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Madras Harbour

23 Abington Street

24 August 1881.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a photographic view of the Madras Harbour taken in July last, and also two statements A and B of the expenditure to 30 June, arranged respectively to correspond with the forms I have hitherto submitted, and with that approved with the Examiner of Public Works accounts.

2. The total amount of expenditure here given (Rupees 55,34,383) is very nearly, possibly somewhat in excess of, the total cost of the completed work. The rubble base is finished, except such small quantities of stone as may be wanted for levelling up the foundations. The concrete blocks are all made, and it only remains to set about 12,000 cubic yards in place. The cost of this at the normal rate would be under 24,000 rupees but as there is a good deal of special work the actual cost

The Under Secretary of State
for India

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may probably be rather more. This will be the principal item of future expenditure, though there will be expenses connected with closing the works which can scarcely be estimated beforehand.

3. But in the present stage of the works, one item which has hitherto been taken as one of expenditure may now be estimated as an asset viz the "materials on hand", which stand for an expenditure of Rupees 86,324. A large proportion of this, probably three fourths, consisting of Portland cement, timber, metals, ^{fuel} ~~fuel~~ will realize their full value by sale or transfer to some other department, and the remainder a portion of their value. The sum with which the works may be credited on account of these stores is therefore probably more than sufficient for future actual expenditure.

4. I may mention that this item does not include any of the special machinery or plant, or the buildings. The cost of these is debited to "Plant & Preliminaries".

Negotiations

Negotiations for the sale of such of these as are ~~no~~^{no} longer required are in progress, and some completed, but the proceeds will be credited to a separate account.

5. I should call attention to a slight alteration I have made in the form of both statements. The two items "Blocks in Stock" and "materials on hand" were formerly included in the column of "Estimate of portion completed" within the first total, and they contributed their percentages to swell the Estimates for "Contingencies" and "Establishment". That first total would now be in excess of the corresponding total for the whole work, if these two items were included, and the estimated allowance for Contingencies and Establishment for the unfinished work consequently greater than that for the completed work. To avoid that anomaly, I have excluded them from the total on which the percentages are taken.

6. By this arrangement the comparison of estimate and expenditure in the two items of Contingencies and Establishment appears rather less favourable than in the last statement, but this is

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 2^d Novr 1881
Read the following:—

From the Secy of State for I. & S. No 3207 22nd Sept 81.
Office note from the Secy of State No 7467 26th Oct 81.

Recorded pending
receipt of a communication from the Secy of
State as to Mr Parker's
movements.

2. The Govt. do not
think that the cost
of the moorings are
debatable against the
original estimate

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31/10/81