

(1) Number of pages_____

(2) Date of repair_____

(3) Initials of the Referencer_____

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

Government of Madras

Public Works

DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	2553	Press	<i>Original</i>
B.R. No.	.	Misr	
Dated	23 . 9	195	1876

Not to be folded or roughly handled

K

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd September 1876 No 2,553.*

No 404. Read the following letter from F N THOROWGOOD, Esq, Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, to Major-General G W WALKER, R E, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 12th September 1876, No 70-W

I HAVE the honor to bring before you the following statement —

Captain Taylor, Master Attendant of this Port, was directed in G O, No 1,254, Public Works Department, dated May 19th, 1876, to give the then Officiating Superintendent of these works the benefit of his advice and assistance in settling the details of the transfer of charge and in arranging for the future manning and working of the Steam Hopper Barges that had lately arrived from England for use in the construction of the Harbour.

2 Captain Taylor accordingly was good enough to arrange and settle the accounts which were of somewhat a complicated nature with Messrs Lindsay and McPhail who commanded the vessels on their voyages out, and directed that the balances of the sums due on the agreements, as well as the sums for the purchase of the remainder of their stores put down in English money at cost price should be paid at the official rate of exchange, viz, 1s 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ d to the rupee, and not at the current rate which was then 1s 8d

3 Mr Beardmore, therefore, acted on that advice though being of a reverse opinion with regard to the rate of exchange.

4 Captain McPhail not liking to incur this loss requested that part only of his dues should be paid him here, viz, £36-5-0 at 1s 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ d, equal to Rupees 400, and for his surplus stores £98-5-3 at 1s 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ d, equal to Rupees 1,084-4-5, leaving a further sum due on his agreement of £153-6-4 which he asked should be paid him on his applying to the India Office in London

5. Mr Beardmore seeing no objection to that course, and being advised by Captain Taylor that it was allowable, agreed to it, and noted on the statement of accounts that the sum of £153-6-4 was still due to him

6 By the Mail that left London on 11th August Mr Parkes writes, "Captain McPhail called yesterday, and is in the way to get his balance paid, though there is as yet no official advice from Madras about it." Mr Parkes adds, with regard to the payments that had already been made to him at 1s 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ d to the rupee, he thinks "he has scarcely had justice done him. His agreement was made entirely in terms of pounds sterling, and he had a clear right to the full amount"

7 Mr Beardmore considered his signature on the accounts (copy of which is enclosed), certifying that £153-6-4 was still due, would be sufficient to obtain Captain McPhail his money, and thought it unnecessary to address Government on the subject, and it is explained above how each Captain came to be paid at a higher rate of exchange than would pay them pounds sterling at the then current rate

8 I have, therefore, the honor to request that the Home Government be addressed in order that they may pay the above sum due to Captain McPhail, and that also information be afforded whether these men are not entitled to the loss they experienced in being paid in Rupees at 1s 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ d, which in Captain McPhail's case amounted to £9-16-5 $\frac{1}{2}$, and in Captain Lindsay's, who was paid a balance of £183-15-3 at 1s 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ d, equal to Rs 2,027-11-11 on his agreement, and £27-8-0 at 1s 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ d, equal to Rs 302-5-6 for his surplus stores, amounted to £18-19-11 $\frac{1}{4}$.

5

Tabular Statement of Sums paid to the Captains of the Steam Barges.

23

Captain McPhail.

