

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th October 1875.*

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2. Should the position marked in *red* dotted lines, and by the words in *red* ink, "alternative site," be considered suitable in other respects, the ground there is favorable, being solid and level, and there is little traffic on it. The alternative site may be described thus: the centre of the stone 117 feet north north-east of the centre of the Cenotaph, being half-way between the north side of Cenotaph and the south-east corner of the Custom-house, a straight line joining the centre of the Cenotaph and the centre of the Memorial Stone would be parallel to the front of the High Court-house.

No. 66. ORDER THEREON, 5th October 1875, No. 2,855.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 5.

THE alternative site proposed in this letter, on the ground of its being solid and level and out of the way of traffic, cannot be accepted for the purpose in view, as being quite unconnected with the great work to celebrate the commencement of which it is proposed that a Memorial Stone be laid by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. It appears to the Government to be essential that the stone shall be placed somewhere on the line of beach, the conversion of which into a landing quay must necessarily follow the construction of the Harbour, and the consequent annihilation of surf action: hence their original choice of the site between the pier and pier office. That being considered objectionable, as being already occupied for purposes of traffic, the site in front of the centre of the High Court buildings was decided on in G. O., No. 2,854, of 5th October 1875, and must be adhered to.

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3. It will be necessary to raise the whole space to be railed in between the tramway and the sea to the level of the pier, above which level the Memorial Stone must stand; and it will probably be necessary to secure such raised space from surf action by a long apron of stone, flanked by projecting groynes. The existing fountain should be removed, and the arrangement whereby it was intended to introduce a fountain within the Cornwallis' Monument should be perfected before the date of the ceremony.

(True Extract.)

Major-General R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDENT

MADRAS HARBOUR WORKS.

TO

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

MADRAS, 28th September, 1875.

Sir,

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3.

Should the position marked in

red dotted lines, and by the words in
red ink, "Alternative Site," be con-
sidered suitable in other respects. The
ground there is firm, being solid
and level, and there is little traffic on
it. The alternative site may be described
thus: The centre of the stone 117 feet north
North-East of the centre of the Enclosure,
being half way between the North side of
Enclosure and the South-East corner
of the Custom House, a straight line
joining the centre of the Enclosure and
the centre of the Memorial Stone would
be parallel to the front of the High Court
House.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

James

Superintendent

Charles Barbour

P. W. 1895 Sept.
From The Superintendent
No. 6377
Madras Harbour

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Dated 18th September 1895
Reas 7 Oct/95.
1895.

Reporting on site of Prince
of Wales' Memorial Stone.

90 5th October/95
1895

1895

Madras Port
My dear General Walker
I have been over the ground
with Mr. May, A. J. and
the site chosen by me but
my recommendation is on the
line from between the
road and the sea being dirt and
mound of the water from a
hill hydrant within 100 yds
of it. It is in view
front of the cathedral the
site being that all at all

There are also other kind of plans
of necessity. I have seen
many of them but the perfection
of the arrangement.

Believe me

Very truly yours

Wm. H. Miller

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten notes or a second letter, possibly starting with "I have seen many of them"]

Oct 5. 1855. From the left

I find this draft with
slight modifications
that it will suffice
for present instructions
but in my opinion the
monument should
be placed rather more
to the East. I.e. nearer
the present line of high
water. I do not think
the top now ordinarily
approaches the line to
marked on the tracing
and eventually the outer
edge of the dam will be
far east of it.
I think there should
be at least the

same distance between
the Memorial clock &
the Drumbay as there
is between the Drumbay
& the Carograph.

I think a larger space
like used to be enclosed for
the ceremony. & as far
as the sailing across
the Drumbay & roadway
are concerned. it shd.
be readily removable
so as to allow traffic
& be removed as soon
as possible after
it is over. The
runner the site is &

the sun. He has it
like in the form of the
this. The sun is
down now in the way
of making the site
stable. with all
concern for the
landmark eventually
to the site I see
what I think it
might be. It
be in the center of the
the width of the
sharp or jagged. When
finally completed.
or at least placed
before the site is &
did the

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My dear General
 Mr May has just been
 to see me. He tells me that
 the site for the Memorial Stone
 has again been changed,
 at Capt. Taylor's request -
 I think the alternative site
 shown on Mr May's survey
 which he is sending you
 today is better than that
 proposed close by the Cathedral.
 Mr May has requested me
 to see the ground where the
 ceremony is to be performed
 L.I. Gailed off - I suppose
 strong mat-pots and sails

28 October 75
 N. 2855

Do ports firmly fixed in
the ground will be the
thing.

Q.2. How many people do you think
the enclosed ground could accommodate?

