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Public Works

DEPARTMENT

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

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th December 1876. No. 3,450.

Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 11th December 1876, No. 2,099.

From J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieutenant, R.N.R., Master Attendant, Administrative Department, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated Madras, 9th December 1876, No. 8,598.

I HAVE the honor to submit the following report on the several points noted in the order recorded in the Proceedings of No. 256, dated 11th July 1876. Government marginally noted.

1st.—*Transshipment at Suez.*—This was unavoidable, the vessel conveying the Government stores having broke down the owners were clearly bound to immediately tranship the stores by the first steamer available in the interests of all concerned, and as a duty devolving upon them as "common carriers."

2nd.—*Sending in Boats not supplied by the Marine Department.*—On this point the ship infringed a rule laid down for the landing and shipping of Government stores by discharging them into boats not especially sent by this department. On this point I enclose an explanation, in original, from the Deputy Master Attendant.

3rd.—*Not landing at the Pier.*—There is no rule in force to compel any ship to land Government cargo at the pier. When this department supplies boats, then the tindals are warned to discharge alongside of the pier, which they do. But frequently when the pier is clogged all laden Masulah boats, whether with private or Government cargo, are turned on shore. But since Mr. Thorowgood's arrival at Madras, he has expressly requested that all casks of cement belonging to the Harbour Works may be landed on the beach, and not on the pier.

From the Deputy Master Attendant, Executive Department, Madras, to the Master Attendant, Administrative Department, Madras, dated Madras, 18th July 1876, No. 1,260.

Office Memorandum No. 4,726 of 17th July 1876.

With reference to above memorandum has the honor to state that no doubt cement was landed from the steamer *Australia* at time in question, in boats other than sent by this department for special landing of same in consequence of despatch being essential for the steamer, and thus loading boats then alongside with cement, as cargo readiest at hand, instead of waiting arrival of those supplied by the Marine Department.

2. A good deal of work was going on at the pier while this said cement was in course of being landed, and finding on reaching the pier they would have to wait a long time before discharge in rotation could be obtained, the usual plan was adopted by the Masulah boats of proceeding to the beach for landing of their cargoes.

(Signed) J. B. CROWTHER,
Deputy Master Attendant.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
16th December 1876. No. 3,450.

No. 409. ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1876, No. 3,450.

ACCOUNT, No. 23-A.

ORDERED that the Packing Account submitted with the letter recorded with G.O., No. 1,651, dated 30th June 1876, be re-transmitted to the Home Government together with the subsequent correspondence.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Presidency,
" Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, } with a copy of letter.
" Marine Department,

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 16th December 1876.

No. 410.

No. 3,451.

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. 23-B.

SIR,—I am directed to forward here-
with the original Packing Account of
Public Works stores shipped per S.S. *Surat*
for the Madras Harbour Works, together with Proceedings of a Committee of Survey
and the subsequent correspondence arising therefrom. It will be observed that of the
156 casks of cement inspected 46 were more or less broken, and that the Committee
think that no liability attaches to the ship on this account owing to the slightness
of the casks in which the cement was packed. As regards the two casks loaded in boats
not belonging to the Marine Department, the Committee are of opinion, and in this
view His Grace the Governor in Council concurs, that the ship should make good
the loss, viz., Rupees 16-8-0.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Letter from the Offg. Superintendent
 Madras Harbour Works No 1498 d/ 21st July 1876
 Indorsement of the Offg. District Engineer
 Presidency No. 2536 d/ 11th August 1876 on letter
 from the General Superintendent, Public
 Works & Stores No. 641 d/ 9th Aug 1876.

FOR ORDERS.

Major Genl. R.E.
 Secretary to Government F.W.D.

Letter from the Offg. Supt., Madras Harbour Works, No 1498
 dated 21st July 1876.
 From the District Engineer Presidency, No 2536 d/ 11 Aug 76.
 " Master Attendant, Madras, No 8598 d/ 9 Dec 76.

FOR ORDERS.

C. M. Walker Major Genl. R.E.
 Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

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MASTER ATTENDANT'S OFFICE,

Executive Department,

Madras, 18th July 1876

Recd - R. V. R.

MEMORANDUM 76

From *N. V. R.*

The Deputy Master Attendant,

Executive Department,

Madras,

To

*The Master Attendant,
Administrative Dept.
Madras.*

REFERENCE

Office Memo 4726 of July 7-1876

*With reference to above Memo
has the honor to state that no doubt
cement was landed from the
SS "Australia" at time in question
in boats other than sent by this
Department for special landing
of same, in consequence of despatch
being essential for the steamer,
and thus loading boats then
alongside, with cement, as cargo
ready at hand, instead of
waiting*

Administrative Department.

No. 8598

MADRAS,
Marine Office,

9th December 1876.

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J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., LIET., R.N.R.,

Master Attendant,

Administrative Department,

Madras,

To

The Honorable W. H. Dendallton

Chief Secretary to Government,

Marine Department,

Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the following report on the several points noted in the order recorded in the Proceedings of Government marginally noted. 1st Transshipment at Surry - This was unavoidable, the vessel conveying the Government stores having broken down, the owners were clearly bound to immediately tranship the stores by the first steamer available, in the interests of all concerned, and as a duty devolving upon them as 'common carriers.'

