groynes should not be removed. The Master Attendant, anxious to fit up the 10-ton Crane to lift heavy weights on and off the Pier trucks, which were being destroyed for want of some appliance of this kind, took some stones from the inshore part of the groynes to strengthen the masonry bed of the Crane; and under the personal superintendence of Mr. Sadler, the Deputy Pier Master, the work was completed in the short space of ten days in a most masterly manner, and at the very moderate expense of Rupees 252.

3. Unfortunately the Government were led to believe that the removal of these stones was in direct opposition to their orders, whereas in real fact no discussion whatever had arisen regarding them. Permission had been requested to have a portion of the outer part of the groynes removed, as it was supposed they caused sand to be deposited round the Pier. The Government decided on not granting this permission: consequently those portions were left untouched, and in taking up stones inside where the beach had long been permanently formed, the Master Attendant did not consider he was disobeying orders.

From H. D. E. DALRYMPLE, Esq., Master Attendant, to J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, dated Madras, 17th May 1865, No. 637.

SIR,

Orders of Government, dated 23rd February 1865, No. 521.
Do. do. Public Works Department, dated 6th
May 1865, No. 1,234.

1. With reference to the papers noted in the margin, in which I am censured for having gone in the face of the orders of Government and having virtually admitted that I had done so, I have the honor respectfully to submit for the information of Government the following explanation.

2. Early in last February I received orders to be in readiness to ship on H. M.'s Steamer "Ferooz" the heavy moorings* intended for the anchorage in the river Hooghly at Calcutta, and I at the same time received intelligence of the arrival of a quantity of heavy machinery from England.

3. All was ready for the impending heavy work on the outer end of the Pier, but there were no means of lifting more than 1½ tons on or off the trucks at the inner end of the Pier, and if appliances could not be got ready in time for these especial purposes the moorings must either have been lifted by main force on to the trucks thereby greatly injuring them (the trucks) or must have been shipped from the beach, entailing great expense, loss of time, and detention of "Ferooz," her services being then elsewhere urgently required.

4. This being the state of things, I decided on forthwith setting up our spare 10-ton Crane at the inner end of the Pier, and with the approval of the Superintendent of Marine we immediately commenced operations, and by working daily from day-break till after dark the Crane was set up, put in order, and at work in ten days' time.

5. To enable us to complete the work in time for the service required some old unserviceable anchors were expended, forming a net work for the step of the Crane, built in with old brick

- * 8 Heavy mooring anchors
- 13 Do. mooring chains.
- 4 Large mooring buoys.
- 4 Smaller mooring anchors.
- 24 Do. mooring chains.
- 2 Do. mooring buoys, &c., &c., &c.

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work from the Black Town ramparts, rubble chunam, and a quantity of stone ballast procured from the wreck of the "Eva," and on finishing off, running short of ballast, and greatly pressed for time, a number of stones were dug out of the sand on the beach, in no way affecting the groynes, and with this most opportune supply I was enabled to complete the work just in time for the shipment of the heavy moorings on "Ferooz." No stones were taken from the outer end of the groynes.

6. The heap of stone ballast from the "Eva" which I made use of, and which was on the beach within a short distance of the south groyne, may have attracted the attention of the Superintending Engineer or his informant to that quarter, but it appears that not one of his Department has yet discovered that nine-tenths of the stones used by me were taken from the beach inside the groyne, 120 yards north of the Pier, and not from the neighbourhood of the groyne south of the Pier.

7. I further beg to explain that the stones which composed the original groynes, laid down upwards of twelve years ago, are (in the localities as described above) now deeply buried in the sand forming the beach, extending from 70 to 90 yards from the bulwark to the wash of the sea at high-water mark, and consequently they are no longer groynes, or of any use whatever; in a

vide Act No. XXII. of 1855, Section XL., Special Rule. case of emergency, such as the foregoing, I considered myself justified in acting as I did, and my proceedings would have been duly reported if time had been allowed me to do so. Had I waited then to make a reference to Government my object would have been frustrated, for I had not an hour's time to spare.

8. I am ready to express my regret that I did not give this explanation to Colonel Boileau, and I certainly should have done so had he, according to custom, applied to me direct for information, instead of assuming as a fact that which was not so, and addressing the Superintendent of Marine.

9. Since writing the above I have received replies to certain questions I had put to Colonel Boileau, and which, while they do not touch the facts of the case as I have already stated them, enable me to acquit that Officer of any wish to forward to Government the report which I have now answered.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

20th May 1864.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,

Chief Secretary.

No. 141.

ORDER THEREON, 6th June 1865, No. 1,539.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 25.

1. The Government are glad to learn from this letter that in removing stones from the groynes on the beach the Master Attendant had no intention of violating their orders. Mr. Dalrymple explains that the stones in question were dug out of the sand on the beach, in which they were deeply imbedded, and that their removal in no way affected the stability of the groynes; but the Government are clearly of opinion that his action in the matter was a direct, though, as it appears, an unintentional, infraction of their orders.

2. The groynes near the Pier were erected by the Public Works Department to create a beach, and to protect it from the inroads of the surf, and the fact of the sand having accumulated round and over them does not alter their character as groynes. Before acting as he did Mr. Dalrymple, pending a reference to Government, should have communicated with the Superintending Engineer, under whose supervision the groynes are placed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent of Marine.

Frd. S. T. Augustin.

Madras 3
Marine Superintendent's Office
18th May 1865

No. 1972.

From

J. J. Franklin Esq^r

Superintendent of Marine

To

The Honorable A. J. Arbuthnot

Chief Secretary to Government

Marine Department

Fort Saint George

Sir

6th May 1865
No. 1234

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Wm. H. D. V. M.

Superintendent of Marine.

Civil Works Public Works Dept

No 1534

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 6th May 1865
Read the following

From the Superintendent of Marine

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from the Master Attendant offer-
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removal of stones from the beach
near the pier and considers that Mr
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(Here enter 18 May 1865
to 19/2)

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that the stones in question
were dug out of the sand

MD

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6 May/65 20/12/34.

Transmit to
Mr. Knapp
Department.

C. J. Constant
Chief Engineer

20/5/65

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Civ. of Govt. of Madras (19)
Reference 1865 21/11/11

to
The Superintendent
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to
The Honble the Chief
Eng. to Govt. Madras
Dept. of Marine

21/10/11
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C.B.

To The Superintendent of
Marine Works

Sept. 7th June

1865 Departs
Pro: of Govt for June
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D of 6 June/85

Letter from the
Capt. of Marine for
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Master attendant
submitting an applica-
tion regarding
the removal of the
stones near the
groynes in the vicinity
of the Maoras Pier.
With orders thereon.

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