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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

8th January 1880, No. 25 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 8. Read again Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 5th January 1880, No. 4-A W., authorising the Examiner to issue credits for January up to Rs. 80,000 or Rs. 29,000 in excess of estimate for the official year.

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1880, No. 25 W.

ORDERED- that the Secretary of State be addressed, copies of these Proceedings and those of the 6th instant, with the despatch to the Home Government, being forwarded for the information of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 10. (DOCKET No. 26 W., dated 8th January 1880.)

Forwarded.

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of [1880] Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Dated January 8th.

Issued

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G. O., 8th January 1880, No. 26 W.

JANUARY.
Nos. 8-10.

EXPENDITURE in excess of the budget
grant on the Madras Harbour Works.

25-26
No. 1 of 8th January/80.

To The Right Honble the Secy. of State
for India.

My Lord,

In continuation of
our Despatch of the 19th
December 1879 No. 72
we have the honour again
to address your Lordship
on the subject of the
Madras Harbour.

2. In that Despatch we
remarked that it would
be advisable at any time
to sanction expenditure
even in excess of the year's
estimate, should favorable

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weather or other cause permit
more rapid progress than
that anticipated when
the budget was under
consideration.

3. The estimate for the
current year, 1879-80,
amounted to Rs 85,000,
but unforeseen causes have
necessitated an expenditure
to the end of last month
of Rs 80,000, leaving a
balance of only Rs 5,000
for work during January,
February, and March,
months in which especially
favourable weather prevails.

4. Mr. Shorrogood, the
Superintendent of the
harbour works, reports
that a very rapid rate
of progress can be maintained

It is
estimated that
the works can be
completed in
the month of
April.

In the event of the
state of the sea admitting
of such progress

if he is allowed to expend
Rs 80,000 in each of the
three months.

5. We have therefore
considered it advisable
to direct the Examiner of
P. W. Accounts to issue
credits for January to
the extent of Rs 80,000, or
Rs 29,000 in excess of the
budget provision for the
year; and we would
request your Lordship
to telegraph confirmation
of our action, and per-
mission to us to sanction
a similar rate of
outlay during February
and March ^{i.e.} Rs 1,00,000.

6. The fact that the
progress of the harbour
works to the present date
has fallen very short of

that originally hoped
affords an additional
argument to those urged
in our Despatch of 19th
December 1879 for their
vigorous prosecution [without
regard to the amount
of funds that may be
available for other Indian
undertakings.]

7. Commenced in the
autumn of 1875, it was
expected that the harbour
works would be completed
in four years, but the
various obstructions to
progress, of which your
Lordship has from time
to time been advised,
have rendered it likely
that both piers will

entailed the expenditure
of Rs 58,50,790 -
up to this time

+ to end of Nov/79

that only Rs 34,82,542 have
been spent and
have

not be finished till the
spring of 1881. 25/11/80
8. Restriction of expenditure
would defer their completion
to a much later date,
while the total outlay
would be largely increased
by the necessity for main-
taining the
expensive establishment
and plant
for many months after
the expiration of the
period
four years at one time
necessary
allowed for the execution
of the work, as well as
by the interest on plant
only in part utilized.

Copy of the Despatches
Sent 8-1-1880
(Sd) Copy of the Despatches
Sent 15-1-1880.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 72

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

MY LORD,—We have the honor to forward copy of our Proceedings under date the 16th December 1879, No. 3,236 W., from which it will be seen that, having in view the restriction by your Lordship of the grant for outlay on Productive Public Works in India, the Supreme Government have been unable to assign a larger sum than seven lakhs for the Madras Harbour Works in 1880-81.

2. The Government of India, for the convenience of the Accounts Department, decided this year to classify the work in question as a Productive Public Work, but we feel confident that your Lordship, when fixing the amount to be expended on Productive Public Works in India during the coming official year, cannot have intended that the progress of the Madras Harbour should be in any way impeded by those orders. The work in question stands on a different footing from any now in course of construction, and, as remarked by Lord Salisbury in his Despatch of the 11th March 1875, No. 20, Public Works, to the Government of India, the question is one "too large to be dealt with only on financial grounds."

3. It is obviously of the greatest importance that the Harbour should be completed at the very earliest practicable date, in order that the services of the expensive staff necessarily maintained may be fully utilised. Although a fixed amount of estimated outlay is yearly named, it must not be overlooked that the work is one the progress of which is dependant on circumstances of sea and weather; and it is for the interests of the State to sanction expenditure even in excess of the budget grant, should exceptionally favorable weather permit of more rapid progress than that estimated. To reduce the outlay as now proposed will inevitably result in the waste of a large portion of the money provided, by the non-employment of the staff and deterioration by time and weather of materials, stagings, &c.,—which would suffice to complete the work if it be pushed forward, but will require costly replacement if operations be prolonged—and may seriously endanger the ultimate result by leaving an incomplete work exposed to the action of storms for a needlessly long period.

4. We have, therefore, the honor to request that your Lordship will be pleased to authorise the Government of India to advance funds on account of the Harbour Works to the full extent of the estimated outlay, ~~and~~ that the yearly grant may in no wise be made to depend upon the sum which is provided for other Productive Public Works.

We have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servants,

(Signed) BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS.

(") W. HUDLESTON.

(") DAVID F. CARMICHAEL.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
December 1879.

FORT ST. GEORGE.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter to the Right Honorable the
Secretary of State for India.

Dated 19th December.
No. 72, of 1879.

