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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
10th April 1866.*

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No. 119. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the  
Marine Department :—

Sanctioning the expenditure, Rupees 440-11-3,  
incurred in the repairs of the Madras Pier } (Here enter 27th March 1866, No. 78.)  
during October 1865, and observing that the  
charge will be debited to the Port Fund.

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 10th April 1866, No. 1,086.  
Communicated to the Superintend  
ing Engineer of the 4th Division.

ACCOUNT, No. 19.

(True Extract.)

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

*Secretary to Government.*

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, with ~~an~~ Enclosures.  
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,  
27th March 1866.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 30. From the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 19th February 1866, No. 4223.

Enclosure.  
1 Bill with Vouchers.

I have the honor to submit, for sanction, a contingent bill for Rupees 440-11-3, being expenses incurred on account of the Madras Pier in October 1865.

2. Some of the charges for labor appear to be considerably in excess of the sums paid by this Department.

Referred to the Marine Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,  
20th February 1866.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Col., R. E.,  
Secretary to Govt., P. W. D.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Marine, for any remarks that he may have to offer on paragraph 2.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,  
23rd February 1866.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,  
Chief Secretary.

No. 31. From the Superintendent of Marine, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 20th March 1866, No. 1248.

In returning the papers referred to me on the 23rd ultimo for remark, I have the honor to state that the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, informs me that the labor rates he noticed as being much in excess of what are usual in the Public Works Department are those for coolies and bellowsmen, the hire for Pier work being 5 Annas and 4 Annas a day, respectively, while in the Public Works only 3 Annas and 2 Annas are allowed.

2. On inquiry, I find that the men charged for as coolies are skilled hands used to the peculiar description of work required on the Pier, and that they fairly earn the wages paid to them. During the month for which the bill is prepared, a great deal of work was being executed, in which was laying down the deck of the pier and re-placing the rails. To prevent delay and obstruction to the traffic, repairs have to be effected with the utmost despatch; and to secure this, the best workmen procurable are engaged, and a somewhat higher rate of wages paid.

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1866, No. 78.

Under the explanation afforded by the Superintendent of Marine, the Governor in Council sanctions the expenditure, viz., Rupees (440-11-3) four hundred and forty, Annas eleven, and Pice three, incurred in the repairs of the Pier, during the month of October 1865. The charge will be debited to the Madras Port Fund.

(True Extract).

*A. J. Arbuthnot*  
Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Marine.

„ Public Works Department, with Bill and Vouchers. ✓  
„ Accountant General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Puncturing the  
expenditure, Rs. 440-14-8,  
incurred in the re-  
pairs of the Madras  
Pier during October  
1865, and observing  
that the charge  
will be debited to  
the Port Fund.

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