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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

8th March 1882, No. 601 W.

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Read the following papers:—

No. 75. From G. D. LEMON, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to the Acting Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 28th February 1882, No. 61.

With reference to G.O., No, 3186 W., dated 24th December 1881, I have the honor to submit the Report of the Committee.

Mr. Thorowgood was present at our meetings and agreed to all the compensations proposed except those of the first five people on the list. These cases have been treated in the same way as all the rest, and there is no doubt that he would have agreed to these also had he been here.

The papers received with the Government Order under reply are herewith returned.

Report of the Committee appointed under Government Order, 24th December 1881, No. 3186 W.

We find that all the land alluded to in the Government Order above quoted has been submerged and the buildings that were on it have been destroyed, except those belonging to the first five persons named in Mr. Barlow's lists, and it is necessary we should recommend the Government to pay to the owners the value of these lands, &c. The sums proposed will be found in the last column of the statement annexed.

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4. We considered the rates demanded for the most part too high, and with the assistance of the Tahsildar, and by inquiries of the claimants themselves, decided on the following as fair rates,

viz., Rs. 150 a ground for the lands nearest Madras, Rs. 120 for those a little further off, and Rs. 90 for those furthest away. The two first are the rates taken by Mr. Barlow, the last has been raised by us from Rs. 50 to Rs. 90.

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6. Of these No. 1, Vira Chetti, claimed Rs. 200 per ground of 2,400 square feet. We offered him Rs. 150 and he refused, his land was chiefly used for a timber store though there were a few fishermen's huts paying a ground rent to him on it. It will be protected, it is believed, by the revetment wall now in progress, but its use and value will be gone, for timber cannot be dragged up the stone wall. The price offered, Rs. 1,500, we think a fair price, and we would advise that he be left to take this sum or retain the land as he pleases.

7. The next four are the "Medalists," men rewarded by Government for valor in saving life.—See Captain Taylor's letter, dated 12th December 1881, No. 11085. These lands have not been damaged, though the houses have, and it is believed that the stone revetment will, in future, protect them if they are rebuilt, but the people have manifested a great objection to remaining, and as the cost of the land to Government even at the rate of Rs. 150 per ground will only be Rs. 300, we have thought it best to propose for them compensation for houses and land, and advise the Government to give them the chance of rebuilding their houses in some safer place.

8. No. 6 is Adinarayana Naiken. He is a boat overseer, and his demand is Rs. 20,000. This seems to be at Rs. 185 a ground on what was left in 1876, and for 2 cawnies, 3 grounds, and 1470 square feet which he lost before the Harbour works were begun. For loss prior to 1876, Nature, not Government, is responsible, and therefore that and all similar claims were at once rejected.

9. His rate was reduced for the reasons already given. It is true he did sell a small patch at Rs. 185 a ground in the cotton famine year for a cotton press, but he cannot adduce any other evidence that the value of the remaining whole is as great as this, and we believe it to have been an exceptionally high rate paid for a particular purpose in a year when the cotton trade was in a state of considerable excitement. Mr. Gould, the Administrator General, on behalf of the estates under his management, only asks Rs. 150 a ground for the adjacent land and therefore this rate was offered and he agreed to take it.

10. No. 9, Venkatasubbu Chetti. This plot was known as the old saw-mills and was surrounded by a wall, but no mills were ever at work there, nor was the building completed. For the land from this point we only propose Rs. 120 per ground, taking into consideration the situation, further distance, from Madras, and for the building we offered Rs. 2,000. The offer was accepted.

11. No. 13, Parthasaradi Chetti, asks Rs. 150, and we offer Rs. 120 for the land per ground, this was not used for timber, being occupied by huts, a temple, and certain houses. These latter were estimated to the best of our ability and the owner agreed to our offer. The huts are the property of the fishing people.

12. From T. Cundasami Chetty, No. 15, to the end, we only offer Rs. 90 a ground, and to this all but Nos. 16 and 20 have agreed.

13. We can safely say that the compensation offered is liberal. No. 17, Manavaliah, told us we had offered him Rs. 90 a ground for land which he bought at Rs. 35 a few years ago, while No. 12, Sabapathi Chetti, is offered Rs. 742 for what cost him Rs. 250 in 1875.

14. There were huts to the number of 120 more or less in seven plots, these were the property of fishermen or other squatters on the land who paid a small ground rent. The huts were their property and are estimated to value Rs. 7 to Rs. 15 each.

