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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

19th August 1879, No. 2,177 W.

Buildings and Roads.  
Civil Works.

Read again the following:—

No. 104. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 7th June 1879, No. 1,545 W.

No. 104-A. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 29th July 1879, No. 1,971 W.

Read the following:—

✓ No. 104-B. Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

Public Works.  
No. 17.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,  
10th July 1879.

MY LORD DUKE,—With reference to your Grace's letter, No. 9, dated 11th March last, I forward herewith copy of a communication\* from the Elder Brethren

\* Dated 6th June 1879.

of the Trinity House, containing their opinion as to the best form of entrance to be adopted for the Madras Harbour.

2. The Trinity House has been consulted as the highest English authority on the subject, and it has not been deemed necessary to obtain any further professional advice.

I have, &c.,  
CRANBROOK.

His Excellency the Most Noble  
The Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

From J. INGLIS, Esq., to the Under Secretary of State, India Office, dated Trinity House, London, E.C., 6th June 1879.

HAVING laid before the Board your letter of the 14th ultimo, enclosing, by direction of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, copy of a Report on the new Harbour now in process of construction at Madras, and requesting the opinion of the Elder Brethren upon certain propositions therein submitted, I am directed to acquaint you that after careful consideration of the question, whether it is desirable to retain the original plan for the form of the seaward side of the Harbour and of the entrance, or to adopt the change of design detailed in paragraphs 21 to 25 and illustrated by a sketch in the margin of the report, the Elder Brethren, many of whom are familiar with the locality, are of opinion that for facility of entering the Harbour, the oblique front shown by the dotted lines on the sketch will be the preferable form as better deflecting the wave and affording smoother water at the entrance.

2. I am to request that you will be so good as to convey to Viscount Cranbrook the assurance that the Elder Brethren have at all times great pleasure in affording what assistance may be within their power in matters which he may have occasion to place before them. The report which accompanied your letter is herewith returned.

No. 105. ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1879, No. 2,177 W.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council observes from the papers read above that the modification proposed by Mr. Parkes in the form of the Madras Harbour entrance has met with the concurrence of the majority of the most experienced Commanders of vessels that frequent the Madras roads, and also of the Board of Trade to whom the question was referred by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

2. His Grace has accordingly decided to give immediate effect to the change, and resolves to communicate the papers on the subject to the Harbour Works Committee and to the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, who will make the necessary arrangements for carrying out the alteration.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Harbour Works Committee.  
„ Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.

Exd. S. T. Austin.  
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS  
CIVIL WORKS.Govt. of (1879) Madras.  
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE HARBOUR WORKS COMMITTEE.

Dated August 1879.

Issued

Recd.

Enc.

G. O., 19th August 1879, No. 2177 V.

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Nos. 104-105.

Madras Harbour. - Directs the proposed  
modification in the form of entrance to be  
carried out.2177  
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Current No. \_\_\_\_\_

Letter No. 17

Dated the 18th July 1879

from the Secy of Works for

Proposed India.  
Order thereon -[Note.  
The Secy of Works has  
been advised of the  
decision given in this  
proceeding, and the  
draft from the Secy  
thereon has been acknowledged  
in Dispatch No. 48 of  
15 August 1879][X. This space allotted  
to the omission of the  
words line introduced  
in blue pencil, and  
the re-adoption of  
the original draft.]

15-8-79

P. W.

The Secy to P. W.

Communicated  
to the Harbour Supdt.  
in continuation of  
G. O. dated 5th March,  
7th June, & 29th July 1879,  
Nos 157 W, 1545 W, &  
1971 WThe practical authorities who  
have been consulted are unanimous in  
preferring the pro-  
jecting entrance, as  
marked in dotted  
lines on the sketch

attached to the first  
of the above mentioned  
orders, and His Grace  
the Governor in Council  
therefore sanctions the  
change of design.

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Dep. M. H. Works.  
Secy. Harbour Committee.  
Marine Dept.

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Public Works  
No. 17

India Office, London.  
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+ dated 6th June,  
1879

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obtain any further  
professional advice.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient

humble servant,

Cranbrook

G.O. 157 H. 5-3-79.  
 Dep- 9- 11-3-79.  
 G.O. 1625 H. 7-6-79.  
 Dep- 33- 11-6-79.  
 G.O. 1971 H. 29-7-79.

E.W.D.  
 No 52013579  
 No 2092  
 Public Works  
 10<sup>th</sup> July 1879

The  
 Letter sent to the  
 No 17.

G.O. 2177 H. 7-7-79

Recd 3 August 1879  
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Trinity House, London E.C.  
 6. June 1879.

Sir,

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Saml.  
W. S. English

P.W. Dixon  
No. 6, 20/10/79  
M.C. Bays

Copy Letter from the  
Elder Brethren of Trinity House  
dated 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 1879.

