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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 26
1499 W.

LETTER—to

THE MOST HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

MY LORD MARQUIS,

In your Lordship's Despatch No. 1 Legislative dated 11th May 1882, we are requested to furnish a further statement of our reasons for considering the recent accident to the Madras Harbour Works a justification for the postponement of the formation of a Port Trust, as notwithstanding this accident the Harbour is to some extent now used for the purpose of trade and protection.

2. We have the honor to forward for your Lordship's information copy of our Proceedings No. 1382 W. dated 5th June 1882, (Public Works) dealing with the report of a special Committee appointed to consider certain points connected with the management of the Madras Harbour, levying dues for its use, and landing and shipping goods. The previous report of the Committee recorded with G.O. 2512 W. dated 14th October, 1881, is also appended for information with special advertence to para 5 of your Lordship's Despatch No. 17 P.W. dated 23rd June 1881.

3. It will be observed that the Committee unanimously recommend a consolidated charge of Rupees 2-2-0 per ton on all goods landed and shipped, in consideration of which charge the goods would be taken into safe keeping and proper arrangements made for their transit to and from the Custom House.

4. Instructions have accordingly been issued for the immediate preparation of a short draft Bill (which will be forwarded immediately for your Lordship's consideration) to enable the Government to levy this charge, the proceeds being used in the manner specified in paragraph 2 of our Proceedings of the 5th June 1882 No. 1382 W.

5. As regards the Agency to be employed, we have, as stated in these Proceedings, carefully weighed all that has been advanced in favor of the immediate creation of a Port Trust, and have arrived at the conclusion that, although such a measure will unquestionably be useful and indeed necessary ere long, there are weighty reasons for regarding it as premature under existing circumstances. We consider that it would be altogether undesirable to transfer to Trustees the responsibility for maintaining and working, as well as providing interest on the capital outlay of an incomplete and damaged work, of which the ultimate cost is uncertain; more especially since it is practicable as an intermediate arrangement to raise an income under Government administration by the short enactment above alluded to.

6. It is moreover of much importance that before the Harbour is handed over to Trustees, and before the Government divest themselves of immediate control, the method of realizing an income adequate to provide for the interest on the capital cost should be most carefully considered, due regard being had at once to the convenience of the classes more immediately connected with the shipping which frequents the Port and of the general public.

7. We trust, under these circumstances, that the action we propose to take in the matter will meet with your Lordship's approval.

We have the honor to be,

My Lord Marquis,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servants,

OOTACAMUND,
16th June, 1882.

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PUBLIC WORKS (1882) DEPARTMENT

LETTER to the Most Honorable
the Secretary of State for
India.

Dated 16th June 1882.

EXPLAINING the reasons for delay in the formation
of a Port Trust for the Madras Harbour.

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No. 26
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13/6/82

Wm. H. C. Jones
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Smith for
C. H. Jones