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Government of Madras

Public works

DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	933	Press
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Dated	25. 3.	1873.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
25th March 1873.*

No. 599. Read the following letter from the District Engineer, Presidency, to the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 17th March 1873, No. 3,785:—

I HAVE the honour to report that repairs to the pier, if carried out, will cost a most excessive and unreasonable amount of money, and occupy an indefinite period.

2. The ground to be occupied by the piles is a mass of wreck of shipping and the pier.

3. Up to the present only two piles have been screwed and they are not in their proper positions. The resistance offered by the wreck is such that every thing is carried away in our attempts to force the piles in. Bars of steel 3 inches square are torn to pieces as are chains and piles, and, under these circumstances, I have the honour most strongly to recommend that the work be forthwith suspended.

4. It is evident that the Committee for the pier restoration have been misled. They were led to believe that it was quite possible to screw piles in the space to be occupied by the new section of pier without abnormal difficulties; but it is now established from laborious experiment that the attempt to restore the pier, as recommended by the Committee, is unwarrantable.

5. I have the honour to suggest that the breach may be spanned by iron girders resting on cylinders sunk clear of the wreck on each side of the breach. I have the honour to solicit early orders for the suspension of work now in progress, as it is sheer waste of time and money.

No. 600. ORDER THEREON, 25th March 1873, No. 933.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 41.

His Excellency the Governor in Council authorizes the immediate suspension of all work and expenditure on the Madras Pier repairs, pending the result of a reference of his letter to the Committee on whose report they were undertaken; who will be requested to advise in what manner further operations for restoring the communication should be carried out.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
" Pier Committee.
" Marine Department.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

N. 3785.

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From

Lieut. Col. J. Goddard R.R.

District Engineer Provy

To

Colonel G. M. Walker R.R.

Chief Engineer & Secy. to Govt.
D.P.R.

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Sir

Your most obedient Servant.

Thos Goddard Lieut Col R.E.

District Engineer

Residence

Fort George
17 March 73

under the
honour

No 13 May/72 No 222-223
" 16 Decr. — 317 321
" 20 Jan/73 — 391-392

P W 1873 Report
From 24. No 1775.
The District Engineer
Presidency

To
The Chief Engineer
Secy to Govt
P.W.D.

Dated 17th March/73.
Recd 18th March/73.
No 3785.

Requests
sanction for
the suspension
of pier works now
in progress.

No 933-25 March/73

No 599
Recd 24th March/73.
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Public Works Department

Letter from the District En-
gineer Presidency No 3785 dated
17th March 1873.

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for orders.

L. M. Walker Coll. 28

18th March/73

Secy to Govt P.W.D.

I would refer to the
letter to the Pier Com.
and ask them in what
manner the repair to
the pier should be carried
out.

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I agree: but
the things to be
done before all
else is to stop the
work now going on
and then see what
the people decide
upon. I stop work - a
separation at some date

Civil Works

11th Sept⁹⁰

No 933.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the March 1873.

Read the following

From the Dist Engineer
Presidency

(Here enter No 3785 of 11 March 1873)

I would delay this order
for a day or two. -

Mr. Dalrymple explains to
me that the work on the
outside of the Pier is going
on very satisfactorily. Perhaps

Mr. Walker would kindly
see whether the whole work
should be stopped - pending
reference to the Comtee on
whether a slight divergence
to avoid "debris" will not
meet the case.

Mr. Walker will inspect

This Excellency
the Governor in Council
authorizes the immediate
suspension of all work
and expenditure on the
Madras Pier Repairs,
pending the result of a
reference of his letter to
the Committee on whose
Report they were under-
taken; who will be
requested

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what manner further
operations for restoring
the communication should
be carried out.

LMW

the work. he will probably
be able to pronounce at once
whether a complete stoppage
of work is necessary - & a
reference to the Comd for an
alteration of the plan of work. -
Much time may be saved
by an inspection.

WM

he-s copy to studies Committee delivered to
the Secretary 25/3/73.
he-s despatch only to DE-Eng & Bureau

Def. 25/3/73 -

P-C despatch to all 24/73.

The Staff Eng^r Presidency
Dir. Committee
Marine Dept.
Controller

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March 1973

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No 1775



Sept. of 1873 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Date

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 25 May 1873 No. 933

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Nos.

Madras Pier. The immediate suspension of all work and expenditure on the Pier works ordered and the Pier Committee requested to advise in the manner in which further operations should be carried out.