15. The claimants for these sums are not at present known and it will take some time to find them out. We would therefore advise that the inquiry into these claims and the payment of them be left with the Collector, and that the disbursement of the other sums be sanctioned at once. Also that the Collector be authorized to expend without further reference a sum of Rs. 1,200 in payments not exceeding Rs. 15 for huts proved to his satisfaction to have been destroyed.

16. We have proposed nothing especial for compensation for loss of interest, or rents, during the period between 1876, because, *first*, it is not possible to make any fair estimate, and, *secondly*, it is not claimed by any one, but we have made our estimate of the value of the land per ground sufficiently high to cover any such loss.

17. It seems probable that there would be no further erosion at present, but rather that land will reappear until next north-east monsoon, and the question of what is to be done in anticipation of the probable further erosion and destruction of buildings at the close of the year has not been referred to us, still we think we may advise that an estimate by a skilled estimate maker should be at once commenced of lands and buildings likely to be lost before any damages done. These estimates which we have made have been made by us entirely in the dark as may be imagined, for two of us have never seen the lands or the buildings.

18. There are two cases with which we have not dealt. Mr. Vanderwart and that of B. Kuther Saib. In Mr. Vanderwart's case the damage done to a wall has been repaired, and the other man claims rent for the house rendered vacant by his tenants' fear of the encroachment of the sea. These houses have not suffered any damage, and it seems best in the present state of affairs for us to leave them to be dealt with hereafter, so that their present value can at any future time be authoritatively referred to and stated.

19. The mussulman's back-wall is also being replaced by the Harbour authorities, and he limits his claim to four months' rent, at Rs. 60, which we think may be allowed him. We understand that a stone revetment has been proposed to protect the land and the buildings, &c., now standing, but Mr. Parkes seems to advocate a scheme whereby the Government is to purchase all property on the sea or eastern side of some line to be drawn in an inland direction from the revetment spoken of before to a point to the northward and not yet decided on, and until this is settled we cannot decide what is best to be done for the persons likely to be injured. But in case Mr. Parkes' proposition is approved, a valuation of all lands and buildings eastward of his line of limit of possible early damage by encroachment of the sea is imperative.

20. We would beg to advise that the compensation money now proposed for lands and buildings already lost, if approved, be made available for disbursement at once. The people have been long waiting and it was understood as one of the conditions of acceptance of our offers that there was to be no further delay in a well considered settlement of this matter.

(Signed) G. D. LEMON,
Acting Collector of Madras.