MADRAS HARBOUR WORKS.
On the subject of the restricted grant for
outlay during 1880-81.

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1879 Month	Progress on the North Pier	Progress on the South Pier.
January	None	110 $\frac{1}{4}$ ft from E
February	95 ft from B	166 ft - do -
March	81 $\frac{1}{4}$ ft - do	133 $\frac{1}{2}$ - do -
April	None	113 $\frac{1}{2}$ - do -
May	33 $\frac{1}{4}$ - do	75 - do -
June	146 $\frac{1}{2}$ - do	28 $\frac{1}{2}$ - do -
July	206 $\frac{3}{4}$ - do -	98 $\frac{3}{4}$ - do -
August	163 $\frac{1}{2}$ - do -	128 - do -
September	126 - do -	36 - do -
October	114 - do -	18 $\frac{3}{4}$ - do -
November	41 $\frac{1}{4}$ - do -	69 - do -
December	13 $\frac{5}{4}$ - do -	41 $\frac{1}{2}$ - do -
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For orders

Please see annexed
 Office note and draft-
 despatch to the Secy
 which if approved of
 I shall have signed
 & disposed of at once
 The matter being pressing
 I beg to send up the
 case direct

7/1/80 *Att*

This is only a working
 copy. Original is to be
 for copy mail but
 copy might go under
 his signature & under
 his photo saying that
 the signed copy will follow
 next mail.

@ despatched
 8/1/80

8/1/80

~~the report~~
A copy of a pro:
in which special reference
to the anticipated
rate of progress of
the harbor was
made, ~~and~~ is
available. The
best file that the
land section can
put up after
two days search
is herewith sent.
Very likely this
space forgot that
a strong case
has been ^{steadily} made
out in the despatch
of December 15th, 1875.
Under these circumstances
the draft ^{that} up
may do.

The Bureau named 200
feet per month as
a possible rate of
progress, but from
a statement (annexed)

of the monthly
advance last year,
it will be seen that
lack of cement presents
that rate being attained
except in one month.
(July) on one pier.

As his grace leaves
tomorrow (it is
understood), will
you circulate the
file direct to
him?

MS.
7/1

His Grace and the
Secretary of State
as regards the harbor
works, and it seems
very desirable that
that position should
be maintained.

It is perfectly certain
that an application
to the Admiralty would meet
with rejection.

MS.
29/12

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In former years, it
 would have been
 sufficient to authorize
 the C & advance
 funds to the
 extent of the left
 demands, and to
 report the action
 taken to India.
 But looking to the
 great attempt of
 the latter to reduce
 not pass grant it
 would be wise
 to give the C the
 necessary order, and
 to give to the
 Secretary of State
 a request for confirmation,
 copies of the papers
 being forwarded to
 India for information.
 In reality up to
 the present time
 the ~~Suprem~~ Govt of
 India have been
 merely a medium between

in the note appears
 to be the only feasible
 one

Att

30/12/79

I have no doubt
 that the C will
 be able to do so
 but I am not
 sure that the
 Government will
 be able to do so
 as the C will
 be able to do so
 but I am not
 sure that the
 Government will
 be able to do so

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Not made many
 suggestions
 as can be seen
 from the

looking up various
 early proceedings
 with the view
 of more & more
 the 27,000

M

he has no reason to
 be that

Mr W. H. H. H. H. H.
Mr. H. H. H. H. H.

For order

Please see enclosed
Note note

It is of the utmost
importance that the
harbours works should
be pushed on with
the greatest speed com-
patible with sound
work both as regards
the necessity of getting
quickly clear ahead
of the sand accumulation,
making the money
interests laid out re-
-commensurate at the
earliest possible date,
and saving on the cost
of establishment which
must be kept on longer
as the works are delayed

The course proposed

I have authorized the
Genl. to make the changes
I have indicated. The
works for the Genl. is
last design. I have given
in answer to

I think the works should go
on as rapidly as possible
but - it is not just that
the rate of expenditure &
the cost has been far
less than originally
anticipated i.e. in 1875 -
if so - an immense
sum would be made -
the present paper does

It cannot be cancelled,
the Dispatch having
been issued, and copies
of it having gone
to India. It is
probable that the
extra part of
which India has
been advised as
being the Dispatch

There seems to have
been some idea
of cancelling the Dispatch
which was not
of the office -

Will you please read
the two office notes
in the linked file,
or the duplicates remain,
thereon. Whether the
H.M. may have at
one time thought about
cancelling the Dispatch,
I see no reason to
be that now. Give

On perusing yesterday
P.O. of 8/1/80 No 26 W
I enquired in the Office
whether it should not
be cancelled, as I
understood the H. H.
to have expressed a
wish to that effect in
the first of Nov. -

To prevent misapprehension I herewith forward the office note which I recommended in reply to any enquiry.

Ally

30/180

[Handwritten signature]

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N^o 258.

P. W. Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 2nd Jan'y 1880.
again
Read the following
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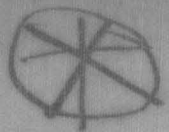
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N^o 268 d/3rd Jan'y 1880

Forwarded.

Despu
26-1-80.

J.R.



1870
Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

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G. O. S. Lang 1870, No. 25
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Madras Harbour works

The Secty of State addressed
on the subject of expenditure
in excess of the Budget grant
on the — & copies of these
Pp & Despatch forwarded
to the Secy I. —

Expenditure in excess of the
Budget grant on the
Madras Harbour works

Sgt

Ditto