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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

8th March 1878, No. 1,185 W.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 98. Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 28th February 1878, No. 345.

From J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieutenant, R.N.R., Master Attendant, Administrative Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated Madras, 20th February 1878, No. 1,441.

On a review of the operations connected with the landing and shipping of free goods, such as grain, &c., during the last few years, and particularly during the famine period, the great want of any security from rain or plunder of such products is painfully apparent. Having waived the foreshore right of the port during the famine in favor of the Municipality, who were suffering great losses from the injury to roads and communications, I refrained from taking any steps in the direction of a remedy. But the pressure being now over, I would beg respectfully to represent to His Grace the Governor in Council that a first line of sheds should be constructed into which the cargoes of ships might be safely housed and distributed without any of the loss and trouble that the present out-turn on to the beach involves. I may mention that very serious loss and inconvenience have been occasioned during these months past, and much bitterness caused by the custom that obtains of each ship bundling her cargo indiscriminately on to the beach without regard to mark or condition, and fortified by the saving clauses obtruded on the bill of lading in defiance of law and justice, leaving the unfortunate consignees to battle over the confused mass, the result being that the last-comer finds little left but half empty bags and damaged remains, while delivery is refused unless all charges of freight and landing are paid in advance, and the onus of contending for right in a Court of Law thrown upon the sufferer. It is impossible to over-estimate the loss and trouble that have been occasioned in this direction, and I have no hesitation in saying that the whole shipping trade would gladly welcome such a protection as sheds would afford, and cheerfully pay such a moderate warehouse due as would amply repay the original cost and go some way towards a welcome addition to the Port Fund. Such a line must, moreover, ultimately form one of the features of the Harbour. The Custom House receives all dutiable articles, and so far they are provided for, but the enormous amount of free goods are unprotected, and the present system is both wasteful and costly. The roads would also share the benefit of this alteration. I would beg to propose that a broad road be left between the present tramway and the sheds, along which a line of rail from the Pier should run so as to bring Pier traffic under operation of the same help, and that sheds of sufficient magnitude and affording sufficient protection should be as cheaply and effectively constructed as possible, great care being taken not to interfere with existing rights of houses and offices on the First Line Beach, a precaution that could easily be taken, free spaces also being left for the passage of goods which the owners preferred taking

charge of at once, and no interference with any present convenience or custom being allowed. It will be within the recollection of His Grace the Governor in Council with what anxiety the appearances of the weather were watched during the famine, and how even the almost priceless boon of anticipated rain was compared unfavorably with the certain damage to the exposed stores of grain barely sufficient in quantity to keep a live the inhabitants of the desolate divisions of this Presidency. Such protection would then have been invaluable, and the trade requires it even now, though not in such an emergent manner. I do not intend to enter into any detail in this letter, but only strongly urge the principle, while if the measure receives the sanction of Government, plans and estimates shall immediately be forthcoming. The advantages I claim for this plan are briefly a present material source of Port revenue, a protection from injury and robbery, and a convenient space where Captains and consignees may see their engagements honestly carried out, and each holder of a bill of lading, for a small fee, have his goods placed before his eyes, and its quality and quantity made a question of direct evidence and arbitration. The space between the Harbour Piers being now the sole landing place for everything except timber, the greatest benefit to the community must result from the utilization of the ground as proposed. I may add, though it is not directly to the purpose, that a pleasant and business-like feature may be added to the beach and cleanliness and order be secured, although the use of the sheds by the public should for the present be purely voluntary.

The work of which a rough sketch is forwarded would form a charge on the available balance of Port Funds.

(Signed) J. H. TAYLOR, Lieut., R.N.R.,  
Master Attendant.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department with His Grace the Governor's Note.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,  
Chief Secretary.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1878, No. 1,185 W.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council resolves to refer these papers in the first instance to the Harbour Superintendent, for consideration where the sheds may best be placed, having in view the possibility of the removal of the surf-banks of the Harbour, and the opening out of a broad cut between the Harbour and the shore, should such a measure be found necessary to prevent the objectionable accumulation of sand from the south groyne to the Fort.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,  
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.

Exd. S. T. Austin  
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.  
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1878) Madras.  
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDENT, MADRAS  
HARBOUR WORKS.

Dated March, 1878.

Letter

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G. O., 29. March 1878, No. 1,186 W.

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Nos. 98-99.

Filed for the housing of free goods, Madras.  
— Letter from the Master Attendant sug-  
gesting the erection of — referred to the  
Harbour Superintendent for consideration on  
action points.

Administrative Department.

No. 1141.

MADRAS,  
Marine Office,

20<sup>th</sup> February 1878.

From

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

Master Attendant,

Administrative Department,  
Madras,

To

The Honorable D. F. Carmichael

Chief Secretary to Government,

Marine Department,

Port Saint George.

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Your most Obedt Servt.

W Taylor

Chief Clerk  
Administrative Department

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Chief Clerk  
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Marine Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from

the Master Attendant, Madras, dated  
20th February 1878, No. 1441.

Order thereon

Before this is so referred.  
Let it be so far considered  
that if the Chamber appears  
it can be properly carried out

Ordered that the

foreign letter be referred  
to the Chamber of Com.  
I think sheds would be a  
great benefit - but 2 questions  
arise - I have full right to  
build shed as, Captain of Sea Customs for their  
of considerable tranquillity  
without compensating amount  
property nor having sea  
portage?

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The Chamber of Commerce.  
" Collector of Sea Customs.

Ref. 22/78 5/11/78

John Goodall  
The Master Attendant

Marine Department  
No. 1441 dated 20th Feb 1878

Received 20th Feb 1878  
No. 1441

disagree the erection of  
sheds for the housing of  
gun powder. A shed is  
suggested. No. 345  
The Chamber of Commerce  
with their information  
20-2-78. The Chamber of  
Com.

Ref. 11/56 20/2/78  
Marine Department

probable that the  
surf banks will have  
the removal on board  
cut between the Harbor  
and the shore opened to  
prevent the objectionable  
accumulation of said  
garbage from the South side of the  
Harbor - if so - then should  
be so placed as not to  
interfere with -

Should first ask the  
Harbor Engineer to consider  
them with regard to all  
the considerations -  
Sheds may be built  
placed - then obtain  
estimate of cost - then  
ask the Comm. if they  
approve - and will  
approve of rate of  
pay proposed -

Wm. B. Jr.

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Supt. Madras Harbour Works.  
Marine Department.

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G. O., 8 Mar 1878, No. 1183 W

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Sheds for the housing  
of free goods. Madras  
Letter from the Master  
Attendant suggesting  
the erection of — referred  
to the Harbour Sup<sup>t</sup> for  
consideration on certain  
points

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