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Read the following letters —

No 9 From JAMES MAY, Esq, Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R E, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 14th October 1875, No 21 G

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the manuscript G. O, No 2,855, dated 5th instant, containing instructions as to the arrangements for the ceremony of the Memorial Stone proposed to be laid on 7th December next by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. I have also received the tracing referred to in this order, showing the spot decided on for the stone, in front of the centre of the High Court buildings. These instructions will be attended to.

2 This morning I met the President of the Municipal Commission at the fountain on the beach, between the monument and the sea, and he undertakes to carry out at once that part of the order which refers to the removal of the fountain.

3, The beach road and tramway opposite the centre of the Cornwallis Monument are 3 feet 9 inches lower than the top of the Pier opposite the Custom-house. This will involve the necessity of His Royal Highness having to walk up an incline of 1 in 5 for a distance of 19 feet, from the easternmost tramway metal to the top of the embankment on which the Memorial Stone is to be placed. If this short incline is considered objectionable, eight or nine low steps may be substituted.

4 The blocks of granite required for the Memorial Stone were received at Royapooram from Sholinghur yesterday afternoon, and as little time as possible will be lost in dressing them.

5 A triangle of timber for placing the stone will be borrowed from the Public Works Stores, and we have got from the Stores the crabs, blocks, and tackle required.

6 A detailed survey of the beach, showing the row of buildings next the sea from Royapooram to the light-house, has been made, from which a plan of the proposed Harbour is nearly finished, to a scale of 120 feet to an inch, being the largest that can be laid down on a sheet of mounted drawing paper 54 inches in width. This plan will serve for the model of the finished Harbour required by His Excellency the Governor, and the model will be made of polished hard wood unless instructions are received to the contrary. The dimensions of this model will be 72 inches in length by 54 inches in breadth.

7 A model of a short length of one of the piers, required by His Excellency, showing the blocks resting on their base of laterite rubble, is being made to a scale of quarter of an inch to a foot. The blocks in this model will be Plaster of Paris, and the scale half that of four teak models which were sent to your address on 24th ultimo. Trusting that these arrangements may be approved.

No 10 From the same Officer, dated Madras, 23rd October 1875, No. 23 G

REFERRING to what you said yesterday morning as to the level of the Prince's Memorial Stone, I have the honor to report that I have again examined the ground which is now being prepared to receive it. The level most suitable for the ground is 21 inches above the tramway and road, or 2 feet lower than the pier level formerly proposed. This would reduce the inclination of the Prince's road up to the stone from 1 in 5 to 1 in 11.

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2 Copies of a sketch and letter sent to General Raikes, at his request, on 19th instant, and copy of a letter sending the same sketch to the District Engineer, are enclosed

From JAMES MAY, Esq, Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works, to Brigadier-General T RAIKES, dated Madras, 19th October 1875, No 43 M

REFERRING to a conversation at your house yesterday morning, I have the honor to inform you that I have been instructed by the Government to carry out the following arrangements in connection with the Memorial Stone for these works which is proposed to be laid by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales about 5 o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday the 7th December next

2 The position of the stone is fixed to be on the beach opposite the centres of the High Court buildings and Cenotaph, and 33 feet east of the easternmost metal of the tramway which leads from Royapooram to Triplicane. The exact position of the stone, with reference to the Cenotaph and the tramway, is marked by a blue tint on the accompanying plan

3 The Prince's Memorial Stone consists of a piece of blue granite, weighing about 5 tons, and an inscription suitable for the occasion will be cut on one side of it. The stone will be suspended from a wooden triangle by Manila rope tackling, ready to be lowered before the Prince's arrival. As soon as the Prince has applied the "bed" of mortar with his trowel, the operation of lowering will be performed in a minute or two by a crab

4 The ground selected by the Government for this purpose is about 4 feet higher than the street opposite to it, and this involves the necessity of placing the Stone on the top of a low embankment, which will be approached by a short inclined plane from the tramway level. The top and slopes of the embankment may be covered with grass sods

A space of about 40 yards square will be railled off, enclosing the stone and Lord Cornwallis' Monument, as shown by the letters A B C D on the plan

Twelve rows of wooden benches will be erected in the position defined by E F G H in continuation, north and south, of Lord Cornwallis' Monument. These benches will contain about 100 spectators, and it is proposed to admit them by tickets

There will be room for a good many more spectators in the front verandahs of the High Court buildings, the Custom-house, and the Pier Office

At each end of the grass sodding there will be room for about thirty chairs, those at the south end being for the use of His Royal Highness, and those at the north end of His Excellency the Governor

Carpeting, flags, and flower decorations will be applied at suitable places

From JAMES MAY, Esq, Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works to Captain ROSS THOMPSON, R E, District Engineer, Presidency, dated Madras, 20th October 1875

I BEG to enclose a tracing showing, in plan, to a large scale, the position fixed on for the Prince's Memorial Stone, viz, on the North Beach, opposite the centres of the High Court buildings and Cenotaph, and 33 feet east of the easternmost metal of the tramway. The exact position of the stone is marked by blue tint on the tracing