(Signed) W. H. BURTON, Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Executive Engineer, Presidency.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		C. G. SQ. FT.	C. G. SQ. FT.	C. G. SQ. FT.	C. G. SQ. FT.	RS.	RS.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	
1	Veera Chetti, P.	0 10 0	0 9 2,312	..	0 10 0	2,000	310 30 huts	15 8 0 1 Cocoanut and 7 Poorsan	2,325 8 0	1,500 0 0	Offer of Rs. 150 per ground was refused, *vide* Report.
2	Callisni Ammall and Veerasawmi Nattan.	0 0 1,200	0 0 1,260	..	0 0 1,200	100	600 a house	9 0 0 1 Cocoanut and 2 Paphias.	709 0 0	450 0 0	
3	Paupan	0 0 1,200	0 0 1,200	..	0 0 1,200	100	600 a house	..	700 0 0	450 0 0	
4	Amavasay	0 0 1,200	0 0 1,200	..	0 0 1,200	100	560 a house	..	660 0 0	350 0 0	
5	Oundappah Chetti	0 0 1,200	0 0 1,200	..	0 0 1,200	100	1,500 a house	25 0 0 2 Cocoanuts and 1 young Cocoanut.	1,625 0 0	650 0 0	
6	Audinarayanasawmi Naiken ..	4 1 600	2 6 1,971	0 3 591	2 3 1,470	*20,000	..	100 0 0 10 Poorsan trees	20,100 0 0	7,757 0 0	
7	Administrator General ..	1 12 78	0 23 648	0 4 1,368	0 18 1,249	†3,705	..	120 0 0 16 Cocoanuts and 1 Poorsan.	3,825 0 0	2,777 8 0	Said he would agree
8	Alankari Ammall	1 12 22	0 21 880	0 4 280	0 17 600	‡2,588	..	..	2,588 0 0	2,587 8 0	
9	Venkatasubboo Chetti ..	2 5 800	1 17 2,106	0 6 1,181	1 11 925	*7,100	..	..	..	6,246 4 0	
10	Condasawmi Chetti	0 10 1,300	0 6 1,563	0 0 1,261½	0 6 241½	†1,220	70 5 huts	..	1,290 0 0	732 0 0	
11	Rajoo Chetti	0 8 1,216	0 6 1,695	0 0 1,115	0 6 580	†1,250	110 7 huts	..	1,360 0 0	792 4 0	
12	Subapathi Chetti	0 8 1,056	0 5 2,051	..	0 6 490½	§1,240	..	..	1,240 0 0	742 8 0	
13	M. Parthasaradi Chetti ..	0 16 1,418½	0 14 748	0 1 2,381½	0 12 762½	‡ Demands the lump sum of 10 huts and 2 houses.			7,251 12 0	4,203 0 0	
14	Palcanchan Chetti	0 8 1,200	0 7 480	0 0 1,745	0 6 1,135	‡975	2,600 2 houses and 1 hut.	..	3,575 0 0	2,304 0 0	
15	T. Candasawmi Chetti ..	0 21 400	0 13 1,650	0 1 70	0 12 1,580	†2,550	150 12 huts.	..	2,700 0 0	1,138 4 0	
16	Subbaroya Chetti, Candappa Chetti and Veerasawmi Chetti.	2 17 5	2 4 2,399	0 2 899	2 2 1,500	†10,125	270 21 huts and a well.	..	10,395 0 0	4,556 4 0	Offer of Rs. 90 per ground refused although they had papers which showed they bought at 40, 50 and 60 Rupees a ground.
17	Manavaliah	0 9 0	0 6 2,097	..	0 6 2,097	§1,720	..	..	1,720 0 0	618 12 0	
18	Mahomed Fakir Saib ..	0 2 0	0 1 1,876	..	0 1 1,876	†350	250 1 building and 1 well.	15 0 0 2 Cocoanut trees and 1 Poorsan.	615 0 0	250 8 0	
19	Administrator General ..	2 4 200	1 7 913	..	1 7 913	†6,276	720 20 huts	..	6,996 0 0	4,707 1 0	Said he would agree.
20	Seethiah Naiken	1 10 900	1 9 1,527	..	1 9 1,527	†6,727	1,040 2 huts	..	7,767 0 0	3,027 4 2	
21	Salar Moah Saib	1 14 1,309	1 13 2,252	..	1 13 2,252	†7,579	..	70 0 0 39 Poorsan trees	7,649 0 0	3,446 8 0	
22	Tirumalai Achari	0 9 1,200	0 10 683	..	0 9 1,200	†1,900	..	..	1,900 0 0	855 0 0	
	Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50,141 9 2	

* Rate not given.
† Do. Rs. 200 a ground.
‡ Rate Rs. 150 a ground.
§ Do. Rs. 250 do.

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No. 539 C.

REFERRED to the Engineer-in-Chief, Madras Harbour Works, for any remarks he may wish to make.

A very early reply is requested.

3rd March 1882. (Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 75-A. From W. PARKES, Esq., M. INST. C.E., Engineer-in-Chief, Madras Harbour Works, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 4th March 1882, No. 6 W.

I HAVE the honor to return herewith the papers accompanying your reference to me, No. 539 C. of 3rd March, and to state that I concur generally in the recommendations of the Committee as to the mode of dealing with the claimants for compensation.

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No. 76. ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1882, No. 601 W.

THE recommendations of the Committee are approved, and the Collector is authorised to adjust the claims in the manner proposed.

2. The Government Solicitor will render the Collector such assistance as may be needed in the settlement of the claims.

3. The Superintendent of the Harbour Works will arrange for clear surveys being made of the ground for which compensation is paid.

