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No. 72.

Read—the following letter from J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieut., R.N.R., Master Attendant, Administrative Department, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 2nd February 1883, No. 1000 :—

I have the honor to report that I have completed a careful survey of the passages through the shoals between Point Calimere and Point Pedro, and find that only two can be made available, of neither of them, however, being fit for large vessels such as pass through the Suez Canal.

2. One on the west side, opposite the Island of Elewa Tevoo, has 31½ feet L.W., and the other on the N.E., opposite Tondiman, has only 28½ L.W. All vessels using a canal through Rameswaram will be compelled to make use of both. Now, the depth necessary to enable a ship to pass with safety from and to open sea is fixed by Sir John Coode at 40 feet, and during the heavy swells of the north-east and south-west monsoons that depth in so exposed a situation is probably not excessive, but putting it at a moderate limit of 35 feet, it is obvious that large dredging or canal works will have to be carried on, in addition to that on the south side of the Island of Rameswaram, before the canal itself can be availed of. The Company represented by Mr. Grindrod should therefore be made acquainted with these facts, as the construction of the passages, their lighting and buoying are very heavy items, and the very fact of the navigation of these dangerous shoals being undoubted, prudent Commanders will certainly not run risks, except in the finest weather, which does not prevail more than four months in every year.

3. I have drawn a broad black line on the chart now returned, showing the impassable portions of the shoals and the approximate position of the passages.

No. 73.

Order—dated 9th February 1883, No. 439 W., Public Works.

A copy of the Master Attendant's report will be furnished to Messrs. Grindrod, Jenkins and Co., and they will be informed that, should they still wish to proceed with the undertaking of cutting a canal through the Island of Rameswaram, the Madras Government will be prepared to support the grant of the concession applied for, on the understanding that they must make their own arrangements for obtaining the requisite land, which is private property.

2. Copies of these Proceedings will also be forwarded to the Government of India for communication to the Secretary of State in continuation of previous correspondence.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Master Attendant, Madras.
Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle.
Marine Department.

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Passing orders on the Master Attendant's report on the proposed ship canal across—.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
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No. 74.

LETTER—from

COLONEL R. H. SANKEY, C.B., R.E.,

Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Adverting to paragraph 4 of my letter, No. 5 W., dated 5th January 1883, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of India and communication to the Secretary of State, the accompanying Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 439 W., dated 9th February 1883, with which is recorded a report by the Master Attendant, Madras, on the result of his survey of the passages through the shoals in the neighbourhood of the proposed ship channel through the Island of Rameswaram. A copy of the Master Attendant's report has, it will be observed, been furnished to Messrs. Grindrod, Jenkins and Co., the Ceylon representatives of the firm, who have applied for the concession for cutting the canal; and they have been informed that the Madras Government are prepared to support the grant of the concession asked for should they still be desirous of proceeding with the undertaking.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

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No. 74.

Rameswaram Island.

REGARDING the proposed ship canal across —.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads
Civil Works.

No. 75.

LETTER—from

COLONEL R. H. SANKEY, C.B., R.E.,

Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department,

To

MESSRS. GRINDROD, JENKINS AND CO.

GENTLEMEN,

In continuation of my letter, No. 3430 W., dated 26th December 1882, I am now directed to forward, for your information, a copy of the report of the Master Attendant, Madras, which contains the results of his recent survey of the passages through the shoals in the neighbourhood of the proposed ship channel through the Island of Rameswaram. I am to state that, should you still be desirous of proceeding with the undertaking, the Madras Government will be prepared to recommend the grant of the concessions applied for, on the conditions specified in my letter, No. 3430 W., dated 26th December. The Government of India have been informed accordingly, and they have been requested to communicate this decision to the Secretary of State for India.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

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9th February 1883, No. 441 W.

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No. 75.

Rameswaram Island.

REGARDING the proposed ship canal across —.

Administrative Department.

No 408. Madras, Marine Office, 2d February 1883.

