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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 39

READ—the following papers:—

From L. R. BURROWS, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Calicut, 17th November 1882, No. 1152.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 28th August 1882, No. 2202, Public Works Department, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter received from the European merchants of Calicut, offering to take over the pier on the terms expressed in G.O., and to request that Government will be pleased to authorize me to hand over the pier to the proposed Company as soon as it has been legally constituted.

2. I beg to forward a list of moveable articles in use on the pier, and to recommend that they also may be made over to the Company at the same time.

3. In handing over the pier it should be understood that the Port Officer will have free use of the pier for keeping his boat and for embarking and landing as hitherto, and also for landing and shipping all stores of the Marine Department pertaining to the establishments at Calicut and Beypore. It should also be understood that other Government stores will be charged for at the rates fixed for goods belonging to private persons in general.

4. I presume that there will be no objection to leasing or selling the Custom House buildings to the Company at the proper time, as suggested in paragraph 7 of the letter; but the terms need not be discussed now.

ENCLOSURE.

From Messrs. PIERCE, LESLIE and Company and other Merchants of Calicut, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Calicut, 14th November 1882.

We the undersigned merchants of Calicut beg to thank you for allowing us to peruse G.O., No. 2202 W., Public Works Department, relating to the Calicut Pier.

2. If it would serve any useful purpose we would not omit to answer the different points raised by the Madras Master Attendant in his letter to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 30th June 1882, No. 5504, but we think you will agree with us in thinking that it is unnecessary. We will therefore only trouble you with a few brief remarks and proposals.

3. "The few European merchants who have shown themselves * in this matter indifferent to all but their own fluctuating interests," beg to point out that when they asked the Madras Government to sanction the construction of a pier at this port they at the same time suggested that the port-dues should be raised from 2 to 3 annas per ton, and this suggestion was adopted and led to an increase of upwards of Rs. 5,000 per annum to the Port Fund.

* Vide paragraph 2 in Master Attendant's letter, No. 5504.

4. If you will kindly refer to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 4th May 1870, we think you will clearly see that the European merchants of this place were in no way responsible for the selection of the site of the existing pier.

5. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Madras Master Attendant's letter. It is the first time we have heard that "after the Railway was finished to Beypore it was represented by the mercantile community that a pier only was wanted to ensure the success of the Railway enterprise and secure the co-operation of the trade. A pier of timber was accordingly constructed." &c. We understand that the Railway authorities advocated the construction of a boat harbour at Beypore with a view to land and embark passengers, mails, and cargo in smooth water, and that the pier was constructed (under the supervision of one of the Railway Engineers) with a view to establish the practicability of the scheme. In any case it was no scheme of ours; we believe the reason why the Beypore pier was never used was because a bank of sand formed under it, on or before its completion, and there was then no water to float the boats.

6. In conclusion we shall be glad to accept the offer of his Excellency the Governor-in-Council, and will undertake to form a Company to take over the Calicut Pier on the terms stated in the G.O., dated 28th August 1882, No. 2202 W., Public Works Department.

7. If the removal of the existing Custom House buildings is contemplated, we beg to say that we are also willing to make arrangements for leasing or purchasing the premises on reasonable terms.

8. We estimate the cost of putting the pier into good working order will be Rs. 12,000.

9. Trusting to be favored with an early reply as the pier requires to be at least partially restored before the coffee shipping season commences at the end of next month.

(Signed)	PEIRCE, LESLIE and Co.
"	ANDREW and Co.
"	HINDE and Co.
"	Agent for Messrs. PARRY and Co.
"	G. HENKE and Co.

List of moveable Material connected with the Calicut Pier.

Two Cranes on T end of Pier supposed to be capable of lifting 15 cwt. each, but not guaranteed.

Two Rail Trucks in good order.

Six Do. do. defective.

CALICUT,
17th November 1882.

(Signed) H. RICHARDSON,
Port Officer.

No. 2140 C.

Referred to the Master Attendant, Madras, for favor of very early remarks.

22nd November 1882. (Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 39-A.

From J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieut., R.N.R., Master Attendant, Administrative Department, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 27th November 1882, No. 10235.