4. The charges will be debited against the Harbour Works.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Madras.
" Superintendent of Madras Harbour Works.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Government Solicitor.
" Revenue Department.
" Marine "

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THE COLLECTOR OF MADRAS,

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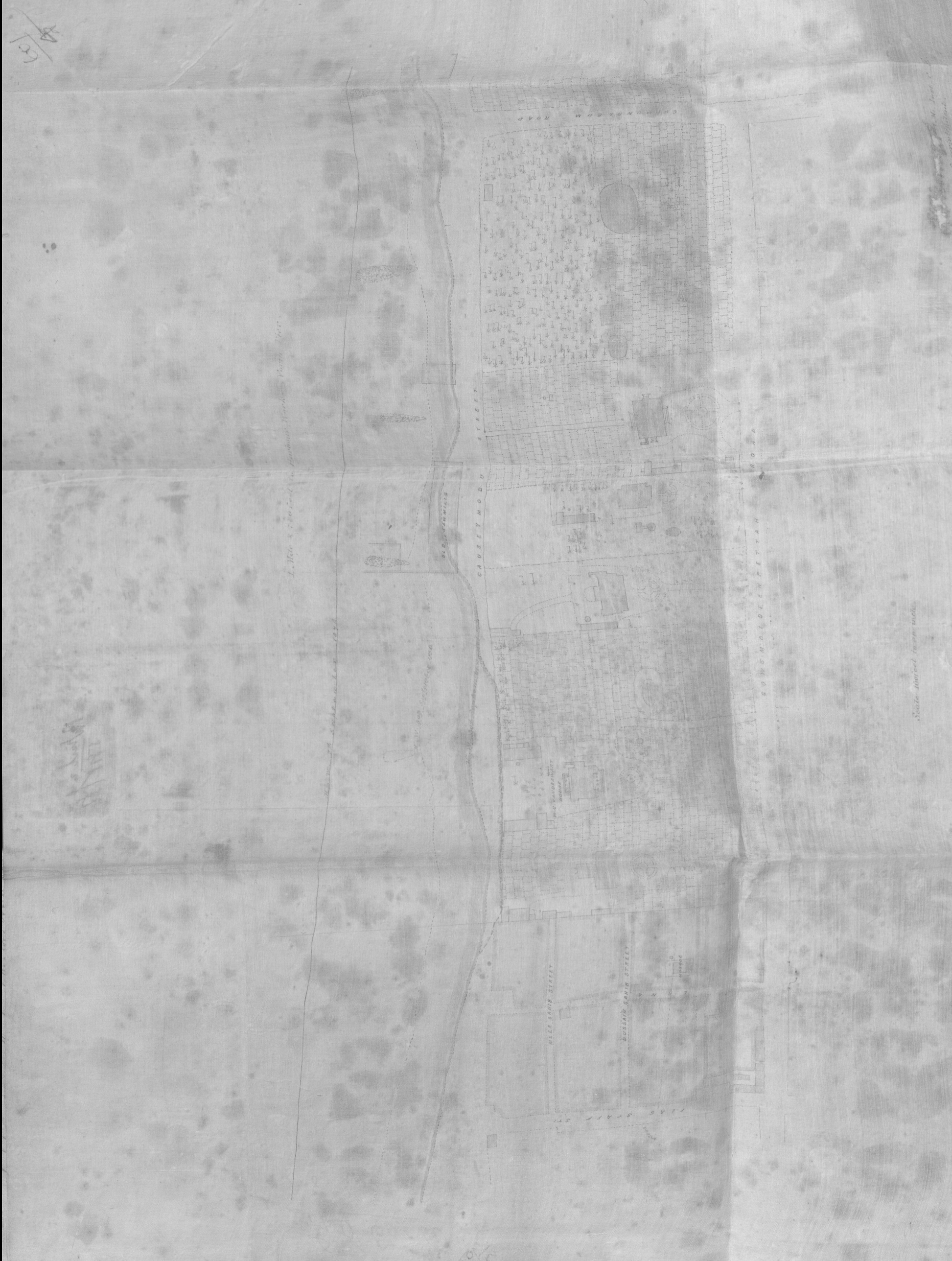
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G.O., 8th March 1882, No. 601 W.

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Nos. 75-76.

Claim for compensation for damage done to property by the encroachment of the sea, north of the Harbour.—The Collector authorised to adjust the — in the manner proposed by the Committee appointed to consider the same, and the Government Solicitor directed to render the Collector such assistance as may be needed in the settlement of the claims.


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Madras Collector's office
28th February 1882.
Recd 2nd March 1882

From

G. D. Lemon Esqre
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To

Lieut Colt Rop Thompson
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To The Collector of Madras

To The Under Secretary to Government Public Works Department

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Submitting proposals for awarding Compensation for damage done to property by encroachment of the Sea north of the Harbour.

To The E.-in-C. Madras H.W. in original to be returned.