Q.3. Will seats or stands in
tiers be required to accommodate
spectators within the enclosed
part of ground?

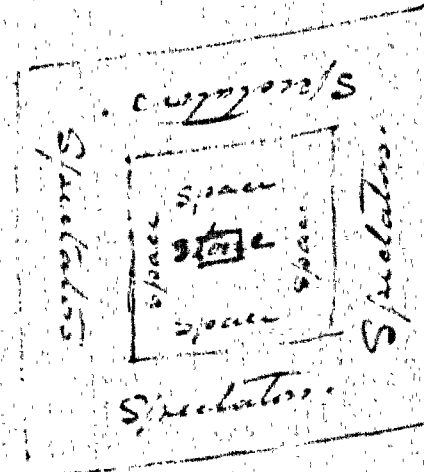
Q.4. What size should the
opening be in the wall
stone for the coins, papers
&c. - to be deposited?

Q.5. Should there be an awning
or shade erected for H.H.H. & Co.
P.O. W.?

Q.6. Is an awning or shade
erected at the tent of
some kind or a more
permanent affair?

Q.7. Is the ceremony to come off
in the morning or in the
evening?

Q.8. About what width of clear
space should there be left
between the stone and the
spectators within the enclosure?



Hope Mr Second design for
Mr Fort & Mrs Suber at the
Barrington Hall has reached
you all right.

The bathrooms at Rogers House
have been taken in hand
and will be completed all
right.

I am still rather cloudy about
a cheap, strong and portable

railing. Have you not any
one yet with aspirations in
the subject?

Yours truly,
Wm. L. Garrison

CP 5 October 75
N 2853

Draft 3.0.

1853. W. L. Garrison
Had the following letter from the
Madras Harbour Works Dept. dated 19th Sept 1853.

The alternative
proposed in this letter, as
the ground of its being
solid road level, & not
of the way of traffic,
cannot be accepted for
the purpose in view, as
being quite unconnected
with the great work to
celebrate the commence-
ment of which it is pro-
posed that "Merrion"
shall be laid by W. L. G.
The Prince of Wales. It
appears to the best of ef-
fect that the stone
shall be placed some
where on the base of
beach, the construction of
which will be a boarding
during the construction of
the Harbour, and the
consequent non-utilization
of any other place.

W. L. G.

W. L. G.

their original choice of
the site between the
Pier and Pier Office, ^{which} ~~which they still wished~~
~~the being most suitable.~~
That being considered
~~by the authorities~~ ob-
jectionable, as being
already occupied for
purposes of traffic, the
site in front of the centre
of the High Court Build-
ings, was decided on
in G.O. No. 2804 of 5th Oct 1870,
and must ~~be adhered to~~
be adhered to -

The following detailed
arrangements commenced
themselves to N.S. The
Governor in Council as
suitable for the occasion -
A space of about 40 yds
square, ^{at} ~~marked~~ marked ABCD
on the ~~Long~~ Gravelled road
with returned, to be mark-
ed off, forming gates for
the ~~road~~ ~~main~~ ~~main~~ ~~main~~

Traffic; whereof the former
will be open on the after-
noon on which the cere-
mony will take place
to the Comings of H.R.H.
the Prince of Wales, & of
H.M. the Governor only -
At the corners B and C,
and on both sides of the
Cornwallis (except from
A to D) seats will be erected
for those assisting in the
ceremony and for select
spectators who will be
admitted by ticket to
their respective places -
Care will be taken that
the ^{highest} ~~seats~~ along AD do not
interfere with the view from
the first floor of the
High Court - No view
will be necessary, as the same
for the ceremony will not
be earlier than 5 P.M.

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Govt. of 1875 Madras
PUBLIC WORKS
No. 11-35-11
Presidency

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G. O. 5. Oct 1875, No. 2855

2855
Nos 65 & 66

laying of the
Site for the Foundation
Stone of the Madras
Harbour by H. R. H.
the Prince of Wales.

Passing orders on
letter of the Supt. Madras
Harbour Works,
relative to the selection
of a

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being half way between the North side of
Clock-tower and the South-East Corner
of the Custom House. A straight line
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be parallel to the front of the High Court
House.

I have the honour to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

James

Superintendent

Madras Harbour

P. W. 1895 Sept.
To
The Superintendent
Madras Harbour

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Dated 15th September 1895
Recd 7 Oct/95.
1199.

Reporting on site of Prince
of Wales' Memorial Stone.