2nd Sending in boats not supplied by the Marine Department. On this point, the ship infringed a rule laid down

waiting arrival of those supplied by the Marine Department. A good deal of work was going on at the Pier while this said Cement was in course of being landed, and for many on reaching the Pier they would have to wait a long time before discharge in rotation could be obtained, the usual plan was adopted by the Masulah Boats, of proceeding to the beach for landing of their Cargoes.

Respectfully

Deputy Master Attendant

H. V.

N^o 256 dated
11th July 1876.

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the pier.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedt Servant
W. Taylor
Master Attendant
Administrative Department

Mr

P.W.D.

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Memorandum

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Para 2 of G.O. dated 30th June 1876. No. 1658 read and
~~with reference to~~ Clause 1. viz whether the forty broken
Casks were of lighter make than those that arrived
sound, the undersigned are of opinion that the Casks
were all of the same make, there being no perceptible
difference in their construction; but a large number
of the broken Casks were old and brittle, and as all
the Casks were stowed in one hold, in four tiers, the
probability of the broken ones being stowed in lowest tier,
inclined them in the belief that the damage was
occasioned by the weight of the Upper tiers, and
they accordingly recorded their opinion that the
Casks were too slight for the Service, and exonerated
the Ship from liability. With reference to Clause 2, the
undersigned beg to point out, that only two Casks,
that left the Ship after dark were damaged. These
were put into a boat with general cargo about 9 P.M.
the boat broke adrift from the side of the
Steamer, and beached, and must then have got
damaged. vide para 2 of the Survey report, recorded
with the above G.O. hence the Ship was held liable
only for the loss of the two Casks of cement. The 108
Casks partially damaged by exposure were not all
landed after dark, but only 83, and the damage
occurred to them after they were out of the boat, and
on these grounds the Ship was not held liable.

There is no rule compelling
Ships

By Mr. John Smith

W. J. Smith

A. J. Smith

W. J. Smith

14-12-76

Memorandum
No. 1658

The Master Attendants

at

The Chief Dept. to Govt.

Marine Department

dated 9th Dec 76

Received No. 8590130

Submits report on the

Cement for the Steamer

"Huntress" damaged by the

"Huntress" Steamer

Wm. Smith

Ships to land Government Cargo on the
Pier.

J. H. Mainger
B. B. Mainger

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Madras

August 1876

The undersigned has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the above subject. In reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. The result of their deliberations will be communicated to you as soon as it is ascertained.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. Mainger

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PUBLIC WORKS STORE DEPARTMENT,
Madras, 9th August 1876.

No. 641.

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From

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
PUBLIC WORKS STORES AND WORKSHOPS,

To

THE *District Engineer*
Presidency, Fort St George

REFERENCE.— letter No. dated

SIR,

Enclosure

With reference to para 23 of
G.O. 30 June 1876 No. 1651, communicated with
your endorsement No. 1866 of the 10th July last,
I have the honor to enclose a memo furnishing
the information called for.

I have the honor to be

Yours most

Obt. Servant

J. H. Manger
General Supt. P. W. Stores

2-9-1876

Enclosure

10/21/20

N^o 49. W.

To
N. S. B. Beardmore Esq.,
Offg. Superintendent,
Madras Harbour Works.
Major General G. H. Walker, R. E.,
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Madras, 21st July 1876.

Sir,
With reference to G. O. N^o 1651 of the
30th June, I have the honor to report that I
estimate the amount of loss on the 46 broken
and damaged casks of cement, landed from
the P. & O. Steam Ship "Australia," to about
8% or Rupees 30.12.0
and damage sustained by
the 108 casks has been found
to be at about 2% or Rupees 19.3.6

49.15.6

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

Nathl B Beardmore

Offg. Superintendent.

49.14-12-76

49.30-6-76 No 1657

49.1651 of 30th June 1876

Mr. S. B. Beardmore Esq.
Major General G. H. Walker, R. E.,
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

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To
The General Superintendent,
Public Works Stores,
The District Engineer,
Madras.
Dated 21st July 1876.
Received
No. 641
Enclosure
I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
Nathl B Beardmore
Offg. Superintendent.

P.W.D.
2500178
No. 7678

From
The Offg. Superintendent
Madras Harbour Works
To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

Dated 21st July 1876
Recd.

No. 49 W.

Reports amount of loss
on damaged cement per Aus-
tralia

No. 408

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No. 3450 Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 16 Aug 76

Read the following:-

From the Offg. Superintendent,
Madras Harbour Works (H.E. No. 49 W. 21 July 76)
" District Eng. Presidency (— 2536 31 Aug 76)
" Master Attendant (— 8598 9 Dec 76)

Ordered that the
Packing Account submitted
with the letter recorded with
H.E. No. 49 W. 21 July 76
be forwarded to the
Home Government together
with the subsequent corre-
spondence.

H.E. No. 3450 16 Aug 76

The Under Secretary
of State for India

I am directed to

Wm. Paddy
Capt. Madras Harbour Works
Marine Dept. With copy
H.E. No. 3450 16 Aug 76

forward

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Amr

H. Little

707/581/9010
Govt. of 1876 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The R. & S. Presidency

Dated

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 16th Dec^r 1876, No. 3457
3457

Nos. 408-410

Packing Account of the
the Madras Harbour
the ————
to be signed ————
and be forwarded to
the Home Govt.

Re transmitting with the
marks the original
Packing Account of the
the Madras Harbour
works per Sd^o "Sarat"

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[Signature]

En: 14-12-76.