

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 300 W.

No. 6.

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

Public Works Department.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 301 M., dated 12th September 1881, in which the Government of India request that a full and complete report on the capabilities of the port of Bimlipatam for the formation of a harbour for vessels of large draft may be furnished.

2. The question has, I am to say, been deferred till the present time in expectation of the arrival in this country of Mr. Parkes. That gentleman is now here, and it is proposed, with the approval of the Government of India, to depute him to make the requisite examination and report. Should the Government of India assent to this proposal, arrangements will be entered into with Mr. Parkes for the performance of this special duty.

3. The opportunity might also, I am to suggest, be availed of to obtain a report on the port of Calingapatam.

4. I am to request the favor of the very early orders of the Government of India.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
3rd February 1882.

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To

THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Dated February, 3rd.

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REQUESTING to know if Mr. Parkes can be deputed to examine and report on the capabilities of the port of Bimlipatam for the formation of a harbour, as also on the port of Calingapatam.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

3rd February 1882, No. 299 W.

Buildings and Roads,
Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 4. From Major W. G. CUMMING, R.E., Officiating Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Miscellaneous,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 12th September 1881, No. 301 M.

IN acknowledging receipt of your letter No. 1900 W., dated 2nd August 1881, submitting a copy of the printed Proceedings of the Madras Government bearing upon the question of the expediency of forming a harbour at Vizagapatam, I am directed to state that the Government of India, after a careful consideration of the professional opinions recorded in these papers, concurs in the views of the Madras Government that "it will be impossible with the expenditure of any reasonable sum of money to create either an outer or an inner harbour at Vizagapatam for the use of vessels of large draft," and that therefore the idea of a harbour at that place must be abandoned.

2. I am to request, however, that the Government of India may be furnished with a full and complete report on the port of Bimlipatam, which, the Madras Government considers, is more promising as a harbour than Vizagapatam.

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1882, No. 299 W.

THE Government of India will be addressed on the subject of Mr. Parkes's services being utilized for an inspection and report on the capabilities of the port of Bimlipatam for the formation of a harbour for vessels of large draft.

2. Should the Government of India assent to the proposal, the opportunity may be taken of obtaining a report on the port of Calingapatam also.

(Here enter No. 300 W., dated 3rd February 1882.)

(True Extract.)

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

To W. Parkes, Esq.
To the Superintending Engineer, First Circle.
„ Marine Department.

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To

W. PARKES, Esq.,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 3rd.

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G.O., 3rd February 1882, No. 299 W.

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Nos. 4-5.

Port of Bimlipatam.—The Government of India ordered to be addressed on the subject of Mr. Parkes's services being utilised for an inspection and report on the — for the formation of a harbour, as also on the port of Calingapatam.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

18th February 1882, No. 445 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 68. From Major-General A. FRASER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Miscellaneous,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 8th February 1882, No. 70 M.

In acknowledging the receipt of the letters marginally noted, referring to the damage done to the Madras Harbour Works by the cyclone in November 1881, I am directed to inform you that in order that the Government of India may be placed in a position to advise the Secretary of State as to whether the works should be continued or not, it is proposed to depute certain officers to inspect the works on behalf of the Government of India, to ascertain and report on the actual facts of the case in order that the Governor-General in Council may hereafter decide upon the action which may be necessary with regard to the required modifications and repairs.

2. It is not intended that this inquiry should in any way hamper Mr. Parkes in whatever proposals and plans for reconstruction he may deem it necessary to make, but its object is merely to place the Government of India in possession of independent testimony of the facts.

3. Mr. Molesworth, the Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for State Railways, and Lieutenant Stiffe of Her Majesty's Indian Marine have been deputed therefore to make independent reports on the works.

4. It is probable that Mr. Molesworth's duties will allow him to proceed to Madras about the middle of this month, and the Government of India has no doubt that the Government of Madras will give every aid to the officers named in carrying out their inquiries.

No. 69. ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1882, No. 445 W.

COMMUNICATED to the officers of the Harbour Works and to the Master Attendant, Madras, through the Marine Department for information and guidance.

2. All officers concerned will afford such aid as may be required by the officers deputed by the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.
" Engineer-in-Chief, Madras Harbour Works.
" Marine Department.

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To

THE SUPERINTENDENT, MADRAS
HARBOUR WORKS,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 18th.

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G.O., 18th February 1882, No. 445 W.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 68-69.

Madras Harbour Works.—Letter from the Government of India intimating that Mr. Molesworth and Lieutenant Stiffe have been deputed to inspect and report on the damage to the —, communicated to the officers of the Harbour Works and to the Master Attendant.

No. 505 H.

Government of Madras,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India, W. Sept.

Chennai, 24 February 1882

SIR,

Adverting to your letter
No. 70 M dated 8th February
1882 intimating that Mr.
G. L. Molesworth and
Lieut. A. W. Stiffe had been
deputed to make an
independent examination of
the Madras Harbour Works
and to report the results
directly to the Government

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of India, I am directed to state that those gentlemen having completed the work assigned to them left Madras for Calcutta on the 23rd February.

2. I am desired by His Excellency the Governor in Council to request that this Government may be furnished with a copy of any report which may be submitted.

3. This Government, I am to say, has never entertained any hesitation as to the necessity for completing the Harbour Works notwithstanding the late accident, and should the

Report of Mr. Moleworth and Lieut. Stiffe sufficiently confirm this opinion, much valuable time will be saved as well as economy in Establishment charges secured if the Government of India would see fit to convey general authority to push on at once with the block making, and with the quarrying of gneiss rock both for that purpose and for providing rubble for the bases &c. pending submission of the detailed estimate upon which Mr. Parke is now

engaged.

4. With reference to
your letter No 301. No of
12th September 1881 on
the subject of the Vyaga-
-patam and Bimlipatam
Harbours, I am directed
to say that the gentlemen
in question have been
asked, unofficially, to
visit if possible these
Harbours with that of
Calingapatam, to allow of
their advising the Govt
of India when the Reports
to be submitted by Mr
Parker are forwarded
for consideration.

Att

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~~London to India~~

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Despts to Calcutta

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