In part payment of sum due
on Agreement—

For surplus stores at cost price as
bought in Scotland—

Total

Sum obtained in converting into

£ Sterling at $\frac{1}{8}$ = £1484-45

Loss experienced therefore

Captain Lindsay

By payment of sum due on
Agreement—

To surplus stores at cost price as
bought in Scotland—

Total

Sum obtained in converting into

£ Sterling at $\frac{1}{8}$ = £2330-15

Loss experienced therefore

£	s	d	Rate of Exchange	Rs	As	P
36	5	..	$\frac{1}{9\frac{3}{4}}$	400	.	.
98	5	3	$\frac{1}{9\frac{3}{4}}$	1084	4	5
134	10	3		1484	4	5
124	13	$9\frac{1}{2}$				
9	16	$5\frac{1}{2}$				
183	45	3	$\frac{1}{9\frac{3}{4}}$	2027	11	11
27	8	..	$\frac{1}{9\frac{3}{4}}$	312	5	6
211	3	3		2330	1	5
192	3	$3\frac{1}{4}$				
18	19	$11\frac{1}{4}$				

H. M. B.

P.W.D.
12 EP 76
N^o 6621

Dr. Captain John McPhail in account with (copy)

Captain John McPhail in account with Secretary of State for India

Let

To Account paid me	£	s	d	By full Account Contract	£	s	d
To Account paid me	460	10	3	By full Account Contract	460	10	3
Contract at Glasgow	230	-	-	By Credit Coal Trimmers Gibraltar	1	12	-
do paid at Gibraltar	-	14	-	By do do "Port Said"	1	12	-
do Messrs Hyatt & Wms & Co.	-	-	-	By do do at Aden	-	-	-
Bill Canal Disbursement Port Said	35	2	5				
do Messrs Luke Thomas & Co. Cash	7	2	6				
for disbursement at Aden	36	5	-				
do Cash Madras Rs 400	153	6	4				
do Ex @ 1-9 3/4							
To balance due me							
	462	10	3				

I hereby certify that with regard to Contract No 400 = 326-5-11 have only been paid, and that a balance of £153-6-4 still remains as shown, due to Captain John McPhail which he requests to be held over so that he may apply to the Right

Balance due me
carried down £153-6-4.

March 15 June 1876

Ad/ John McPhail - How

Ministry of State for Lydia in London for St. -

Master J. L. Hobart.

~~Pathe 193 Bear's den~~

Wm. A. W. 6/9/92

commanded the vessels on their voyages out,
and directed that the balances of the
sums due on the Agreements, as well as
the sums for the purchase of the
remainder of their Stores put down in
English money at best price should be
paid at the official rate of exchange,
viz, $1/9\frac{3}{4}$ to the Rupee and not at
the current rate which was then $1/8$

3. Mr Beardmore therefore
acted on that advice though being of
a reverse opinion with regard to the
rate of exchange.

4. Captain McPhail not
liking to incur this loss requested that
part only of his dues should be paid
him here, namely £36-5-0 at $1/9\frac{3}{4}$
equal to Rs 400, and for his surplus
Stores £98. 5. 3 at $1/9\frac{3}{4}$ = Rs 1084. 4-5,
leaving a further sum due on his
Agreement of £153-6-4 which he
asked should be paid him on his

2
3
applying to the India Office in London.

5. Mr Beardmore seeing no
objection to that course and being advised by
Captain Taylor that it was allowable, agreed
to it, and noted in the Statement of Accounts
that the sum of £153-6-4 was still due
to him.

6. By the Mail that left London
on August 11th Mr Parkes writes Captain
McPhail called yesterday and is in the
way to get his balance paid though there
is as yet no official advice from Madras
about it. Mr Parkes adds, with regard
to the payments that had already been
made to him at $1/9\frac{3}{4}$ to the Rupee, he
thinks "he has scarcely had justice done him."
"His Agreement was made entirely in
terms of pounds sterling and he had a
clear right to the full amount."

7. Mr Beardmore considered
his signature on the accounts, (copy of
which is enclosed) certifying that £153-6-4
was still due, would be sufficient to obtain

Captain McPhail his money, and
thought it unnecessary to address
Government on the subject, and it is
explained above how each Captain
came to be paid at a higher rate
of exchange than would pay them
pounds Sterling at the then current
rate.