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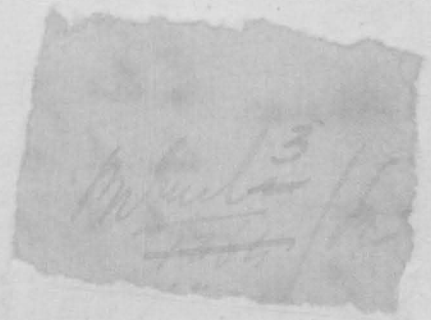
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1	Veera Chetty. P.	- 10 -	- 9 2312	- - -	- 10 -	2000 - -	310 - - 30 huts	15 8 -	2325 8 -	1500 - -	Offer of Rs 150 per ground refused. Vide Report.
2	Cattiani Ammall and Veerasandri Nattan	- - 1200	- - 1200	- - -	- - 1200	100 - -	600 - - a house	1 Cocoanut tree 9 - -	709 - -	450 - -	
3	Dawjee	- - 1200	- - 1200	- - -	- - 1200	100 - -	600 - - a house	1 Cocoanut tree & Jack Apple - - -	700 - -	450 - -	
4	Aruvaday	- - 1200	- - 1200	- - -	- - 1200	100 - -	560 - - a house	- - -	660 - -	350 - -	
5	Cundapoh Chetti	- - 1200	- - 1200	- - -	- - 1200	100 - -	1500 - - a house	25 - -	1625 - -	650 - -	
6	Arumanayanasandri Naiken	4 1 600	2 6 1971	- 3 501	2 3 1470	20,000 - -	- - -	2 Cocoanut & 1 young ditto 100 - -	20100 - -	7757 - -	Said he would agree
7	Administrator General	1 12 78	- 23 648	- 4 1808	- 18 1240	3705 - -	- - -	10 Province trees 120 - -	3825 - -	2777 8 -	
8	Alankari Ammall	1 12 22	- 21 880	- 4 280	- 17 600	2588 - -	- - -	16 Cocoanut trees & Province	2588 - -	2587 8 -	
9	Venkatasubba Chetti	2 5 800	1 17 2106	- 6 1181	1 11 925	7100 - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	6246 4 -	
10	Comdasandra Chetti	- 10 1800	- 6 1503	- - 126½	- 6 241½	1220 - -	70 - - 5 huts	- - -	1290 - -	732 - -	
11	Rayer Chetti	- 8 1216	- 6 1695	- - 1115	- 6 580	1250 - -	110 - - 7 huts	- - -	1360 - -	792 4 -	
12	Subapathi Chetti	- 8 1056	- 5 2054	- - -	- 6 490¾	1240 - -	- - -	- - -	1240 - -	742 8 -	
13	Sri Parthasarathi Chetti	- 16 1413½	- 14 744	- 1 238½	- 12 762½	Demanded by the Govt		- - -	7251 12 -	4203 - -	
14	Rakeantham Chetti	- 8 1200	- 7 480	- - 1745	- 6 1135	975 - -	2600 - - 2 Houses & huts	- - -	3575 - -	2304 - -	
15	Sri Comdasandra Chetti	- 21 451	- 13 1650	- 1 70	- 12 1580	2550 - -	150 - - 12 huts	- - -	2700 - -	1138 4 -	Offer of Rs 90 per ground refused & other parties have also shewn their dislike to proceed
16	Subbaraya Chetti, Comdappa Chetti & Veerasandra Chetti	2 17 5	2 4 2399	- 2 899	2 2 1500	10,125 - -	270 - - 2 huts & 1 Well	- - -	10,395 - -	4556 4 -	
17	Ramasubbaiah	- 9 -	- 6 2097	- - -	- 6 2097	1720 - -	- - -	- - -	1720 - -	616 12 -	
18	Inahomed Sahib Saib	- 2 -	- 1 1876	- - -	- 1 1876	350 - -	250 - - 1 Building & Well	15 - -	615 - -	250 8 -	Said he would agree
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21	Salar Imeah Saib	1 14 1300	1 13 2252	- - -	1 13 2252	7579 - -	- - -	70 - - 30 Province trees	7649 - -	3446 8 -	
22	Immanuel Nakari	- 9 1200	- 10 623	- - -	- 9 1200	1900 - -	- - -	- - -	1900 - -	855 - -	
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W. S. Umpherston
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6. Of these No. 1. Vira Chetti claimed Rs 200 per ground of 2400 Square feet. Dr offered him Rs 150 and he refused; his land was chiefly used for a Timber Store though there were a few fishermen huts paying a ground rent to him on it. It will be protected, it is believed, by the revetment wall now in progress, but its use and value will be gone, for Timber cannot be dragged up to the Stone wall. The price offered Rs 1,600, we think a fair price, and we would advise that he be left to take this sum or retain the land as he pleases.

