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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th March 1874.*

No. 516. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 20th February 1874 :—

From H. D. E. DALRYMPLE, Esq., Master Attendant, Administrative Department, to the Honourable W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated Madras, 19th February 1874, No. 1,099.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Government, that in a letter dated 10th instant, the Master Attendant, Negapatam, brings to notice that a serious obstruction has taken place in the river, abreast of the Custom-house, in the shape of a bed of sand which has formed nearly across the whole width, leaving only a very narrow boat-channel close to the jetty. The water on the bar, he also states, has considerably decreased, and boats can only cross at high water. I would therefore recommend that the matter be referred to the Public Works Department for report, as to the best means to be devised for removing the obstruction in the river above referred to.

REFERRED to the Department Public Works.
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON.
Chief Secretary.

No. 517. ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1874, No. 753.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 48.

THE subject of the treatment of the Negapatam Harbour has been exhausted by the Report of the Committee of 1860-61, concurred in generally by Mr. Robertson in his Harbour Report of 1871, in accordance with which the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, was in paragraph 10 of G. O., No. 1,449, of 12th June 1872, ordered to have plans and estimates prepared for lengthening the pier to 150 feet beyond monsoon low water line, etc., etc. The attention of the Inspecting Engineer for Ports and Communications and of the District Engineer of Tanjore is now called to this order which they appear to have overlooked, but will now comply with at once.

2. As Mr. Robertson recommends, the pier shall be lengthened in a line at right angles to the coast; and it shall be carried out in the cheapest way consistent with strength, in the form of a groyne rather than a pier with upright walls. The Inspecting Engineer will communicate to the District Engineer in detail Mr. Robertson's further instructions, which include some work for fixing the south end of the outlet, and contemplate immediate as well as future periodical dredging upon a small scale. Had these instructions not been allowed to remain a dead letter, and the sum of Rupees 5,000, provided in the Budget of 1873-74 for repairs to Ports and Harbours of the Tanjore District been utilized, it is more than probable that the present aggravation of the ordinarily defective state of Negapatam Harbour would not have occurred.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Inspecting Engineer for Ports and Harbour.

.. District Engineer, Tanjore.

.. Marine Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Madras

Marine Office

19th February 1874.

From

H. D. & Dalrymple Esquire

Master Attendant

Administrative Department

Madras

To

The Honourable W. Huddleston

Chief Secretary to Government

Marine Department

Fort Saint George

Sir

I have the honour to report, for the information of Government, that in a letter dated 10th Instant, the Master Attendant, Negapatam, brings to notice that a serious obstruction has taken place in the river, abreast of the Custom House, in the shape of a bed of sand, which has formed nearly across the whole width, leaving only a very narrow boat channel close to the jetty. The water in the bar he also states has considerably decreased, and boats can only cross at High water.

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt Servant.

W. D. Dalrymple,

Master Attendant

Administrative Department.

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Engineer

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The Master Attendant
Administrative Dept.

To
The Chief Secy. to Govt.
Marine Department
Fort St. George

Dated 19 } February 74
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Requests to call upon
the P.M. Dept to report
as to the best means to
be devised to remove
the obstructions in the
river at Negapatnam
opposite the Custom House
No 753-18-3-74.
Referred

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P. H. Dept.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the March 1874.

Had the following

From the Master Attendant
Administrative Dept.

(Enclosure No 1099 of 19 Feb 1874)

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Engineer 6th Division was
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Now at Tanjore
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To The Supdt. Engrs for Port Engrs ✓
 " Lt. Engrs Tanjore ✓
 " Marine Dept ✓
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PUBLIC WORKS.

To
The ~~Super~~ Engineer for
Port & Harbours.

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

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G. O., 18 March 1874, No. 753.

Nos. 516 & 517.

Negapatam Harbour

Issuing instructions
relative to the condition
of the Harbour and the
lengthening of the Pier
at that Port.