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7TH APRIL 1884, No. 149, MARINE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From C. D. MACLEANE, Esq., Chairman, Harbour Committee, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 19th March 1884, No. 70.

I have the honor to report that, at a meeting of the committee held on Saturday the 15th instant, a majority of the committee appeared to be desirous of obtaining from Government a more definite intimation as to their intentions with regard to commencement of work on the harbour than was contained in G.O., dated 5th February 1884, No. 52, Marine, and the enclosed resolution was passed. It may be mentioned that the Government order quoted was not communicated by Government to the Harbour Committee, perhaps by oversight.

2. The meeting was called by desire of the Master Attendant to advise him in selecting a tender for cooly labor in connection with Act VI of 1882, and the second resolution was passed.

ENCLOSURES.

PROCEEDINGS of the Harbour Committee appointed under G.O., No. 121, Marine, dated 21st February 1883, at a meeting held on Saturday the 15th March 1884.

PRESENT :

Mr. C. D. Maclean, Chairman.
Hon. A. Mackenzie.
Mr. F. N. Thorowgood.
" J. C. Shaw.
" J. A. Boyson.
" S. R. Turnbull.
" W. H. Oakes.
" F. W. Emery.
Captain J. H. Taylor, Secretary.
Lieutenant-Colonel H. W. H. Cox.

Resolution I.—That the attention of Government be invited to the proceedings of this committee at the meetings held on 11th May and 26th June last, in which the committee distinctly intimated that until the harbour has been completed the Government should not claim interest on a larger proportion of the sum actually expended on the harbour than 75 lakhs bears to 110 lakhs, the estimated cost of completing the harbour. That it be further brought to notice of Government that the maximum rates of toll which under Government notification are to be leviable from 1st proximo were calculated as follows :—

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1	4	0	to provide interest on 75 lakhs.
0	4	0	" Pier charges.
0	1	6	" Preventive service.
1	9	6	Total.

That therefore the introduction of such maximum rate of tolls is in direct opposition to the recommendation of the committee above referred to, as the total expenditure to date is under 67 lakhs. That the committee respectfully request that the order of Government for introduction of the maximum rate of tolls from 1st proximo be reconsidered, and the rate reduced for the present in conformity with the committee's original proposals. But the committee further respectfully request that the introduction of the levy of tolls be deferred until the Government are able to pass definite order for the recommencement of the work of completing the harbour.

Proposed by the Hon. A. Mackenzie.
Seconded by Mr. J. C. Shaw.
Carried by a majority.

Resolution II.—That of the tenders sent in for cooly labor in connection with the collection of dues under Act VI of 1882, the Master Attendant be advised to accept the lowest, made by T. Appa Row Naidu, subject to any answer the committee may receive from Government with reference to their first resolution of this day's date.

Proposed by Mr. J. C. Shaw.
Seconded by the Hon. A. Mackenzie.
Carried.

(Signed) C. D. MACLEANE,
Chairman, Harbour Committee.

ORDER—dated 7th April 1884, No. 149, Marine.

Up to the present time the trade of Madras has contributed nothing in return for the great advantages secured to it for several years by the Harbour Works, and the Government consider it only reasonable that tolls should now be levied.

2. In deciding that the levy should be at the maximum rate, the Government had in view the fact that they have as yet only an approximate estimate of the income to be derived therefrom and only an estimate of the cost of the works.

3. Any surplus over and above the interest will not be diverted to other purposes, but will be strictly applied to harbour improvements or to reducing the capital debt. If, after the experience of a year or two, the income from tolls proves to be considerably in excess of requirements, the Government will be prepared to reconsider the question of the rate at which tolls should be levied.

(True Extract.)

John Maclean

Chief Secretary.

To the Harbour Committee.
" Master Attendant, Madras.
Copy to the Department Public Works.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Madras Harbour dues.

Ordering the levy of tolls at the maximum rates.

Supt. Mr. H. W. ...

Per ...

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For the order ...