7. The next 4 are the "Medaliets." Men rewarded by Government for valour in saving life. See Captain Taylor's letter, dated 12th December 1881, No. 11086. These lands have been damaged, though the houses have, and it is believed that the Stone revetment will, in future, protect them if they are rebuilt, but the people have manifested a great objection to remaining and at the east of the land

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land to Government even at the rate of Rs 150 per ground will only be Rs 300, we have thought it best to propose to them Compensation for houses and land and advise the Government to give them the chance of rebuilding their houses in some safer place.

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8. No. 6. is Adinarayana Naiken. He is a Boat Owner and his demand is Rs 20,000. This seems to be at Rs 185 a ground on what was left in 1876, and for 2 Cannies, 3 grounds, and 1470 Square feet which he lost before the Harbour Works were begun. Damage prior to 1876, Nature, Not Government, is responsible, and therefore that and all similar claims were at once rejected.

9. His rate was reduced for the reasons already given. It is true he did sell a small patch at Rs 185 a ground in the Cattan Famine Year for a Cattan Press but he cannot adduce

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any other evidence that the value of the remaining whole is not great as this and we believe it to have been an exceptional high rate paid for a particular purpose in a year when the Cotton trade was in a state of considerable excitement. Mr. Gould, the Administrator General on behalf of the Estates under his Management only asks Rs 150 a ground for the adjacent land and therefore this rate was offered and he agreed to take it.

10. No. 9. Venkatachellum Chetti. This plot was known as the old Saw-Mills and was surrounded by a wall but Rs Mills were erected there, nor was the building completed. For the land from this point we only propose Rs 120 per ground, taking into consideration the situation, further distance from Kiosque, and for the buildings we offered Rs 2,000. The offer was accepted.

11. No. 13. Carthasarathi Chetti asks Rs 150 and we offer Rs 120 for the land per ground, this was not used for timber, being occupied by huts, a temple, and certain houses. Price latter were estimated to the best of our ability and the owner agreed to our offer. The huts are the property of the fishing people.

12. From D. Coudasamy Chetti, No. 15, to the end we only offer Rs 90 a ground and to this, all but 4 or 5 hold 20 have agreed.

13. We can safely say that the compensation offered is liberal. No. 17 Ramanadhan told us we had offered him Rs 90 a ground for land which he bought at Rs 35 a few years ago, while No. 12 Lakshmi Chetti is offered Rs 742 for what cost him Rs 250 in 1875.

14. There were but 10 the number of 120 in acre or less in 7 plots, these were the property of fishermen or other squatters on the land who paid a small ground rent. The huts were their property and we estimate to value Rs 7 to Rs 15 each.

15. The claimants for these sums are not at present known

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known and it will take some
time to find them out. I would
therefore advise that the en-
quiry into these claims and
the payment of them be left
until the Collector, and that
the disbursement of the other
sums be sanctioned at once.
Also that the Collector be
authorized to expend without
further reference a sum of
Rs 1200 in payment of claims not
exceeding Rs 15 for huts proved
to his satisfaction to have
been destroyed.

16. We have proposed
nothing especial for Com-
pensation for loss of interest,
or rents, during the period
between 1876, because first,
it is not possible to make
any fair estimate and
efficiently, it is not claimed
by any one, but we have
made our estimate of the
value of the land per ground
sufficiently high to cover any
such loss.

17. It seems probable that
there will be no further erosions
at present, but rather that
land will reappear inside
next North East Kransoow,
and

and the question of what
is to be done in anticipation
of the probable further ero-
sion, and destruction
of buildings at the close of the
year has not been re-
ferred to us, still methinks
we may advise that an 60/15
Estimate by a skilled Estim-
mate Maker should be
at once commenced of lands
and buildings likely to be lost
before any damage is done.
These estimates which we have
made have been made by no
entirely in the dark as may
be imagined, for two of the
hamlets were seen the lands
or the buildings.

