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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 55.

READ—the following letter from J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieut., R.N.R., Master Attendant, Administrative Department, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 17th October 1882, No. 8883 :—

BIMLIPATAM.

This prosperous port has throughout the past year been very unfavorably situated with regard to its landing and shipping conveniences. The river mouth has continued open in the farthest north corner of the bay, and the one least suited to boating operations.

2. I have given instructions to cut the sand banks near the round tower in the most favorable place directly a good opportunity occurs, and I am in hopes the cyclone weather now reported at Cuttack may furnish such a fresh in the Bimli river as will justify the operation, and give help to the trade; but it is very desirable that the mouth should be fixed, if possible, in the best site, and this, in the universal opinion of all local authorities and observers, can be done by running out a moderately long groyne, say 400 feet, from the rocky spit off the round tower straight to seaward. I am of opinion that, as this is on the south side of the river, and the action of the sand is the same at all mouths on this East Coast, the analogy of the Madras Harbour Works would obtain here, and erosion be carried on close round the groyne, if a short one, and the desired result be gained. I would therefore respectfully recommend that this measure be carried out, and an estimate of the cost be submitted to Government as a preparatory step.

3. It should, in my opinion, be of large stone thrown down irregularly, and obtained from the neighbouring hill. There are some rocks already in position in the same site, and these have not been disturbed within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. If the work rises to three feet above high water it will serve the purpose, and when the river mouth is open the boats can pass readily in and out of the river and discharge and load at the river bank in perfectly smooth water at all seasons.

4. The merchants, I am credibly informed, would be willing to have a small toll levied on all goods landed and shipped in order to secure this benefit, as has been proposed at Cocanada, but if the estimate is not large the expense may perhaps be sanctioned by Government from Port Funds, towards which Bimlipatam has largely contributed without having any assistance hitherto.

5. A rough plan of the port is sent for easy reference.

No. 56.

ORDER—dated 8th January 1883, No. 47 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, First Circle, who will report his opinion in connection with the Master Attendant's proposal, furnishing, if possible, a rough survey of the locality, the general features of which are insufficiently known.

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(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, First Circle.
" Master Attendant.
" Marine Department.

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From

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Master Attendant,

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To

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To the S. S. First Circle ✓
- Marine Attendant ✓
- Marine Dept.

M. J. P.

From

THE MASTER ATTENDANT,
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To

THE CHIEF SECY. TO GOVERNMENT,
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