From

J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieut., R.N.R.,
Master Attendant,
Administrative Department,
Madras.

To

Colonel R. H. Sankey R.E.
Offg Secretary to Government,
Public Works Marine Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that I have completed a careful survey of the passages through the shoals between Point Calymere and Point Pedro, and find that only two can be made available, of neither of them however being fit for large vessels such as pass through the Suez Canal.

2 One on the West side opposite the Island of Elewa Tivoo has 31½ feet L.W., and the other on the N.E. opposite Tondiman has only 28½ L.W. All vessels using a canal through Ramaseram will be compelled to make use of both. Now the depth necessary to enable a ship to pass with safety from and to open sea as fixed by Sir John Coode at 40 feet, and during the heavy

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3. I have drawn a broad black line on the chart now returned, showing the impassable portions of the shoals, and the approximate approximate position of the passages.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

W W Taylor
Master Attendant
Administrative Department.

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From

THE MASTER ATTENDANT,
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT,
Madras,

To

THE ~~CHIEF~~ SECY. TO GOVERNMENT,
OR ~~MARINE~~ DEPARTMENT,
~~Fort St. George.~~
Chepauk

No. 1000

Dated 2 Feb 1883
Received

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Subject.

Reporting upon the Survey made of the passages through the Shoals between Point Calimere and Point Pedro, with reference to the proposed Canal across Rameswaram

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READ the following:—

Letter from the Master Attendant, Administrative Dept, Madras, No 1000 / dy 2° February 1883.

FOR ORDERS. The Master Attendant's report is unfavorable in the extreme, but as the promoters have already declared that they will not be influenced by that report, and as they ask for no pecuniary assistance from Government there seems no reason why they should not receive the concession asked for.

2.

FOR ORDERS.

It would probably be as well to forward them a copy of the Master Attendant's letter informing them at the same time that this Government will advise the Secretary of State to grant the concession on the understanding that they must make their own arrangements for obtaining the land required.

Lt. Col. Lindsay Col RE
Secretary to Govt MWD.

Madras
4th July 1883

No 439

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 9th July 83

Read the following

Letter from the Master Attendant Coimbatore dept

Copy of the Master Attendant's Report will be furnished to Board of Inland Navigation

It is proposed that should they still wish to proceed with the undertaking of cutting a Canal through the Island of Rameswaram the Madras Government will be prepared to support the grant of the concession applied for on the understanding

that they must make their own arrangements for obtaining the requisite land, which is private property.

2. Copies of these Proceedings will also be forwarded to the Govt of India for Communication to the Secretary of State in continuation of the previous correspondence.

(Ref Bombay 19 July 83)

To The Secy: to the Govt of India

Sir,

Adverting to paragraph 4 of my

To The Master Attendant
" R.E. Lighthouse
" Marine Deptt.

Depts 15/2/83

letter 43/P dated 5th January 1883 I am directed to forward for the information of the Govt of India and communication to the Secretary of State, the accompanying Prop: of the Bombay Govt: No 439 W dated 9th February 83 with which is recorded a report by the Master Attendant Bombay on the result of the survey of the passages through the shoals in the neighbourhood of the proposed ship channel through the Island of Rameswaram: A copy of the Master Attendants report has, it will

(Chart to accompany)

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Jenkins & the Ceylon
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for the concession for
cutting the Canal, and
they have been informed
that the Madras Govt
are prepared to support
the grant of the con-
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should they still be
desirous of proceeding
with the undertaking.

despatch with sketch
Calcutta - 15/2/82.

(H E Rodwell Esq 9th Feb/82)

To
Messrs Grindrod Jenkins & Co
Jenkins

In continuation
of my letter No. 34305

dated 28th December 1881
I am now directed to
forward for your
information a copy
of the report of the
Master Attendant
Madras which con-
-tains the result of
his recent survey of
the passages through
the shoals in the neigh-
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proposed Ship Channel
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