18. There are two cases
with which we have not dealt.
Mr Vandermaats and that
of B. Kather Saibo. In Mr
Vandermaats' case the da-
mage done to a mall has
been repaired and the other
man claims rent for the
house rendered vacant
by his tenants' fear of ope-
rations of the sea. These
houses have not suffered
any damage and it seems
best in the present state of
affairs for us to leave them

to

to be dealt with hereafter, so that these present proceedings can at any future time be unhesitatingly referred to and stated.

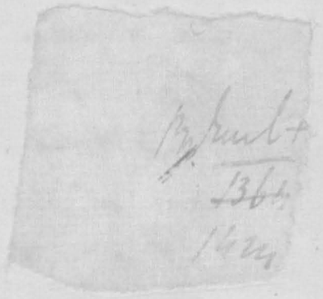
19. The Musalmans back wall is also being replaced by the Harbour Authorities, based on the claim to a Mosque rent at Rs 60 which we think, may be allowed him. We understand that a settlement has been proposed to protect the land and buildings &c now standing, but Mr Parker seems to advocate a scheme whereby the Government is to purchase all property on the sea or Eastern side of some line to be drawn in an inland direction from the revetment spoken of before to a point yet undecided on, and until this is settled one cannot decide what is best to be done for the persons likely to be injured. But in case Mr Parker's proposition is approved, a valuation of all lands and buildings Eastward of this line off limits of possible early damage by encroachment of the sea is imperative.

20. We would beg to advise that the compensation money now proposed for lands and buildings already taken &c if approved, be made available for disbursement at once. The people have been long waiting and it was understood as one of the conditions of acceptance of our offer that there was to be no further delay in a well considered settlement of this matter.

R S Lemon
Ag Collector of Madras.

10th Dec 1872

Exc. Engineer, Presidency



Mr Govt

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SECRETARY.

No 289.

Chepauk, 10 March 188

OFFICE NOTE.

To The Ag: Supt
Madras Harbour Wks

There is some doubt
as to whether Mr Parkes
has his estimate of
Rs 2,08,149 - for land to
be taken up north of
the Harbour - (vide his
letter No: 4 W. d/4 Feby: -
includes the Rs 50,000
adjudged by the
Committee as com-
pensation to land
holders for damage
already caused
Please state specifically
how the matter stands

A very early reply
(will be low) is requested.

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Mr Parkes estimate in his
Report of 4th Feby 1882 for
Rs 2,08,189 for land to be
taken up North of the H. bank
does not include the 125
authorized by the order
for compensation on acct
of the Bearadungah
L.O.

P. W. Department.

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Read the following:—

Letter from the Coll^r of Madras, N^o 61 of 25^th July 1882.

To Engineer-in-Chief, M. & A. Works, N^o 6 Wayside Mandapam.

FOR ORDERS.

Yes:
I think the terms
for W. Coll^r to accept
Coll^r to forward to G^t
Conditions to govt
Coll^d to Madras
as the ground surveyed.
Can't quite clear
whether we are in
all cases a like compensation
for loss already sustained
or purchasing that
is intended to cover
only to be incurred
in future

whether the recommendations of the Committee may be accepted. Coll^r to be authorised to adjust the claims accordingly without delay.

A.W. Hankey Colonel R.E.
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

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FOR ORDERS.

The Hon'ble W. Huddleston

From Sec. to Govt.

No. 601 W.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 8th March 1852

Read the following:—

Letter from the Coll^r of Madras (P.C. No. 61 dy 28th February 1852)

To Engineer-in-Chief M. & W. (No. 6 Way 4th March 1852)

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The recommendations of the Committee are approved, and the Collector is authorized to adjust the claims in the manner proposed.

2. The Government Solicitor will render the Collector such assistance as may be needed in the settlement of the claims.

3. The Superintendent of the Harbour Works will arrange for clear passage

being made of the ground
for which compensation
is paid.

4. The charge will be
debited against the
Harbour Works.

R.S.

8/3/82

The Collector of Madras ✓
" Supte M.A. Works ✓
" Examiner of Accts ✓
" Govt. Solicitor ✓
" Revenue Dept ✓
" Marine Dept ✓
accepted 17-3-82.

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Govt. of (1882) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated 9.3.82.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 8th March 1882, No. 607

Nos.

Claim for compensation for damage done to property by the encroachment of the sea North of the Harbour.

The Collector authorised to adjust the —— in the manner proposed by the Committee appointed to consider the Land & the Govt Solicitor directed to render the Collector such assistance as may be needed in the settlement of the claims.