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No. 407-408

Madras Harbour.

Passing orders on letters
from the local Supt.
relative to the model
of the Harbour & the
sketch of the foundation
stone to be laid by
H. R. H. the Prince
of Wales.

407/8

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th September 1875.*

No. 407.

Read the following letters :—

From JAMES MAY, Esq., Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 13th September 1875, No. 14.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your demi-official letter of the 10th instant, on the subject of a model of the proposed harbour, including the present line of beach transformed into a line of wharf. This model will be put in hand as soon as possible.

2. In consequence of a question which you put to me on 16th ultimo, I have been thinking of a sketch for a foundation stone to be laid by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on 7th December next. The sketch will be arranged in the same manner as that of a foundation stone which I prepared at Alexandria for the Khedive of Egypt in May 1871.

3. I will consult with Captain Ross Thompson on this, and, should he concur, I hope to be able to send you a copy of the sketch tomorrow.

No. 407-A. From the same Officer, dated Madras, 14th September 1875, No. 15.

REFERRING to my letter of yesterday's date No. 14, I have the honor to report that having conferred with Captain Ross Thompson, District Engineer, yesterday afternoon, on the subject of a foundation stone for this harbour, proposed to be laid by the Prince of Wales on 7th December next, he approves of a sketch for a stone which accompanies this to your address.

2. The sketch shows four pieces of granite, the two lower pieces to be laid, on flat, underground, before the ceremony, and to have a chamber cut out at the joint, on their upper beds, for receiving coins, newspapers, or other articles which may be deposited in it.

3. The principal stone is a block of granite, 5 feet in length by 3 feet in breadth by 3 feet in thickness, to be laid on edge, and on one face a pannel a inch in depth is sunk for an inscription. The plume on the top may be carved out of a separate piece of granite and let permanently 6 inches into the block below it. These two pieces together would form the foundation stone to be laid by His Royal Highness.

4. Should this arrangement be approved, the foundation stone, weighing about 5 tons, may be suspended from a triangle by Manilla rope and two iron lewises, ready to be lowered before the Prince's arrival. As soon as the Prince has applied the "bed," the operation of lowering may be performed in a minute or two by a crab.

5. The words on the sketch are printed merely to show the effect. I presume other words, including the name of the Governor, would be substituted.

6. A tent or marquée may be erected in the vicinity of the stone for the reception of His Royal Highness and party during the continuance of any prayers for the success of the undertaking which may precede or follow the ceremony.

7. I understand that the blocks of granite can be obtained at Sholinghur. A silver trowel, engraved with a suitable inscription, a mahogany mortar hod, a level and plumb rule, and a hammer may be prepared here.

8. There are twelve weeks from this day to the 7th December next. Some time will be required to get the granite blocks, and a month will be required to dress them here. Should this, or a similar arrangement be approved, I request early authority to order the stone,

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No. 408. ORDER THEREON, 18th September 1875, No. 2,686.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 28-A.

THE arrangements proposed in the above letters are approved, and the inscription, as altered on the plan, will be adopted. The foundation stone should be laid on the same level with the pier, and on the centre of the open piece of ground between the Piermaster's Office and Waiting Room and the line of rails leading to the Custom House. A survey of the ground showing the position of the foundation stone should be made and submitted without delay. It will be necessary to rail off the ground, taking in the space from the public road on the west to as near the seaboard as possible on the east.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent of Works, Madras Harbour, with plan.
„ District Engineer, Presidency.

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From No: 6068
The Superintendent
Madras Harbour

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Dated 13th September 1875
Recd 22

N^o 14

States that model of
Harbour will be put in
hand as soon as possible. -
Sketch for a foundation
stone will be forwarded to-
morrow.

Sd 26th. 18-9-75.

N^o 407

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V.L. Shub 14 Sept



FROM

THE SUPERINTENDENT

MADRAS HARBOR WORKS.

TO

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

MADRAS, 14th September 1875.

Enclosure 1 -
By Book Return
No 14 received.
13/9
Sir Referring to my letter of yesterday's
date (N^o 14), I have the honour to
report that, having conferred with Captain
Ross-Thompson, District Engineer,
yesterday afternoon, on the subject of a
foundation stone for this Harbour
proposed to be laid by the Prince of
Wales on 7th December next, he approves
of a sketch for a stone which accom-
panies this to your address. -

2. The sketch shows four pieces of
granite, the two lower pieces to be laid,
on flat, underground, before the Ceremony,
and to have a chamber cut out at the
joint on their upper beds, for receiving
coins, newspapers, or other articles
which may be deposited in it.

3. The principal stone is a block of granite, 5 feet in length, by 3 feet in breadth by 3 feet in thickness, to be laid on edge ~~and on one face~~. A parallel inch in depth is sunk for an inscription. The plume on the top may be carved out of a separate piece of granite, and let permanent, by six inches into the block below it. — These two pieces, together, would form the foundation stone to be laid by His Royal Highness. —

4. Should this arrangement be approved, the foundation stone, weighing about five tons, may be suspended from a triangle by a Manila rope and two iron lewis, ready to be lowered before the Prince's arrival. As soon as the Prince has applied the "bed," the operation of lowering may be performed in a minute or two by a crab. —

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Request early authority to order the stone

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

James May

Superintendent
Madras Harbour

The Government
of Madras

The Secretary to
the Public Works

Madras 12th Dec 1862

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Enclosed for the
Secretary to the
Public Works is
a copy of the
report of the
Commissioner of
the Madras Harbour
on the subject of
the proposed
stone pier.

I am, Sir,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
James May

From W. 1875 Sept.
No: 6566

The Superintendent
Madras Harbour

To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Dated 14th /
Recd 22 / September 1875

No 15

Forwards sketch for
Foundation Stone proposed
to be laid by His Royal
Highness the Prince of Wales
on 7th December 1875.

S. G. 2686. 14-5-75.

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Proceedings of the Madras Port.

Under date the 18 Sept 75

Read the following:

From the Supt., Madras Harbour (R. No 14 of 13th Sept 75 /
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The arrangements
proposed in the above
letters are approved, and
the prescription as altered
on the plan will be
adopted. The founda-
tion stone should be laid
on the same level with the
Pier and on the centre of
the open piece of ground
between the Pier Master's
Office and waiting room
and the line of rails leading
to the Custom house.

M. L.
1875

CL. W. 1875

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A survey of the ground
showing the position of
the foundation stone should
be made and submitted
without delay. It will be
necessary to rail off the
ground, making in the
space from the public
road on the west to as
near the sea board
as possible on the East.

LMW

The foundation office is in
an enclosure which is
very small a little to the
right.

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