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No 620. Read the following letter from C. SIMPSON, Esq., Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 3rd March 1875:—

I HAVE the honor to inform you that the Chamber have received from Mr. A. F. Brown the following report of the Sub-Committee of the Ship-owners' Society on Mr. Parkes' Harbour Scheme.—

"In the opinion of the Sub Committee what is required is not a harbour of such limited extent as proposed by Mr. Parkes, but a breakwater as suggested by Sir A. Cotton and Mr. Dalrymple, affording shelter and protection as well as facility of entrance and egress at all times to a large number of ships. A small boat harbour giving facilities for the safe shipping and landing of goods and passengers in all weathers would also be very desirable, as it would remove a prejudice that may now exist in the minds of underwriters against Madras as a port.

"That, moreover, they are of opinion that a charge of one shilling per ton register on all ships using the port would be a burden to which ship-owners should not be subjected, considering the very limited and doubtful accommodation proposed to be afforded"

2. In communicating this report to the Government, I am desired to convey the opinion of the Chamber that it is highly undesirable to revive the old question of a breakwater, especially as such a structure would entail a far larger expenditure than is believed to be requisite to carry out Mr. Parkes' Harbour Scheme. The Chamber are conscious of the importance of rendering the harbour dues as light as possible to shipping, and they would not advocate any charge that would have the effect of deterring ships from making use of the port when the rates of freight offer them an inducement to load here.

3. I am at the same time to express on behalf of the Chamber their confident hope that your approaching visit to Europe on official business will enable you to successfully combat the opposition that in some quarters has been raised to the harbour project; and the Chamber will be glad, so far as it is in their power to do, to submit, for the information of Government before your departure, their views on features of the scheme which may not hitherto have been considered, and regarding which it may seem to the Government desirable to possess the opinion of the mercantile community for your guidance.

No 621.

ORDER THEREON, 24th March 1875, No. 838

CIVIL WORKS, No. 34.

His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that, as the Chamber of Commerce are aware, Mr. Parkes' scheme has now been sanctioned by the Secretary of State for India, and that the work will shortly be commenced.

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2. The Government will at any time be glad to receive from the Chamber of Commerce any suggestions which they may have to offer respecting the dues to be levied on account of the work.

(True Extract.)

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

The Chamber of Commerce

Madras 24 March 1875

From

Clement Simpson Esq.
Chairman, Chamber of Commerce

To

Colonel G. W. Walker, R.E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Chamber have received from Mr. A. J. Brown the following Report of the Sub-Committee of the Ship-Owners Society on Mr. Parker's Harbour Scheme:-

In the opinion of the Sub-Committee what is required is not a harbour of such limited extent as proposed by Mr. Parker but a breakwater as suggested by Sir A. Cotton and Mr. Dalrymple, affording shelter and protection as well as facility of entrance and egress at all times to a large number of ships. A small boat harbour giving facilities

for the safe shipping and landing of goods and passengers in all weathers, would also be very desirable as it would remove a prejudice that may now exist in the minds of underwriters against Madras as a Port.

That moreover they are of opinion that a charge of one Shilling per ton Register on all ships using the Port would be a burden to which ship-owners should not be subjected considering the very limited and doubtful accommodation proposed to be afforded.

In communicating this Report to the Government I am desired to convey the opinion of the Chamber that it is highly undesirable to revive the old question of a Breakwater, especially as such a structure would entail a far larger expenditure than is believed to be requisite to carry out the present Harbour Scheme. The Chamber are conscious of the importance of rendering the Harbour Quays as light as possible to shipping, and they would not advocate any charge that would have the effect of deterring ships from making use of the Port when the

rates of freight offer them an inducement to load here.

I am, at the same time, to express on behalf of the Chamber their confident hope that your approaching visit to Europe on Official business will enable you to successfully combat the opposition that in some quarters has been raised to the Harbour Project; and the Chamber will be glad, so far as it is in their power to do, to submit for the information of Government before your departure their views on features of the Scheme which may not hitherto have been considered, and regarding which it may seem to the Government desirable to possess the opinion of the mercantile community for your guidance.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Robert Simpson
Chairman

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following —

From the Chairman } (M.O. dated 3rd March 1875)
Chamber of Commerce }

This meeting the
Executive Council ob-
serves that, as the Chamber
of Commerce are aware,
Mr. Parker's scheme has
now been sanctioned by
the Secretary of State
for India, and that the
work will shortly be
commenced. The Govern-
ment will at any time
be glad to receive from
the Chamber of Commerce
any suggestions which
they

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No. 1490

From

The Chairman,
Chamber of CommerceBaker's of 1875
Read 31st 1875

G.O. No. 838-24-75

Submitting with of
separate report of the
Sub Committee of the
this same society to
the Council. Further
reference is made to
the 31st 1875.

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respecting the dues to be
levied on account of the
work.

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To The Chairman of the Chamber
of Commerce,
Madras 2-7-75.

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Public Works Department
PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following —

The Chamber of Commerce (N.E. dated 3rd March/75.)

His Excellency the Governor in Council con-
curs with the Madras
Chamber of Commerce in
considering it highly
unlavourable that the
question of a Harbour
which has just been
settled in favour of that
planned by Mr. Patten
should be reopened to
discussion, except so
far as relates to the
manner in which the
necessary dues should
be levied, so as to deter
merchants from making
use of the

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to say something to
the effect — that as the
Government has decided
in favour of the
plan proposed by Mr. Patten,
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the question should be
reopened to discussion
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Chairman of
the Chamber of
Commerce.

Dated

Resd.

G. O. 24 March 1878

Mr. J. B. G. G.

Madras Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber of Commerce
informed that as the
has been sanctioned by the
Govt of State and will be
commenced shortly, the
Govt will be glad to receive
any suggestions they may
have to offer respecting the
plan to be revised in account
of the work.