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No. 49. Read the following endorsement of the Officiating District Engineer, Presidency, dated 25th August 1876, No. 2,869:—

From J. N. GRAINGER, Esq., General Superintendent, Public Works Stores and Workshops, to Major P. MONTGOMERIE, R.E., Officiating District Engineer, Presidency, dated Madras, 24th August 1876, No. 735.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for transmission to Government, the Packing Account of Harbour Works Stores per ship *Landsdowne* for Madras, together with Proceedings of two Survey Committees held on the above stores on the 1st and 8th August 1876, respectively.

PROCEEDINGS of a Committee of Survey held at Madras on Tuesday the 1st day of August 1876, to examine and report on certain stores landed damaged from the ship *Landsdowne* for the Madras Harbour Works.

President.

N. St. B. BEARDMORE, Esq., Officiating Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.

Members.

W. E. FOX, Esq., Appraiser, Sea Customs.
Captain J. B. CROWTHER, Deputy Master Attendant.
The Captain of the ship in attendance on his own behalf.

The Committee proceeded to examine 35 broken and damaged casks of cement landed from the ship *Landsdowne*. Thirty-one casks were very much broken, some of them all to pieces, so that there was a large wastage of cement.

The Captain on being appealed to, protested that the casks did not leave his vessel in the state that they were then in, which was probable, for if they were damaged at all when they left the ship they were certain to become more so in the process of transhipping and landing them.

The majority of the Committee were of opinion that the casks were not sufficiently strong to carry the contents, some 420 lbs. of cement, during the voyage, nor capable of bearing the necessary handling, and they therefore held the ship not liable in respect to damage and loss so caused.

The President called the Committee's attention to the fact, that some expense had been incurred for coopering many of the other casks of this cargo before they could be removed to the Harbour Works godowns, but the question as to who should pay these costs was left undecided, though it was suggested the shipper, for the above reasons, was the proper party to be held liable.

As to the portion of the cement totally damaged by water, the Committee estimated that it amounted to about 7 casks, to the cost of which they condemned the ship.

(Signed) W. E. FOX,
Appraiser, Sea Customs,
(„) J. B. CROWTHER,
Deputy Master Attendant,
} *Members.*

The President regrets he does not feel justified in subscribing to the third paragraph of the above report, for, as he pointed out to the Committee, the casks appeared to have been originally as good as those of the rest of the cargo, 478 of which had been landed in fair order and as good as those brought by other sailing ships, one of which, the *General Caulfield*, only had 52 broken with 360 that required slightly coopering out of a cargo of 1,939.

(Signed) N. ST. B. BEARDMORE, President,
Officiating Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 6th September 1876. *No.* 2,365.

PROCEEDINGS of Committee of Survey held at Madras on August 8th, 1876, to examine and report on certain damaged stores landed from the ship *Landsdowne* for Madras Harbour Works.

President.

F. N THOROWGOOD, Esq., Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.

Members.

Captain J. B. CROWTHER, Deputy Master Attendant.

W. E. FOX, Esq., Appraiser, Sea Customs.

The Committee proceeded to examine 31 broken casks of Portland cement landed from the ship *Landsdowne*, part of a cargo of 1,509 casks, 35 of which had been submitted to a previous survey on August 2nd. Five of the casks were so badly damaged that very little cement was left in them, and the Committee were of opinion that these casks were not constructed sufficiently strong, and were not equal to the sample cask sent out by Mr. Parkes from England.

The Captain of the *Landsdowne* had supplied four extra casks, which he had filled up with the sweepings of the cement in the ship, to make up for the loss on the five casks whose contents had escaped.

The other 26 casks appeared originally to have been as strong as the other good casks of this and previous cargoes, but the majority of the Committee, considering they were not strong enough for the weight of cement they contained, agreed in freeing the ship from being taxed with the damage or loss.

(Signed) J. B. CROWTHER, Captain, *Deputy Master Attendant,*
(,,) W. E. FOX, *Appraiser, Sea Customs,* } *Members.*

The President of the Committee in coming to the conclusion that 26 casks were strong enough for the purpose of holding the cement and for standing the ordinary strains incurred on the voyage and unloading, was guided by comparing the casks with the sample cask sent out by Mr. Parkes and mentioned in the report, and was distinctly of opinion that they were not only as good as, but much better than, the sample.

(Signed) F. N. THOROWGOOD, President, *Supt., Madras Harbour Works.*

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1 Packing Account.
2 Proceedings.

SUBMITTED to the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

(Signed) P. MONTGOMERIE, Major, R.E., *Offg. District Engineer, Presidency.*

No. 50.

ORDER THEREON, 6th September 1876, No. 2,365.

ACCOUNT, No. 3.

ORDERED that the Packing Account be retransmitted to the Home Government together with the Reports of the Committee of Survey, to which attention will be drawn.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
" Superintendent of Madras Harbour Works.
Exd. S. T. Austin.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 6*th September* 1876.

No. 50-A.

No. 2,366.

FROM

MAJOR-GENERAL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,

To

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

ACCOUNT, No. 4.

SIR,—I am directed to forward herewith for submission to the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India the original Packing Account of Stores shipped per *Landsdowne* for the Madras Harbour Works, and to invite attention to the Reports of the Committee of Survey by which it is accompanied. It will be seen that to the slightness of the casks in which the cement is sent out is attributed most of the damage and loss sustained. Out of a consignment of 1,509 casks, 1,504 only were delivered; and of these 445 required repair before being moved from the Pier, 59 were broken and 15 per cent. of their contents lost, and the contents of 7 were totally damaged by sea water.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
for *Secretary to Government.*

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

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No. 50-A.

