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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. <u>2238</u>	Press Mis.
<u>111-112</u>	
Dated <u>4-8</u>	<u>1865</u> .

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th August 1865.*

No. 111. Read the following letter from Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 26th
July 1865, No. 1,064 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to G. O. No. 3,472, dated 5th December 1864, and your
Memorandum No. 100, dated 15th June 1865, I have the honor to state that no
doubt some extra expense was incurred in the item 'planking' by the Contractor

of the Madras Pier, owing to the various
orders that were given at various times
regarding the number of lines of rails
to be laid down.

Vide G. O. No. 1,295, 28th May 1859, also G. O.
No. 1,134, 20th June 1861.

2. It is necessary to explain that the tops of the rails are flush or nearly so
with the top of the planking. Two lines of rails were at first considered sufficient ;
that being the case, the remainder of the width of the Pier was laid down in planking
of one unbroken length. I recommended that four lines should be laid down as per
specification. The Government said, ' nay, lay three.' The whole (*i. e.*, the unbroken
length extending over half the width of the Pier) planking had to be taken up to cut
out openings for the third line of rails, and then it had to be re-fixed in three sections.
On my return from England in July 1863, I was glad to find four lines of rails down
(although I have never been able to trace the recent authority for it). But to have
laid down this fourth line, the last of the three sections above adverted to must have
been ripped up, the grooves cut, and the planking re-set in sections.

3. Mr. Gilbert has not supplied any details so that it is impossible to check
his charge. It seems however very high.

4. One thing is certain, viz., that a very considerable deduction ought to be
made by Mr. Gilbert for the great injury done to the Pier planking almost from
the very first, by the heavy weights of all the material and plant being led over and
laid upon it, an injury which I repeatedly pointed out to Mr. Wells, and which
being under his very eyes, he found it impossible to gainsay.

5. If Mr. Gilbert gets £400 I think he will be handsomely paid.

No. 112. ORDER THEREON, 4th August 1865, No. 2,238.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 12.

24th February 1864, No. 7.
23rd September „ „ 29.

Ordered that this letter be forwarded to
the Right Honorable the Secretary of State,
with reference to his Despatches as per
margin.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin

considered sufficient; that being the

Pier. No 1064 Supr Eng^r Office 4th Dⁿ Madras
26th July 1865

From, Colonel A. J. B. B. B. B. B.
Supr Eng^r Office

To, Colonel C. A. Orr R. B.
Secy to Govt PWD

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Vide G. O.
1295-28 May 1865
also G. O. No 1134
20th June 1865

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supplied any details so that it is impossible to check his charge. It seems however very high.

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I have the honor to be Sir

Yours most obed^t serv^t.

Sup^y Office & Dr
Medias.

26 July 1865 -

Arthur Allan J. R.
Sup^y & Dr.

To. Colonel C. A. Dr. R. R.

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5th Decr 1864 - 3472
 24th June - 1873
 20th Decr 1861 - 1134
 28th May 1859 - 1295

[Faint handwritten note:] Copy to Mr. G. B. G. England
 24th Aug. 1865

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under date the 4th August/65
 Read the following
 From the Sup. Jms to S^r

Submit for information
 called for in G.O. No. 3472
 dated 5th Decr/64, relative to
 the claim of Mr. Gilbert
 in connection with the Madras
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26th July/65 No. 1064

Ordered that this letter
 be forwarded to the Right
 Honorable the Secretary of
 State with reference to his
 Despatches as per margin.

24 Feb/64 - 7
 25th Apr - 29

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Copy in Atlanta Aug 29
D.A. Aug. 26 49 of 1865.

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P.O. of Geo. J. Forsberg

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P.O. of Geo. J. Forsberg
2/4 Aug 5/15

Letter from
the City Aug. 2. 1865
furnishing certain
information relative
to the quietness
of the fort during
the and relating
the same on the
ground for
want to the
State.

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P.O. of Geo. J. Forsberg