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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

21st July 1881, No. 1,797 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 44. Endorsement of the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government in the Marine Department, dated Ootacamund, 15th July 1881, No. 1,218.

From J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieutenant R.N.R., Master Attendant, Administrative Department, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated Madras, 12th July 1881, No. 6,260.

I HAVE the honor to state, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that our increased experience of the capabilities of the Madras Harbour has convinced myself and the Officers of this Department that the system of buoys which was prepared in consultation with Messrs. Parkes and Thorowgood, and submitted for orders of Government with my letter No. 2,017, dated 11th March 1879, requires revision, and the substitution of a smaller number than was then considered practicable, and a different disposition of them.

2. In fine weather, such as usually obtains in Madras, a very large number of vessels of ordinary size will undoubtedly be accommodated, but it is necessary to provide swinging berths for a certain proportion of the very large steamers that visit the port. It is found that when secured by sternfasts they often snap the strongest warps, even in the present land winds and sea breezes, and the danger of collision becomes very great. As the screw moorings and chains once placed can never be recovered, and preparations for placing them are nearly completed, it is advisable to re-open the question as soon as possible, in order that it may be referred to Mr. Parkes, who it is understood retains his former opinion, and is not agreeable to any departure from it, if such departure entails lessening the number of screw moorings. I am, however, of opinion that an alteration is imperative in the interests of the harbour, and therefore respectfully advise that Mr. Thorowgood and Mr. Beardmore and myself, aided by the Executive Officer of the Port and Harbour Master, be instructed to prepare a new scale to be resubmitted for orders of Government. No delay will occur for some time as the inshore buoys are not to be interfered with and they can be attended to at once.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, 21st July 1881, No. 1,797 W.

On the recommendation of the Master Attendant, the Honorable the Governor in Council assents to the re-opening of the question of the system of mooring to be adopted in the Madras Harbour.

2. The matter will accordingly be taken into consideration by a Committee composed of the Master Attendant, Administrative Department, the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, aided by the Executive Officer of the Port and Harbour Master. The Committee will have power to add to their number one or more experienced Masters of vessels who may be willing to act with them.

3. The proposals of the Committee should be submitted to Government at as early a date as practicable, with any remarks which the Engineer-in-Chief of the Harbour Works may wish to make.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Master Attendant, Administrative Department, Madras.
" Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.
" Engineer-in-Chief, Madras Harbour Works.
" Marine Department.

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Gobt. of (1881) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE MASTER ATTENDANT,
MADRAS,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 21st.

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G. O., 21st July 1881, No. 1797 W.

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Nos. 44-45.

System of Mooring to be adopted in the
Madras Harbour.—Appointment of a Com-
mittee to consider the —.

Administrative Department.

CURRENT No. 422

MADRAS.

No. 6260.

Marine Office,

12th July 1881.

From

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

Master Attendant,
Administrative Department,
Madras.

To

C. G. Master Esquire

Offgo Chief Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

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Sir,
Yours most obedt. Servt.

W. L. L.

Master & Attendant
Administrative Department.

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From

The Master Attendant,
Administrative Dept.
Madras,

To

The Chief Secy. to Govt.,
Marine Department,
Fort Saint George.

Dated

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Enclosure.

Special

Marine (1881) DEPARTMENT.

(Chairs)

P. W. C. No 4181

From

THE MASTER ATTENDANT,
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT,
Madras.

To

THE CHIEF SECY. TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Fort Saint George.

No: 1218.

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H. Chief Secy.

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CURRENT No. 422

Subject.

Reporting on the necessity
of a revised system of
moorings for the Madras
Harbour, and availing
orders to prepare a scale.

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For order

I presume that the
Christian has Capt.
Taylor has arrived here
some actual experience
fully gained in the
Madras Harbour, as
judging by his previous
recommendation of Mr.
Parker's plan in at
least the "open system"
of mooring I should have
doubted that he had
considered this as well
to any emergency; but
it would obviously be
undesirable under the
present expression of his
opinion to proceed further
with the matter in the
proposed Committee
consisting of two Dissenters
and three nautical
Officers in which as good
as one can be supposed
under some representative
system of the P & O and

21/9/81

the B.I.S.N. Co. could be
induced to take part
in carrying the scheme.

Perhaps the Govt. in
sanctioning this committee
could give them power to
add to their numbers
one or more experienced
masters of vessels who
could be disposed to
assist them.

One or two meetings
of the committee will
all probably suffice to
settle the plan.

[Faint handwritten notes, possibly dated 18/7/81]

*Yes - Mr
18/7/81*

From over

P. W. Department.

N^o 1797 W

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 21st July/81

Read the following

Endorsement, Marine Dept,
Letter from the Master
Attendant, Administrative
Dept, Madras N^o 6260 of 12th
July 1881.

1287
(N^o 1218 of 15th July 1881)

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3. The proposals of the Committee should be submitted to Government at as early a date as practicable with any remarks which the Engineer-in-Chief of the Harbor

Works may wish to make.

Att

19/7/80
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To,

The Master Attendant

Administrative Dept. Madras. ✓

" Supt. Madras Harbor Works. ✓

" Engineer-in-Chief M.H. Works. ✓ I send this India Office
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" Marine Dept. ✓

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Govt. of 1881 Madras.

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