RETRANSMITTING the Packing Account of Stores shipped per *Landsdowne* for Madras Harbour Works together with the Report of the Committee of Survey.

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Proceedings of a Committee of Survey held at Madras on Tuesday the 1st day of August 1876, to examine and report on certain Stores landed damaged from the Ship "Landsdowne" for the Madras Harbour Works.

President.

N. St B. Boardmore Esqre
Offg Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.

Members.

W. C. Fox Esqre
Asst Fraser, Sea Customs
Captain J. B. Crowther
Deputy Master Attendant.
The Captain of the Ship in attendance on his own behalf.

The Committee proceeded to examine 35 Casks of New and damaged Castle of Cement landed from the Ship "Landsdowne". 31 Casks were very much broken some of them all to pieces so that there was a large wastage of Cement.

The Captain on being appealed to, protested that the Casks did not leave this vessel in the state that they were then in, which

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was probable, for if they were damaged at all when they left the ship, they were certain to become more so, in the process of transhipping and landing them.

The majority of the Committee were of opinion that the casks were not sufficiently strong to carry the contents, some 420 lbs of cement, during the voyage, nor capable of bearing the necessary handling, and they therefore held the ship not liable in respect to damage and loss so caused.

The President called the Committee's attention to the fact, that some expense had been incurred for coopering many of the other casks of this Cargo before they could be removed to the Harbour Works godowns, but the question as to who should pay these costs was left undecided, though it was suggested the shipper for the above reasons was the proper party to be held liable.

As to the portion of the Cement totally damaged by water, the Committee estimated that it amounted to about 5 casks, to the

cost

cost of which they condemned the Ship.

W. Dow —
Asst Surveyor Sea Customs
H Morris Thos
Deputy Master Attendant.
} Members.

The President regrets he does not feel justified in subscribing the third paragraph of the above report, for, as he pointed out to the Committee, the casks appeared to have been originally as good as those of the rest of the Cargo, 478 of which had been landed in fair order and as good as those brought by other sailing ships, one of which the General Canfield only had 53 broken with 360 that required slightly comparing out of a cargo of 1939.

Walter H. Beardmore President
Offg. Superintendent
Madras Harbour Works.

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Proceedings of Committee of Survey held at Madras on August 8th 1876, to examine and report on certain damaged stores landed from the Ship "Lansdowne" for Madras Harbour Works.

President.

J. N. Horrowgood. Esqre,

Superintendent Madras Harbour Works.

Members.

Captain J. B. Crowther,

Deputy Master Attendant.

W. R. Fox Esqre,

Assistant Sea Customs.

The Committee proceeded to examine 31 broken Casks of Portland cement landed from the Ship Lansdowne, part of a cargo of 1509 Casks, 35 of which had been submitted to a previous survey on August 2nd. Five of the casks were so badly damaged that very little cement was left in them, and the Committee were of opinion that these casks were not constructed sufficiently strong, and were

not

not equal to the sample cask sent out by Mr Parkes from England.

The Captain of the "Lansdowne" had supplied 4 extra casks, which he had filled up with the sweepings of the cement in the ship, to make up for the loss in the 6 casks whose contents had escaped.

The other 26 casks appeared originally to have been as strong as the other good casks of this and previous cargoes, but the Majority of the Committee, considering they were not strong enough for the weight of cement they contained, agreed in freeing the ship from being taxed with the damage or loss.

Mr Brownrigg
Deputy Master Attendant.
Mr Powell
Inspector Sea Customs.
} Members.

Mr President of the Committee in coming to the conclusion that 26 casks were strong enough for the purpose of holding the cement and for standing the ordinary strains incurred in the voyage and unloading, was guided by comparing the casks with the sample cask sent out by Mr Parkes and mentioned in the report and was distinctly of opinion that they were not only as good as, but much better than the sample.

F. N. Broomfield. President.
Superintendent
Madras Harbour Works

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PUBLIC WORKS STORE DEPARTMENT.

Madras, 24th August 1876.

No. 735

From

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,

PUBLIC WORKS STORES AND WORKSHOPS,

To THE District Engineer

Presidency Fort St George.

REFERENCE.— letter No. dated

Enclosure 3.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for transmission to Government three Packing Accounts of Workshops Stores specified Exhibit Madras together with Proceedings of the Survey Committees held on the 23rd 24th 25th 28th 29th 30th 31st and 1st and 2nd August 1876 respectively.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

J. D. Crawford

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The General Superintendent,
Public Works Stores,

To

The Chief Engineer
Presidency

Dated 24 August 1876.
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Under date the 6th Septr 1876.

Read the following :—

Endorsement of the Offg: Dist: Engineer Presidency on letter from the Genl Supt. Pr. Stores No. 735 dated 24th Augt 1876.

(Mc. No. 2869 of 25th Augt 76)

Ordered that the packing Account be re-transmitted to the Home Government together with the Reports of the Committee of Survey to which attention will be drawn.

(Mc. No. 2366 of 6th Sept 76)

No. 2366.

To,
The Under Secretary
of State for India

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith for submission to the Most Honorable the

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Packing Account of Stores Shipped per "Landsdowne" for Madras Harbour Works

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