G.O. No. 2177 27 1879

Report to the Public Works Committee  
Madras, No. 17, dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 1879  
Paras 1

See in 1879 13

27/11/79  
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I am of opinion that  
Parker's scheme goes  
on - we are ✓  
think justified in  
sanctioning the  
modification of  
the scheme - yet is  
expensive & economy  
that very desirable

Madras  
Trinity House  
No. 2177 27 1879

For Orders

I send up three files  
relating to matters  
connected with the  
Madras Harbour which  
in consequence of the  
telegram lately received  
from the Director calling  
for the stoppage of all  
work which can be  
dispatched without  
endangering the Parker's  
scheme appear and  
to call for reconsideration

The first of these  
is the draft despatch  
to the S.F.S. marked  
10 - This meeting  
justifies the last  
para might do the  
work if approved

(B) Deals with  
the proposed change  
from the point  
entrance to the Harbour  
and

asks that letters  
may at once be invited  
in the subject of the  
mornings.

On matters of these  
questions does Sir  
Andrew Clarke's report  
favour the decisions  
that have been arrived  
at: As regards the first  
in favour of a north and  
a south entrance in-  
stead of the single one  
to the eastward; and  
with reference to the  
second he advocates  
the construction of  
wharves and mooring  
ships for and left  
close under the lee  
of these

day - whole paper  
of staff should be  
utilized to the utmost

I should accordingly  
commence to the  
Harbour Superintendant  
the  
modification of the  
direction - it is  
important he should  
know these facts  
of forming  
cause blocks -

I see no objection  
to postponing the  
mornings matter -

until you get  
officially commencing  
Sir A. Clarke  
objections minor  
we know nothing  
of them -

although I have  
been one sent  
to O. B. (St. Lawrence)

By 14/2  
11/18

that the other afternoon  
prints have been fully  
reconsidered and a  
final decision have been  
arrived at in communi-  
cation with the S of S and  
the S of S it would only  
now needlessly complicate  
matters to announce  
decisions to the latter  
which possibly may have  
to be altered

It is needless to say  
that the questions involved  
are of far reaching im-  
portance, involving to  
a very great extent the  
prosperity or otherwise  
of the port of London, and  
possibly even of the  
Providence; and as the  
works can go on without  
any serious interruption  
in some months (see  
any previous memo) it  
is not to my mind  
unfortunate

been shown on the  
very broad basis set out  
in Sir Andrew Clarke's  
Minute

But it seems also clear  
that there is no time  
to be lost in first settling  
the issues and in then  
collecting the data towards  
some ample discussion

As a preliminary  
towards any such discussion  
I beg to submit to submit  
a paper which I have  
drawn up as a general  
exposition of what I  
think on the subject &  
copy of which I have  
sent to Sir Andrew  
Clarke with reference  
to his Minute which  
he had communicated to  
me some time ago and  
which is now with the  
Grace the Governor.

13-2-79

W. H. H.

J. W. 21/2/79

In accordance  
with the decision  
of His Grace in Council  
(with accompanying  
order in Office note)  
you should now  
communicate to the  
Supt. of the Harbour  
works the specimen  
which has been arrived  
at by the nautical  
persons to whom  
the question was referred  
as to the advantages  
due to the alteration  
proposed in forming  
the entrance or  
east face of the  
harbour with

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... and  
a central entrance  
and of the confir-  
mation of this opinion  
by the Elder Brethren  
of the Trinity House  
to whom the Sect  
of S referred the  
matter

Mr Thoroughgood  
should now be  
authorized to make  
all the required  
arrangements for  
giving effect to this  
decision

I send also  
for perusal a  
note copy of which  
has been sent down

27/8

... and which his Grace  
has seen - Please  
return this when no  
longer required

I should be glad  
if you would record  
any facts or collect  
data in connection  
with the questions now  
raised which in  
your opinion may serve  
to allay the doubts  
which are entertained  
in regard to the validity  
of the Sanctions Scheme

In doing this you  
will act with advantage  
all in Mr Thoroughgood's  
assistance

15-8-79 Att

Problems have been  
is much regarding the  
entrance -

The question of  
acquiring v. wharf  
walls will be brought  
before the Committee  
in discussion -

File returned as  
requested -

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Under date the 19<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1879

Read the following:-

Pro: P. W. Dept. - (A.C. No. 1545 Wd 7<sup>th</sup> June 1879)

do do - (A.C. No. 1971 Wd 29<sup>th</sup> July -)

Despatch from the Secy of State } (A.C. No. 17 of 10<sup>th</sup> July -)

Must be  
full  
view

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to the Supt. Madras

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arrangements for carrying  
out the alterations  
affecting the harbour.

To be placed in  
a separate  
box  
All with  
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To The Harbour Works Committee ✓  
Suptt. Leach, Harbour Works  
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Despd 19-8-79  
S-C Despd 25-8-79

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Govt. of (1879) Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

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Encl.

G. O. 19 Aug 1879, No 2177h

Nos. 104-105

Madras Harbour

Directs the proposed  
modification in the  
sum of Rs. 1000 to be  
carried out.