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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th March 1867.

No. 432. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Marine Department :—

Concurring with the Superintendent of Marine that the godown in the Marine yard, at present used as a stable for the horses of the Judges and Officers of the High Court, should be re-placed at the disposal of the Marine authorities, and requesting the issue of orders in the Public Works Department for preparing an estimate for removing the divisions erected in the Marine godown, and for erecting a stable containing eighteen stalls at the west end of the Marine yard. } (Here enter 9th March 1867, No. 58.)

No. 433. ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1867, No. 841.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 45.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, who will submit the estimate referred to in paragraph 2 with as little delay as practicable.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department, 9th March 1867.

No. 25. Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Marine, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 24th January 1867, No. 263.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government, that much inconvenience is experienced from the want of sufficient godown accommodation in the Marine yard, and respectfully to solicit a re-consideration of their Proceedings of the 31st October 1864, No. 225, and of the 8th November following, No. 233.

2. In August 1863 the Master Attendant, when in charge of my office, wishing to remove a difficulty which the Public Works Department found in providing stabling for the High Court, readily and, as it has since appeared, unfortunately, agreed to give up for a time a portion of the Marine yard godowns for this purpose. They were not then required, and in view to the convenience of a public Department were freely given up ; but there was no question that the arrangement was to be considered of a temporary nature. The Government, in their Order of the 5th September 1863, No. 1432, decided that it was to be so ; and subsequently, when the Master Attendant brought to notice in his letter of the 19th October following, No. 2600, that instead of the work being confined to rendering the godowns fit for the reception of horses, which could be done by simply affording more ventilation, the whole wall was being thrown down and the character of the building entirely altered from a godown to a stable, the Government were pleased to record their desire that it should not be altered more than was *absolutely necessary* to adapt it for *temporary use* as a stable.

Proceedings of 20th October 1863, No. 1167.

3. Such being the case, on resuming my duties after returning from England, I represented that the time had arrived when it was no longer convenient for the Department to be deprived of its godown space. The Government, however, in the Proceedings of which I now respectfully solicit a re-consideration, decided they were not to be restored, as it was considered that no further godown accommodation was needed for Marine stores ; there being ample room for the cranes and other stores belonging to the Pier, which were then arriving from England, in the new Public Works Depôt, which building was then about to be erected, and in which it was believed that all such property could be better looked after than in the Marine yard.

4. I beg now once more to bring the matter before Government, and to assure them that the very confined space in the Marine yard and in the godowns, is not only the source of much inconvenience, but prevents that attention being paid to the stores which they require. The building in which the Public Works stores are lodged is much too far removed to be of any practical use to this Department. The whole of the Pier repairs are undertaken by the Deputy Pier Master, who, as a professional ship-builder, has a very considerable practical knowledge of Engineering, and everything connected with the Pier requires to be kept close at hand to be available at short notice. Should a crane or a truck be disabled, much delay would occur before it could be replaced if the stores were in the Public Works building, upwards of two miles away by the beach road, and now that the bar of the Cooum is open, much farther. And, moreover, the expense of carriage to and from such a distance would materially and unnecessarily augment the Pier charges.

5. With these observations, I venture to solicit of Government the expression of their views on the question of restoring to this Department the space which of right belongs to it, and which was only lent for the purpose to which it is now put, on the distinct understanding that it was to be resumed when required ; and should it be considered that reasonable grounds have been advanced for its restoration, I shall be prepared to point out space adjacent where an equal number of stables can be built for the Officers of the High Court.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 9th March 1867, No. 58.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council concurs in the opinion of the Superintendent of Marine that the godown in the Marine yard, which is at present used as a stable for the horses of the Judges and Officers of the High Court, should be re-placed at the disposal of the Marine authorities.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
9th March 1867.

2. Orders will accordingly be issued in the Public Works Department for the preparation of an estimate for removing the divisions erected in the Marine godown when it was converted into a stable, and of erecting a stable, containing 18 stalls, at the west end of the Marine yard for the use of the Judges and Officers of the High Court.

(True Extract).

G. J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary.

To the Honorable the Judges of the High Court.
,, Superintendent of Marine, with 2 Rough Estimates and 1 Plan, returned.
,, Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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