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2. It is now found, however, that the contribution to be paid by Port funds for Public Works supervision in the case of the Gopálpur Pier may be materially reduced without departing from the rules in force; for under a Government of India circular of 1881, the percentage need not be calculated on outlay on imported English stores (iron work and the like). In this instance, the estimated cost of imported iron work amounts to Rs. 1,41,932, and of imported timber to about Rs. 42,471, leaving Rs. 46,500 as the actual cost of construction. If the usual percentage be charged on the last-named sum, the total contribution to be paid will amount to Rs. 10,695—a sum by no means excessive, and which it is considered cannot be safely reduced.

3. If this proposal meets the views of the Marine Department, the necessary adjustments will be ordered in the Public Works Department.

4. With respect to the Master Attendant's suggestions relative to the proposed new Customs and Marine offices at Gopálpur, there appears to be no objection to the entire work being carried out in the first instance from Port funds, and the cost being hereafter apportioned between Port funds and Provincial; but it is pointed out that the estimate sanctioned in G.O., No. 3233-W., dated 14th November 1883, was cancelled by G.O., No. 2368W.—A., dated 24th September 1884, and that the revised estimates called for in the latter Government Order have not yet been received. Until those revised estimates have been sanctioned, the work cannot be commenced. The attention of the Superintending Engineer will be called to the matter, and he will be instructed to submit the required revised estimates with the least possible delay.

Ootacamund,
21st April 1886.

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

To the Financial Department.

ORDER—dated 10th May 1886, No. 406, Financial.

The contribution from Port funds for professional supervision of the Gopálpur Pier by the Public Works Department will be fixed at Rs. 10,695.

2. The new Customs and Marine offices will be commenced as soon as possible, the cost being met from Port funds in the first instance.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
„ Marine Department.
„ Accountant-General
„ Master Attendant, Madras.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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Circle & The Exr. P.W.
Accounts, for information
& guidance, & in view
to the necessary adjustment
being effected.

2. The submission of
the revised estimates called
for in G.O. No. 2368 W d/ A
24th Sept. 1884, should
be expedited.

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— and sanctioning the cost of the new Customs
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