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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following despatch from Lord RANDOLPH S. CHURCHILL, Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated India Office, London, 10th September 1885, No. 7 (Public Works).

I forward herewith, for the information of your Government, a copy of a report * Restoration of Madras Harbour. Progress which has been received from Mr. Parkes on the progress of the operations for the report for quarter ending 30th June 1885. restoration of the Madras Harbour for the quarter ending 30th June last.

* Dated 18th August 1885.

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3. I have already addressed your Excellency in connection with this subject in my Public Works despatch, No. 4, of 30th June last, and I await the expression of your opinion therein asked for.

ENCLOSURE.

Madras Harbour.

Report of progress for the quarter ending 30th June 1885.

From W. PARKES, Esq., to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated 23, Abingdon Street, 18th August 1885.

This report is submitted somewhat later than I could have wished, in consequence of the unavoidable delay in sending me the periodical returns upon which it is based.

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3. Thus for nearly four months (and those in the most trying season, from 27th April till 20th August) Mr. Thorowgood has been without any general assistant. If he had broken down, which would not have been matter for surprise, the consequences would have been serious, as there was no one competent to carry on his duties even temporarily.

4. The sea work during the months of April, May, and June is generally subject to much interruption from rough weather, and the present season has been no exception to the rule. What work has been done has been under water, so as to make no show upon a plan, for which reason I am not submitting one with this report.

5. Nine thousand five hundred and twenty-two tons of rubble stone, however, were deposited during the quarter, in addition to the 43,357 previously reported, on the outside of the north pier for the foundation of the wavebreaker, and a commencement has been made for the rubble base of the new line of pier inside the old one by the deposit of 774 tons of stone dropped from boats, and the blasting of some of the old blocks which lay under the site of the new building. This was equivalent to 686 tons additional.

6. In the length of about 200 feet, where the new building adjoins the present standing part of the pier, and which will be built by the titan while partly standing on the latter, the rubble base has also been levelled by divers ready to receive the blocks.

7. For the new building of the south pier, 13,046 tons of rubble base have been deposited from boats.

8. The making of new concrete blocks was started in the middle of May, and 259 were made up to the end of June. These, with the 800 already reported as on hand, make 1,059, which is more than can be set during the current year, though not more than a month's supply when the work is progressing at full speed. The new blocks have principally been made with the locally manufactured cement, and this will continue to be used as supplied, but the supply is not likely to be sufficient for more than a small portion of the whole quantity required, and the bulk of the material must be obtained from England. There is a good supply of English cement for immediate use either on the ground or in course of delivery, but further demands will shortly have to be made.

9. At the present time one of the titans manufactured in this country must now be in course of erection at Madras, the second is on the voyage out, and the wavebreaker crane is just ready for inspection.

10. I have received a statement of expenditure for the quarter showing a total outlay of Rs. 1,26,674, but Mr. Thorowgood has not yet received authority to prepare these accounts in the form I suggested in my report of the 21st August 1884, and the old form is so inappropriate to the present items of expenditure that it is impossible to present any useful abstract. I have compared the actual cost of the rubble stone deposited, which is the largest item, and find that the rate at which the work has been so far done is within the estimate.

11. I would beg to call attention to some information which is now on record with regard to the revenue derived from the lands purchased to the north of the harbour and those reclaimed by the action of the works south of the harbour. It appears from the accounts furnished by Mr. Thorowgood for the year 1884-85 that the sum of Rs. 5,908-9-6 was credited to the item "contingencies" in those accounts, and which I am given to understand is mainly derived from rents of the purchased lands. It is also stated in a letter from Captain Taylor, the Master Attendant, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 7th May 1885, and printed in G.O., 6th June 1885, No. 233 (Marine), that there is godown and ground-rent realised (within the year), which amounted to Rs. 10,691-12-6. The aggregate of these two sums, Rs. 16,600, or at any rate a large portion of it, which would be easily determinable if the accounts were furnished in detail, is the revenue in question, and is the proceeds for the year of the expenditure of Rs. 5,00,000, the capital sum expended in the operation of gain and loss of land described in my report of 21st August 1884, paragraphs 43 to 59, and Appendix B. The year's revenue of Rs. 16,600 represents 3.33 per cent. on this capital expenditure, and it is a revenue which will go on increasing. This information, incomplete and uncertain as it is in its present form, supports the recommendation I have more than once submitted, that the revenue in question should be credited to an account which will show the pecuniary result of the "gain and loss of land."

ORDER—dated 24th October 1885, No. 2512 W., Public Works.

Recorded with advertence to G.O., No. 1889 W., dated 15th August 1885.

(True Extract).

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.
" Marine Department.

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Govt. of (1885) Madras

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G.O., 24th Oct. 1885, No. 2512 W.

OCTOBER.

Madras Harbour

Despatch from the Secretary of State for India forwarding copy of Mr. Parkes' report on the progress of the operations for the restoration of the — for the quarter ending 30th June, recorded.

India Office,
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Mr Wm H. Sullivan
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