8 I have therefore the honour
to request that the Home Government
be addressed in order that they may
pay the above sum due to Captain
McPhail and that also information
be afforded whether these men are
not entitled to the loss they experienced
in being paid in Rupees at $1/9\frac{3}{4}$ which
in Captain McPhail's case amounted
to £9-16-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ and in Captain Lindsay's
who was paid a balance of £183-15-3
at $1/9\frac{3}{4}$ = Rs 2027-11-11 on his Agree-
ment, and £24-8-0 at $1/9\frac{3}{4}$ equal to
Rs 302-5-6 for his surplus Stores.

amounted to £18. 19. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$. ✓

9

Captain Lindsay also put in
further claims for detention in the blyde
before leaving Scotland but these were
disallowed by the Master Attendant as
no information had been received about
them and a Statement of them was
furnished to him in order that they
might be settled by Mr. Parker and
the India Office.

10

Enclosed is a copy of the
Statement of Accounts given to Captain
McPhail whereon is certified that
£153-6-4 are due to him: and a
tabular Statement shewing the loss
experienced by each Captain by being
paid at the official rate of
exchange against the current rate of
 $1/8$ to a Rupee.

11

In conclusion I beg to

request that information be sent
home by an early Mail as
the Captains have been waiting
some time for the settlement of
their claims..

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

J. N. Thorogood.

Superintendent

4814-3-76 No 663

19-5-76 - 1252.

P.W.D.

From

12 SEP 76

The Superintendent
Madras Harbour Works

To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George

Dated 12th
Reed 12 Sept 1876

Sir,

Submits certain claims
of Capt McPhail and
Lindsay of the Hoppen
Barges for adjustment
in England.

10404/5

Ci-15-9-76 Mha 23-9-76
Reb 13-9-76

L.W. Dept 9

No 50 of 1876. 9

To
The Most Honble
the Secretary of State for India

My Lord Marquis,

I am forwarding
for your Lordship's in-
formation the accompany-
ing copy of a letter with
its enclosures from the
Superintendent of the
Madras Harbour Works
we have the honor to
request that instructions
may be given for the
payment to Captain
McPhail of the sum
of £153-6-4 shown
by his account to be
still due. It will be
seen from Mr. Thoroughgood's

letter

1861

[illegible]

2000 15 11 - 2000 15 11

[Faint handwritten notes, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side.]

10

10

Am. L. L. L. L.
M. L. L. L. L. L.

No 2553

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT

UNDER date the 23 Sept 76
Read the following -

From
The Supt. Madras
Harbour Works } (H. E. No 70 Wd 12th Sept 76)

Ordered that the
Home Government be
requested to disburse the
amount still due to
Captain McPhail, and
to reimburse both Captains
of the Steam Barges
the loss by exchange which
they have sustained
by payments in India.

Requesting for reasons
stated to disburse the amount
still due to Capt. McPhail
and to reimburse both
Captains of the Steam
Barges, sent out for the
Madras Harbour Works, the
loss by exchange which
they have sustained by
payments in India.

Supt. Madras H Works
Per P. W. Accto.

Dated 29/9/76

Love is the life.
His grace the power.

57

For the 1st of the month

2. 1. 19

The image is a high-contrast, black and white scan of a document page. It is heavily degraded with significant noise, speckling, and a large, dark, irregular shape in the upper right corner. The text is mostly illegible due to the poor quality of the scan. There are some faint, dark, and blurry marks that appear to be remnants of text or handwriting, but they cannot be transcribed accurately.

404/5

Requesting for reasons
stated ~~that Captains~~
~~both the Captains~~ to
disburse the amount still
due to Capt. M. C. Phail,
to reimburse both Cap-
tains of the Steam Barges
sent out for the M H Works
the loss by exchange when
they have sustained by
payments in India

~~Requesting for
reasons stated that
the sums due to the
Captains of the Steam
Hopper Barges may
be~~

6621
Govt. of 1876 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Sup^r Madras Harbour
Works.

Dated

Issued

Recd

Encl

G O 23rd 6/11/1876, No. 2443

Nos.

Sums due to the Cap-
tains of the Steam Hopper
Barges for the Madras Harbour Works
The Home

Government addressed
on the subject of the

20-9-76