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N. 113 Ghasee Moheyuddin Seltah
Tondiarpett.

Madras, 19 September 1881.

To
The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Fort St. George.
Public Dept. Cochinamund.

Sir,

I beg respectfully to request that you will
be so good as to bring to the notice of Government, the
fact of the following circumstances.

A considerable encroachment of the sea
has taken place opposite my residence on the north
Beach, Tondiarpett, north of the Harbour. Several
ranges of little buildings and fishermen's huts that
existed previous to the commencement of the Harbour
works have gradually been washed away and the
only range that was standing, came to grief a few
days ago. The sea is now cutting up the road way
twenty yards off my Garden and I entertain great
fear that my property, as well as those adjoining,
will very soon be submerged, if Government are not
pleased to direct the proper authorities to adopt
such precautionary measures as may be considered
necessary with as little delay as possible and
prevent the serious damages now being caused.

I beg to remain, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
W. C. Van Denburgh.

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No 513 of 22nd Sept/81.
Referred to the
Supt. Madras Harbour
works for report

Mr. Sankey C.B.C.
Secretary to Govt. P.W. Dept.

To The Superintendent
Madras Harbour works
in original to be
returned.

P. W. C. No 513 of 22nd Sept/81.
From Mr. P. C. Van Derwark
Madras
To The Chief Secretary
to the Govt of Madras
Public Department.
Cotacamund.

Dated 19th } September 1881.
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Bringing to notice of Govern-
ment the encroachment of the sea
opposite his residence, Pondicherry
north of the Harbour, and requesting
that precautionary measures
may be taken to protect his
property.

Referred

well order
H. M. order

No. 581V.

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDENT,
MADRAS HARBOUR WORKS,

TO Colonel R. H. Sankey, C. B. R. C.
Secretary to Government P.W. Dept.
Buildings & Roads
MADRAS, 10th October 1881.

2 Enclosures

* City Office

Sir, I have the honor to return
herewith the letter from Mr. W. C.
Van Derwark with your endorsement
No 513 of the 22nd September.

2. The sea is encroaching very
rapidly near Mr. Van Derwark's
house, as well as at other places,
and I confess to finding that I
have rather more than I can
manage in attempting to carry
on sufficient protective works.
The quarry at Ambathoor is
practically useless as a supply
for suitable material, and at
the Pallavaram quarries I have
reduced

reduced work to such a small number of hands that it has been a matter of some difficulty to increase the outturn again. Moreover the road along the beach is so rugged and irregular that for a length of half a mile all stone must be either carried by bamboos or laboriously dragged over sand in country carts. - I am, however, using all expedition to form a railway along the coast which will soon show good results.

3. I send herewith a plan shewing the site of Mr. Tan Derwants' house (coloured yellow), and also shewing the coast line of

September 1876, September 1880 and September 1881. - Since making the survey on September 30th last, the sea has encroached approximately to the red lines. - In the absence of a large supply of stone the bank is being revetted with large sand bags, which serve very well as a temporary measure.

4. I can assure Government that we are doing our utmost to stop the encroachment, but the sea is attacking in two different places about half a mile apart and it is no easy matter to get material at each of these places in sufficient quantities. -

5. There is no doubt that Mr. Tan Derwants' view of the matter

matter is perfectly correct, the
erosion being serious, but it is
not more serious than we have
met with and overcome on previous
occasions. -

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedt Servt

J. H. Morogord, M. Inst. C. E.

Superintendent
M. R. Works

P. W. C. No 5518
Buildings & Roads

From
The Superintendent
Madras Harbour Works

No 50 W
Dated 10th October 1881
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(Plan)

Mr. Van Derwart's house
Returns letter from Mr.
Van Derwart with remarks
thereon on the encroachment
of the sea.

Encl. in Receipt Bgr

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 24th Octr 1881.

Read the following:—

From Mr. W. C. Vanderwart H.S. No 819. Sept 1881,
" The Supt. Mr. H. Warkis " No 50 W of 10. Octr 1881.

Mr. Van Derwart
will be informed that
measures are being taken
to stop the encroachment
of which he complains.
Cn

14/10

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To Mr. W. C. Vanderwart ✓
Supt Mr. H. Warkis ✓

Oct 14/10

25/10/81