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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

12th August 1878, No 3,221 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper —

No. 143. From Colonel P. O'CONNELL, R E, Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated St. Thomas' Mount, 24th July 1878, No 2,685.

ON receipt of the Order of Government, No 2,553 W, dated 18th June 1878, on the subject of the stone removed from the foundations of the fort at Covelong, I wrote to the Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works inviting him to meet me at Covelong in order that the matter might be discussed on the spot. Unfortunately Mr. Thorowgood was not well and could not meet me.

2. Having inspected the fort on the 26th June, I wrote to the Superintendent and proposed that 4 Annas a cubic yard should be credited to Government for the stone removed from the fort and used on the Harbour Works, being then under the impression that these works were being executed on contract.

3 To this the Superintendent replied in his letter, No. 171 M, dated 8th July, that he considered this charge too high for the Harbour Works to pay to another department of Government. With a view of convincing him that the charge was not excessive, I sent him a copy of the data for loose boulder stone work both in ordinary tank works and at the Chembrambakam tank.

4 To this the Superintendent replies in his letter No. 196 M, dated 19th July 1878, that — "The contractor who got the stone did so entirely on his own responsibility and with a distinct understanding from me that I would not take any steps towards being responsible for the right of removing such stone

"4 If then the value of the stone at 4 Annas per cubic yard is to be recovered, it must be recovered from this contractor," and he adds that the Master Attendant agrees with him that it is the contractor to whom reference should be made.

5 I need hardly say that I have not the slightest intention of making any such reference to the contractor, who doubtless took the stone from the fort because it was to be used on a Government work.

6 The Covelong Fort, the plan of which is drawn on the accompanying survey, was rectangular with nine circular bastions. There are nothing but ruins of the superstructure remaining, within the fort are the foundations of two structures; the uses of which are not apparent. The fort was 200 yards in length and 150 in breadth. Taking the stone in its foundations as 2 yards in width and 2 in depth, its total cubic contents was probably about $700 \times 2 \times 2 = 2,800$ cubic yards, in the foundations of the largest of the two structures within the fort there was probably $200 \times 2 \times 2 = 800$ cubic yards; in the smaller structure there was probably another 200 cubic yards, or altogether about 3,800 cubic yards, of this 1,910 tons, or about

1,000 cubic yards have already been taken away for the Harbour Works. If Covelong were not about to be made a port, the remainder might be taken away free of charge for the Harbour Works. My proposition to charge 4 Annas a cubic yard was made on the supposition that these works were being carried out on contract.

7. As Covelong is, however, to be made a port, I think no more stone should be removed from the fort, as it may be required for Government buildings at the port.

No 144 ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1878, No. 3,221 W.

No more stone should be removed from Covelong for the Harbour Works. The stone already taken away without authority should now be paid for by the Harbour Works at such rate as the Chief Engineer may consider reasonable.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt, P.W.D.

(True Copy)

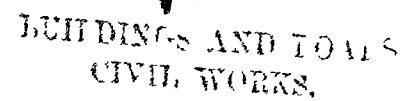
Major, R.E.,
Under Secy to Govt, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Chingleput
" Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts
" Revenue Department

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FOR DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
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No. 2685

CHINGLEPUT SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

SAINT THOMAS' MOUNT, 24th July 1878.

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER.

Chungleput

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

SIR,

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(to be returned)

20) On receipt of the order of Government No. 2553 of dated 18th June 1878 on the subject of the stone removed from the foundations of the Fort at Cavelong I wrote to the Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works, inviting him to meet me at Cavelong in order that the matter might be discussed on the spot. Unfortunately Mr. Thorowgood was not well and could not meet me.

2. Having inspected the Fort on the 26th June, I wrote to the Superintendent and proposed that 4 as a cubic yard should be credited to Government for the stone removed from the Fort and used on the Fort works, being then under the

impression that these works were being executed on contract.

3. To this the Superintendent replied in his letter No 171 M dated 8th July that he considered this charge too high for the Harbour Works to pay to another Department of Government. With a view of convincing him that the charge was not excessive, I sent him a copy of the data for loose boulder stone work both in ordinary Tank works and at the Chembrambakam Tank.

4. To this the Superintendent replied in his letter No 196 M dated 19th July 1878 that "The Contractor who got the stone did so entirely on his own responsibility and with a distinct understanding from me that I would not take any steps towards being responsible for the right of removing such stone."

"4. If then the value of the stone at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cubic yard is to be recovered it must be recovered from this Contractor" and he adds that the Master Attendant agrees with him that it is the Contractor

to whom reference should be made: 5. I need hardly say that I have not the slightest intention of making any such reference to the Contractor, who doubtless took the stone from the Tank because it was to be used on a Government work.

6. The Conelung Tank, the plan of which is drawn on the accompanying survey, was rectangular with nine circular bastions. There are nothing but ruins of the superstructure remaining, within the Tank, are the foundations of two structures. the uses of which are not apparent. The Tank was 200 yards in length and 150 in breadth. Taking the stone in its foundations as 2 yards in width and 2 in depth its total cubic content was probably about $700 \times 2 \times 2 = 2800$ cubic yards. in the foundations of the largest of the two structures within the Tank there was probably $200 \times 2 \times 2 = 800$ cubic yards. in the smaller structure there was probably another 200 cubic yards or altogether about 3800 cubic yards of this 1910 tons or about 1000 cubic yds.

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7. As Conelony is however to be
made a Port I think no more stone
should be removed from the Port.
as it may be required for Government
buildings at the Port.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

Thos Smith Colonel R.E.
Super Engineer, Chingleput
Com.

his no 2533 W 18 July 78

From the Supr. Engrs. Chngt

No 2685

dated 24th July 1878
Ord. 23

Enclosures One Plan

Covelong Fort Stone for
the Madras Harbour work
— Informing that no
more stones should be
removed from the —
as it may be required
for land building at the
Port.

To advy 25-7-78

Per 7.8.78
Cir 27/78

Marine Department

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Note for His Grace...

The question of
making Covelong a Port,
and extending thereto the
provisions of the Indian
Ports Act 1875, came
under consideration in
the Marine Depart.
in September and
November 1875, but no
orders were passed on
the papers till October
1877.
The Master At
tendant

Attendant was then
called upon to submit
Draft of Notification
Defining the limits of
the port, and also a
set of Rules for the
management of boats and
catamarans, in view to
the sanction of the Govt
of India being obtained.

3 The Master Attendant visited Porelong in February 1878 and settled the points at which the boundary pillars defining the limits of the port should be set up, and reported on the

Marine G.O. of 8th Feb
1878, No 89.

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the position for the
flag-staff. The District Engineer was then called upon to submit an estimate for restoring the flag-staff, and the Revenue Department to obtain the opinion of the Board of Revenue on the proposals to appoint the present Sea Customs Superintendent to the post of Conservator, and to levy the rates of one Rupee, and one Rupee and a half per boat per trip.

4. The Board's opinion is recorded in Proceedings Revenue

Revenue Department
No 717 dated 8th May
1878, copy of which has
been communicated to
the Master Attendant
Madras, and District
Engineer

S/A 3/8/78

Letter from the [illegible] [illegible],
No 2505 dated 24 July 1878

FOR ORDERS.

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Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 12 Aug 78

Read the following,

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The Supy. Engrs. Chingleput (H.C. No. 2685 of 24th July 1878)

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D. C. Chingleput
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Examiner J. W. Hector.
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Madras Harbour No.

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Subm (Rpt)