

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

9th February 1882, No. 49, Marine.

Read—the following letter from Commander H. A. STREET, R.N., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Military (Marine) Department, to the Superintendent of Marine Surveys, dated Fort William, 30th January 1882, No. 174 :—

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter, No. 142, of the 23rd November 1881, I am directed to inform you that the Government of India desire the survey and examination of the Santapillay reef to be taken in hand at once and completed as soon as possible. The *Celerity* is now on her way back to Calcutta, and she will be placed at your disposal for this work as soon as the Surveyor-General signifies that he no longer requires her services. I am accordingly to request that you will be good enough to issue the necessary instructions to No. 2 Survey Party and also take steps for securing the services of efficient divers without delay. You have estimated the total cost of the work at Rs. 10,270, but deducting the cost of No. 2 Survey Party, which would be incurred under any circumstances, the extra expenditure will really be Rs. 7,770. The Financial Department will therefore be asked to sanction a special provision of Rs. 8,000 for this work.

2. I am to add that the Government of India see no reason why every endeavour should not be made to accomplish this work as well as carry out the programme of this season's surveying operations.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, in continuation of endorsement dated the 1st November 1881, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

(By Order.)

(Signed) H. A. STREET, Commander, R.N.,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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Communicated to the Master Attendant, Madras, and to the Public Works Department in continuation of G.O., No. 538, dated 11th November 1881.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Master Attendant, Madras.
„ Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

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To S. E. P. J. J. J.

Santapillay Reef.—Communicating letter from
Government of India desiring that the survey and
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