2 The Prince's stone consists of a piece of blue granite, weighing about 5 tons, and now being dressed at Royapooram terminus. Preparations are in hand for having everything connected with the stone ready before the Prince's arrival

3 The level of the under bed of the Prince's Stone, proposed to be 45 inches higher than the tramway opposite to it, involves the necessity of placing the stone on the top of a low embankment, coloured green, with a short inclined approach from the tramway level. The top and slopes of the little bank may be covered with grass sodding

4 There appears to be room for 12 rows of wooden benches in the position shown by E F G H in continuation, north and south, of Lord Cornwallis' Monument. These you hadly promised to make

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1st November 1875.*

5 There is room for about thirty chairs at the south end of the grass sodding for the use of His Royal Highness, and as many at the north end for His Excellency the Governor. I suppose the chairs may be got from Government House. The floors for the chairs, 25 feet by 14 feet, should be stepped up 10 or 12 inches higher than each other as they recede from the Stone. I presume you will also make the floors. I have some 240 yards of red carpeting

6 I should also feel obliged if you could put up a temporary fencing round the stone, measuring about 160 yards in length, including two gates for the Prince and road and two gates for the tramway

No 11

ORDER THEREON, 1st November 1875, No 3,090

CIVIL WORKS, No 1

THE arrangements detailed in these papers are approved. The level at which the Memorial Stone shall be laid may be lowered as suggested

(True Extract)

Major-General, R E,
Secretary to Government

To the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works

Exd S T Austin
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Harbour Works Madras
October 20th 1875

My dear Captain Thompson,

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The top and slopes of the little bank may be covered with grass sodding.

There appears to be room for 12 rows of wooden benches in the position shown by E F G H, in continuation, North and South, of Lord Cornwallis's monument. - These you kindly promised to make.

There is room for about 30 chairs at the South end of the grass sodding for the use of His Royal Highness, and as many at the North end for His Excellency the Governor. I suppose the chairs may be got from Government House. - The floors for the chairs, 25 feet by 14 feet, should be stepped up 10 or 12 inches higher than each other as they recede from the stone. I presume you will also make the floors. - I have some 240 yards of Red Carpeting. -

I should also feel obliged if you could put up a temporary fencing round the stone measuring about 150 yards in length, including two gates for the Prince and road and two gates for the tramway. -

I am &c.
(Signed) James May

Harbour Works, Madras,

No 43 M.

19th October, 1875.

Sir,

Referring to a conversation at your house yesterday morning, I have the honor to inform you, that I have been instructed by the Government to carry out the following arrangements in connection with the Memorial Stone for these Works, which is proposed to be laid by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales about 5 o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday the 7th December next.

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I have &c
(Signed) James May
Superintendent
Madras Harbour.

To Brigadier Genl Raikes.

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FROM

THE SUPERINTENDENT,

MADRAS HARBOUR WORKS,

TO

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

MADRAS, October 23^d 1875.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir
Your most obedient servant,
James May,
Superintendent
Madras Harbour.

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1875 Department
From No 6835
The Superintendent.
Madras Harbour

To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort St George

Dated 23 October 1875
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Reporting as to level
of Prince of Wales Memorial
Stone.

No 10

G.O. No 3090. 1.11.75

No. 21

FROM
THE SUPERINTENDENT
MADRAS HARBOUR WORKS.

To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

MADRAS, October 14th 1875.

Sir
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3. The Beach road and tramway opposite the centre of the Cornwallis monument are 3 feet 9 inches lower than the top of the Pier opposite the Customs House. This will involve the necessity of His Royal Highness, having to walk up an incline of 1 in 5, for a distance of 19 feet, from the Easternmost tramway, metal to the top of the embankment on which the Memorial Stone is to be placed. If this short incline is considered objectionable, eight or nine, low steps may be substituted.

The blocks of granite required for the Memorial Stone were received at Poyapooram from Sholinghur yesterday afternoon, and as little time as possible will be lost in dressing them.

A triangle of timber for placing the Stone will be borrowed from the Public Works Stores, and we have got from the Stores the crab blocks, and tackle required.

A detailed survey of the Beach, showing the row of buildings next the sea,

from Poyapooram to the Light House, has been made, from which a plan of the proposed Harbour is nearly finished, to a scale of 120 feet to an inch, being the largest that can be laid down on a sheet of mounted drawing paper 54 inches in width. This plan will serve for the model of the finished Harbour required by His Excellency the Governor, and the model will be made of polished hard-wood unless instructions are received to the contrary. The dimensions of this model will be 72 inches in length by 54 inches in breadth.

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8. Trusting that these arrangements

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Have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient servant,

James May,

Superintendent,
Madras Harbour.

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The Superintendent
 Madras Harbour

To
 The Secretary to Government
 Public Works Deptt

Dated 14th
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Reporting on arrange-
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 Memorial Stone &c

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 Letters from the Supt. of the
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