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15th June 1876.*

No. 263. Read the following letter from N. St. B. BEARDMORE, Esq., Officiating Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, to Colonel W. T. F. FAREWELL, Deputy Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 31st May 1876, No. 23-W :—

THE steam barges *Salisbury* and *Hobart* were visited by the Master Attendant, Captain Taylor, and myself yesterday evening; it being my second visit to the *Salisbury*, which arrived some days before her sister the *Hobart*. With regard to the information requested in a letter from General Walker to your address, I have to reply as follows :—The English crews of both vessels were not bound to stay a day after they arrived in port, and they, in each case, left their vessels very soon after arrival here; I accordingly put a native crew in each ship to take their places, and Captain Taylor is going to engage for me some lascars from Cocanada who are noted for being good sailors. The Chief Mate of the *Hobart* came out on the understanding that his intention of applying for the permanent command would be favorably considered. He holds a Master's certificate, and approving of the man I agreed to engage him. Captain Taylor approves of this. I have also placed the Chief Mate of the *Salisbury* in temporary charge of her, but I do not feel certain that he will do for the permanent command. General Walker is right in supposing that the Engineers were engaged to remain, and I have told each of the Chief Engineers (who seem steady and trustworthy men) that he must consider himself in charge in the event of the Captain and Mate being both absent, for I may mention that neither of the Captains have yet altogether left the vessels.

2. I have been already requested in a Government Order to report whether these vessels are insured or not, and I have delayed replying to that order, pending information to be received from Mr. Parkes whom I have addressed on the subject, for as yet I cannot answer the question. I should say, however, they are not insured, for I am informed it is altogether unusual for the Government to insure their ships or other property, being such large owners; and if these vessels are insured, it is probably a very exceptional case.

3. I wish to point out that I have delayed reporting on the above subject and others touched of in the before-mentioned G.O., No. 1,056, such as a report respecting the Ambatoor quarries, the early commencement of the south pier, &c.; because I have been seeking information as to whether the Railway Company consider the present arrangements as to rates permanently fixed, or if they will allow us to run tipping waggons, &c. And have been engaged in correspondence with the Municipal authorities as to the construction of a line of railway along the beach road to the point of projection of the south pier.

No. 264. ORDER THEREON, 15th June 1876, No. 1,493.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 41.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council directs that the entire control of, and responsibility for, the steam barges shall be transferred to the Master Attendant, to whom the Officiating Harbour Superintendent

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will apply for their services when required. The Master Attendant will report as to the details of the arrangements he proposes to make for manning the barges and for their safety.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,  
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.  
" Marine Department.  
" Master Attendant, Administrative Department, Madras

Letter from the Officiating Supt. of the  
Madras Harbour Works No: 23 W. d/ 31 May 1876.

FOR ORDERS.

It seems to me that  
the Master Attendant had  
better be made responsible  
for manning & offiaring  
& harbouring these vessels

Circulated for  
information with reference  
to the verbal instructions  
received in Council  
on Friday the 26th May

It will seem that Mr.  
Mearns has consulted  
Capt. Taylor. but I think  
the responsibility in these  
matters had better be placed  
on working the barges with  
be under the orders of  
the Harbour Supt.

Majr Genl R.E.  
Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

Practically to must look  
& Taylor. He is Officially  
connected with the Harbour  
works - in these matters &  
as suggested make him  
responsible M.E.

M.E.

FOR ORDERS.

N. 23 W. -

From

The Offg. Superintendent,  
Madras Harbour Works,

To

The Deputy Chief Engineer  
Public Works Department,  
Fort Saint George.

Madras, 31<sup>st</sup> May 1876.

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to the point of projection of the South Pier.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your most Obedient Servant,  
Nathaniel Beardmore  
Offg Superintendent

G.O. 27 April/76. No 1056  
- 8 May/76. 1121.  
19 May/76. 1254.

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Under date the 15<sup>th</sup> June 1876-

Read the following:-

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The offg. Supt. Madras }  
Harbour Works } (M.C. No. 23 W & 31<sup>st</sup> May 1876)  
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Capt. Madras A. Works  
Marine Dept. Date 10/16/75  
Master Attendant O. A. Dept.  
Master

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The Supt. Madras Harbour  
Works

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15<sup>th</sup> June 1893

No 263

Supt. in charge

1893

Steam barges belonging  
to the Madras Harbour  
Works - Passing orders  
in letter from the Sg.  
Superintendent, re-  
porting the action <sup>to be</sup> <sub>or</sub>  
taken in maintaining &  
officers the

to Supt.

Master of the