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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

29th October 1878, No. 4,176 W.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 328. From F. N. THOROWGOOD, Esq., Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Buildings and Roads, dated Madras, 22nd October 1878, No. 40 W.

I HAVE the honor to submit herewith copies of the correspondence between the Master Attendant and myself which has arisen from G.O., No. 3,568 W, of the 9th September 1878.

2. It will be observed that Captain Taylor in paragraph No. 2 of his letter (No. 7,689, of the 14th instant,) is of opinion that the vessels may be generally made over to me, and that he shall inspect them from time to time to see that they are kept in proper condition.

3. I now have the honor to await for orders of Government which may modify the G.O., No. 1,493 W, of 15th June 1876.

From F. N. THOROWGOOD, Esq., Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works, to the Master Attendant, Administrative Department, Madras, dated Madras, 8th October 1878, No. 344 M.

I HAVE the honor to make the following suggestions regarding the control of the Hopper Barges *Salisbury* and *Hobart* belonging to the Madras Harbour Works as directed by G.O., No. 3,568 W, of the 9th September 1878.

2. I would first suggest that the entire control of the vessels and of the crews be in my hands during the time when the vessels are working at tipping rubble base, and that during that time all indents for stores, repairs, boats, &c., be made direct on my office, thereby saving much time.

3. I also would suggest that the pay bills for the crews be submitted direct to my office, instead of through the Marine Department to my office, causing unnecessary and unavoidable delay. The Masters, Engineers, and crews of the vessels have to be paid in a precisely similar way to other officials under my charge, and I have to examine the pay bills, initial them, and sign the cheque for their payment, yet with these particular bills and these only there is delay caused by first passing the bills through the Marine Office for preparation (on forms supplied by this office) and secondly by sending the cheque from here to the Marine Office where the men receive payment.

4. It is in my estimation of the highest importance that a Superintendent of works should arrange for ready and punctual payments of men's wages, and I therefore am anxious to remove every possible obstruction to this however small. When the vessels are at Cocanada the men do not generally get their pay until the 22nd of the month, and I think this might be remedied if they were paid by transfer debit from this office to the District Officer of Cocanada, but that is a detail that can be ascertained afterwards.

5. With regard to the bills for provisions I see no reasons why they should not be treated as other bills and sent direct to the Harbour Office for payment. The amount of provisions for the crew is fixed according to scale, and the check upon it is, I imagine, only a question of weighing and measuring. I would propose that a contractor be secured by advertisement to supply provisions for six or twelve months at a fixed rate.

6. As regards the safety of the vessels and a knowledge of when it is advisable to remove them from Madras, &c., your great experience of the coast knowledge of storms, &c., &c., would naturally cause me to give all attention to your decision and advice, so I consider that no alteration should be made in the present existing arrangement under this head.

Madras Harbour Works

7. The appointing of Commanders and crew also I would leave in your hands, as you are better able to select them than I should be. The Engineers (as you are aware from G.O. No. 3,568 W, dated September 9th) are engaged until 1st September 1880, provided their conduct is good and their work done properly.

8. A summary of what I propose is then as follows:—

- I. During the time that the barges are working at tipping rubble base or other work for the Harbour at Madras they are to be entirely under the control of the Superintendent of Harbour Works.
- II. The pay bills be sent direct to this office for payment to avoid delay as much as possible.
- III. That bills for provisions be treated in the same way.
- IV. That the time for the departure of the vessels from Madras be in the hands of the Master Attendant, and if the Superintendent keeps the vessels after notice received that they should go away he does so on his own responsibility.
- V. That the appointment of crew and Commanders be in the hands of the Master Attendant.

9. I shall be glad to have your reply to this proposal, in order that I may forward both to Government as directed in the Government Order above quoted.

From J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieutenant, R.N.R., Master Attendant, Administrative Department, to the Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works, dated Madras, 14th October 1878, No. 7,689.

I HAVE the honor to reply to the suggestion made by you in your letter No. 344 M, dated 8th October 1878, regarding the custody of the Hopper Barges *Salisbury* and *Hobart*. I quite concur in your views as to the desirability of their being placed under one authority; though I am unable to see how any delay is caused by the present arrangement, still in a work like that upon which you are engaged, the suspicion even of any stoppage of the work is to be avoided. I am very glad you see your way to employ them so uninterruptedly.

2. I am of opinion that they may be made over to you entirely, the periods of their leaving Madras being left to my dictation, and perhaps an inspection made from time to time to satisfy Government that they are in seaworthy and proper condition, and that no unnecessary expenses are incurred upon them.

3. Should I see occasion to mistrust the weather while they are in the roads, I shall be happy to put myself in communication with you, and suggest any steps that seem to me necessary for their safety.

No. 329. ORDER THEREON, 29th October 1878, No. 4,176 W.

THE proposals made by the Master Attendant in his letter of the 14th October appear to be judicious, and are approved.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.
" Master Attendant, Madras.
" Marine Department.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of (1878) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDENT, MADRAS
HARBOUR WORKS,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated October 29th.

Issued

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G. O., 29th October 1878, No. 4,176 W.

OCTOBER.

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Madras Harbour Works.—Passing orders
on the correspondence regarding taking over
sole charge of the Hopper Barges of the—.

No. 40 W

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT,

MADRAS HARBOUR WORKS,

To

Colonel G. A. Ford R. E.
Secretary to Government Public Works Dep
Buildings & Roads
Fort Saint George
MADRAS, 2nd October 1878.

SIR,

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I have the honor to submit herewith
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orders of Government which may modify
the G. O. No. 1493 W. of 15th June 1876.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant
J. H. Moorwood.

Superintendent
Madras Harbour Works.

Administrative Department

From

No. 7689

To The Master Attendant Administrative Deptt
Madras

THE SUPERINTENDENT,

MADRAS HARBOUR WORKS,

Madras
Marine Office
14th October 1898

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Signed / J. H. Taylor.
Master Attendant
Administrative Department

/ A true copy /

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Superintendent
Madras Harbour Works

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Buildings & Roads

From The Superintendent
Madras Harbour Works

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Dated 22nd October 1878

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Submits copies of correspondence
regarding taking sole charge of
the Hopper Barges.

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No. 344 M.

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT,
MADRAS HARBOUR WORKS.

To

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V That the appointment of crew and commanders be in the hands of the Master Attendant.

I shall be glad to have your reply to this proposal in order that I may forward both to Government as directed in the L.O. above quoted.

I have &c.

[Signed] F. N. Thoroughgood
Superintendent of Harbour Works

[True copy]

F. N. Thoroughgood
Superintendent
of Harbour Works

No 4176

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

29th Sept

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dated 22nd October
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Govt. of (1878) Madras.

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To

The *Chief Engineer*

Dated

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G. O. 29th Oct: 1878, No. 4576

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Madras Harbour Works

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