90 5th October/95
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Madras Dist

My dear General Walker

Thanks for your letter
I have been over the ground
with Mr. May, it is not
the site chosen by me but
any monument on the
line from between the
road and the old bridge and
north of the water from a
hill hydrant within 100 yds
of it. The monument
front of the cemetery the
old tower that all is but

[illegible]

about Byline please advise
Mr. Scullery that I have no
draft the twenty feet pin will
 suffice. I will also attach the
old jolly. Into the end of from
the jolly to the stern is also
twenty feet and just can
will be let us that during the
few minutes of the Byline's
hazard it is not clear

1130. N. 2855 of 5th Oct 1891
Madras Harbour Works No 19 G. of 28th Dec 1891

There are also other kinds of
of necessity. I have no
misgivings about the perfection
of the arrangement.

Believe me
Very truly
yours
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

I have the draft with
slight modifications. I
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But in my opinion the
General Store should
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same distance between
the memorial stone &
the Drumbay. as there
is between the Drumbay
& the Cemetery.

I think a larger space
like this to be enclosed for
the ceremony. & so far
as the sailing across
the Drumbay & road way
are concerned. it shd.
be easily movable
so as to allow traffic
& be removed as soon
as possible after
it is over. Then
remove the site is to

the sea. He has it
like nothing but the
this. He has is
down now in the bay
forming the site
stable. with all
come in for the
Lampwork eventually.
the site I see
what I think it
right to be. It
be in the center of the
the width of the
Wharf or Quay. When
finally completed.
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My dear General
Mr May has just been
to see me. He tells me that
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I think the alternative site
shown on Mr Mays survey
which he is sending you
today is better than that
proposed close by the Cathedral.
Mr May has requested me
to see the ground where the
ceremony is to be performed.
I have sailed off - I suppose
I may meet you and sails

20 Oct 75
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Do posts firmly fixed in
the ground will be the
thing.

Q.2. How many people do you think the enclosed ground should accommodate?

Q.3. Will seats or stands in tiers be required to accommodate Spectators within the enclosed piece of ground?

Q.4. What size should the opening be in the under stone for the Coins, Papers &c. - & be deposited?

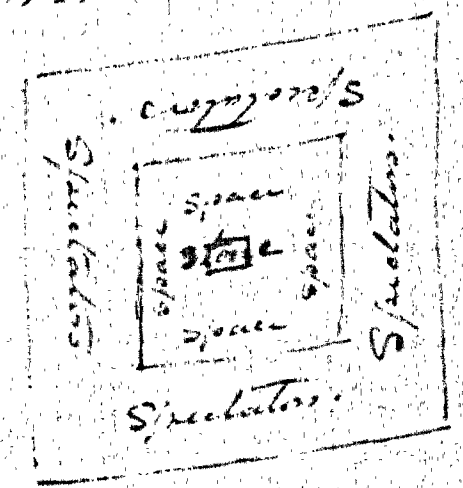
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Q.6. Is an Avenue to be erected behind at the tent of some kind or a more permanent affair?

Q.7. Is the Ceremony to come off in the morning or in the evening?

Q.8. Point out what width of clear space should there be left between the stone and the Spectators within the enclosure?

Complete
Complish
Pamphlet



I hope the Second design for
the Fort Anne Bridge at the
Barrington Hall has reached
you all right.

The latrines at Pagers some
have been taken out hand
and will be completed all
right.

I am still rather cloudy about
a cheap, strong and portable

railway. Have you not any
one yet with aspirations in
the subject?

Yours sincerely,
J. O. P.

W. H. Thompson

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No 2855

Draft 3.0.

No 2855 of 15 Oct 1875
Read the following letter from the
Madras Harbour Works Dept. of 11th Sept 1875

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where on the site of
beach, the conversion of
which into a landing
 quay must necessarily
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the Harbour, and the
consequent multiplication
of wharves. Hence

W. H.
Thompson

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the site between the
Pier and Pier Office, ^{which they still maintain}
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That being considered
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ed off, leaving gates for
the ~~entrance~~ ^{entrance}

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mony will take place
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Cornwallis (sculpture) from
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Care will be taken that
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interfere with the view from
the first floor Verandah
of the High Court - No cover-
ings or covering will be
necessary, as the sun
in the ceremony will not
be earlier than 5 P.M.

It will be necessary to
raise the whole space
to be filled in between
the Ironway & the Sea
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Memorial Stone must
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space from soil action,
by a long apron of stone
flushed by projecting
groynes - The existing
Jernettian should be re-
moved, and the pr.
arrangement whereby it
was intended to intro-
duce a Jernettian within
the Cornwall Monument
should be perfected before
the date of the ceremony -

C.M.W.

6.10.75

No 65-66

5 to 7-10-75

To the D.C. Presidency (with a view to
the Dept. of Public Works No. 8. Dept. of the Public Works
Political Dept. No. 17. Dept. of the Public Works
No. 17. Dept. of the Public Works