I have the honor to return the letter from the Collector of Malabar and the merchants of Calicut, and to report thereon that I am very glad the community have adopted the course proposed by Government, and I would suggest that the pier be made over to them, with no more than the necessary delay of preparing the conditions, for which purpose they should communicate with the Government Solicitor on the part of the Madras Government. The payment of Rs. 8,000 from the balance of Port Funds can be made in advance, with a view to the work of repair or reconstruction being put in hand as soon as possible. The right of the Master Attendant of the Port to accommodation for his boat, free passage at all times for his staff, and for Government passengers of all classes, should, I think, be inserted. The moveable articles

on the pier mentioned by Mr Burrows may be made over with it. I understand that the merchants are displeased with a sentence in my report attributing to them indifference to any but their own interests. I did not intend any reflection upon them. I considered the whole matter one of business, when of course they had their views to uphold, and I hope they will be satisfied with this explanation. That the tone of their own letter called for some reply on my part, I think, they must admit.

2. With regard to the shore buildings, I consider it necessary that the Master Attendant's Office and European Custom House should be retained in the building, but the sheds and yard might, if the Collector pleases, be made over at a valuation, such portion only as the Customs require being retained.

3. I am of opinion that the articles of the Company should prohibit the sale or transfer of the pier, without permission of Government, and provide for its resumption by Government in the event of the failure or dissolution of partnership.

No. 40.

ORDER—dated 6th December 1882, No. 3209 W., Public Works.

The Right Honorable the Governor-in-Council approves of the transfer of the Calicut Pier to the merchants of the port after they shall have been legally formed into a Company.

2. The Government Solicitor will prepare the Deed of Conveyance on the terms indicated by the Collector and Master Attendant.

3. The question of the disposal of the Custom House buildings will be deferred for the present.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Collector of Malabar.

" Master Attendant, Madras.

" Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.

" Government Solicitor, with copy of G.O., No. 2202 W., dated 28th August 1882.

" Revenue Department.

" Marine "

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1882) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated December, 6th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 6th Dec. 1882, No. 3209 W.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 39-40.

Calicut Pier.

Approving of the transfer of the — to the merchants of the Port, and ordering the question of the disposal of the Custom House buildings to lie over for the present.

Malabar Collector's Office,
Calicut, November 17th 1882.

From,

S. R. Burrows Esquire
Ag. Collector of
Malabar

To,

The Secretary to Government,
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Ag. Collector

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A. M. Stanley

Col R.E.
Secy. to Govt.
P.W.D.

From,

The Collector of Malabar
Calicut

To, The Secy. to Govt.
P.W.D.

Dated 17th Nov 1882
Recd

No 1152

Enclosure — 2

Calicut Pier.

Requests permission to hand over — to the local mercantile community for repairs &c.

Referred

To the Master Attendant Madras in original to be returned.

Enclosure to letter No 2140 of 17th Nov 1882 from Calicut to the Secy. to Govt. P.W.D. Calicut, Malabar Coast, on 14th November 1882.



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Wide para 2 in Master Attendant's letter No 5504.

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Sd/ Dewee Leslie & Co.

Sd/ Andrew & Co.

Sd/ Hinde & Co.

Sd/ Agent for Messrs
Parry & Co.

Sd/ G. Henke & Co.

(True copy)

W. G. Brown,
Ag. Collector

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Calicut Port Office
17th November 1882

Signed Henry Richardson
Port Officer

(True copy)

W. G. Brown,
Ag. Collector

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Administrative Department,

No. 10238.

MADRAS,

Marine Office,

27th November 1882.

From

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

Master Attendant,

Administrative Department,

Madras,

To

Colonel R. H. Tanky C.B.R.E.

Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Works ~~Marine~~ Department,
Fort Saint George.

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of the failure or dissolution of partnerships.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

W. L. Lister

Master Attendant

Administrative Department.

(188) DEPARTMENT.

From

THE MASTER ATTENDANT,
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT,
Madras

To

THE ~~SECRET~~ SECY. TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George.

No. 10235

Dated.

27 Nov 1882

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No.

Subject.

Approved of making
over the Cabaret Pier
to a Company.

No 3209

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 6th Decr/82

Read the following:—

From,

The Collector of Malabar (No 1152 of 17th Novr/82)
" Master Attendant,
Administrative Dept., Madras } (No 10235 of 27th Novr/82)

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Collector and Master

Attendant

3. The question of the disposal of the Customs House Buildings will be deferred for the present.

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Despatch 11-12-82

To,

The Collr of Malabar

" Master Attendant, Madras

" Sd. Fourth Circle

" Gnt Collector, with copy

of G.O. 2202 Wd/25 Sept/82

" Revenue Dept 21

" Marine Dept 7

To, The Chief Secretary to Govt
for countermands

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Govt. of (1882) Madras.
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