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G.O., 2/11/ 1895, No. 27704

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1895} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated November, 2nd.

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G.O. No. 2770 W., 2nd Nov. 1895.

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**Audit of the Harbour Works
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Declining to apply for a reconsideration of the orders of the Government of India as to the amount of fee payable for the —, and stating that no retrospective audit by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, is, however, necessary.

No. 2770 W., 2ND NOVEMBER 1895.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers :—

From H. LE FANU, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras,
to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 11th September 1895,
No. 2519 A.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of G.O. No. 2029 W., Public Works, dated 15th August, directing that the audit of the Madras Harbour Works accounts should be carried out by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, as part of his regular duties ; and that the charge shall be a fixed annual fee, at the rate of $1\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. on the outlay, excluding payments made in England.

2. There are two years' accounts to be audited, and the outlay upon the Harbour Works since 1st April 1893 has been as follows, exclusive of payments made on account of stores supplied through the India Office :—

	RS.
1893-94	2,21,586
1894-95	2,24,261
Total	4,45,847

3. The audit fee upon these two years' accounts would therefore amount to Rs. 7,802, which, the Board submits, is probably more than was intended by Government. The Accountant-General has hitherto audited the construction accounts for a fixed annual fee of Rs. 500, and the trustees request that this amount may be adhered to.

No. 2260, Marine.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

OOTACAMUND,
25th September 1895.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

Office-note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 5th October 1895, No. 3472 A.

The rate fixed by the Government of India is apparently the average rate for the whole of the Public Works Department, and it is beyond my power to suggest any reduction of it.

ORDER—No. 2770 W., dated 2nd November 1895.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to apply for a reconsideration of the orders of the Government of India as to the amount of fee payable for the audit of the Harbour Works accounts, especially as the sum fixed does not appear to be unreasonable. No retrospective audit by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, is, however, necessary. The new arrangements will come into force in 1895-96 and continue during future years, the previous accounts being dealt with as formerly.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
 „ Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
 „ Accountant-General.

Exd. Shaik Karim.
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Government of Madras.

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

No. dated

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From

The Examiner P.W. Accts.

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5-10-95

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SUBJECT.

Madras Harbour Works.

Furnishing remarks
 as to the amount of the
 fee suggested by the
 Harbour Trust Board
 for the audit of their
 accounts.

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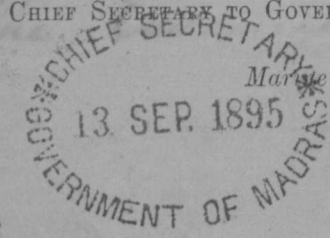
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MARINE DEPARTMENT.

FROM
THE CHAIRMAN,
HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,
MADRAS.

To
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Marine Department.



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SUBJECT.

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Audit on the expenditure of —
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expenditure excluding payments
made in England is more
than the fixed annual fee
of Rs 500/- paid for audit by
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EXAMINER

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EXTRACT of Proceedings of the TRUSTEES OF THE HARBOUR
OF MADRAS, at a Meeting held at the Offices of the
Board on Friday the 6th day
of September 1895.

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8. Read E.O. N-2029 W dated
15th August 1895, communicating
letter from the Government of India
stating that the sanction of the
Secretary of State to the re-revised
estimate amounting to Rs 1,27,52,508
for completing the Madras Harbour
has been applied for, deciding that
the audit of the expenditure on the
works shall be carried out by the
Examiner of Public Works accounts
as part of his regular duties, and
that the Harbour Trust Board be
charged a fixed annual fee for
the services of the Examiner and his
Office.

Read letter from the Board's
Engineer N-436 dated 28th August,
reporting that at the rate fixed by
the Government of India, the fee
payable for the audit of Construction
accounts from the official years
1893-94 and 1894-95 would amount
to Rupees 7,802.

Read minute by a Trustee.
Resolved that the Chairman
is requested to address Government.

(True Extract)

HARBOUR TRUST
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SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Secretary
Harbour Trust Board

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CURRENT No. 724

Madras Harbour Trust,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
11th September, 1895.

No. 2579 a

From *A. Le Lanu Esq. Sec.*

CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,
MADRAS.

To *The Honble Mr. J. L. Ince C.S. Sec.*

Chief Secretary to Government,
Marine Department.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of a letter dated 15th August, No. 2029 W Public works,
directing that the audit of the Madras Harbour
works accounts should be carried out by the
Examiner of Public works accounts, as part of
his regular duties; and that the charge shall
be a fixed annual fee, at the rate of $1\frac{3}{4}\%$ on
the outlay, excluding payments made in England.
2 There are two years accounts to be audited,
and the outlay upon the Harbour works since
1st April 1893 has been as follows, exclusive of
payments made on account of stores supplied through
the India office.

1893-94 — Rs 2,21,586

1894-95 — Rs 224,261

Total Rs 4,45,847

3 The audit fee upon these two years accounts

would therefore amount to Rs 7802/- which the Board submits is probably more than was intended by Government. The Accountant General has hitherto audited the Construction accounts for a fixed annual fee of Rs 500/- and the Trustees request that this amount may be adhered to. I have the honor to be
 Sir,

Your most obedt servant

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 Chairman

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No 2770 W of 2 November 1895

Read the following:—

Endorsement in the Marine Dept
 on letter from the Chairman
 Harbour Trust Board No. 2519
 dated 12 September 1895. } H.E. No 2260 d/25 September 1895
 office Note from the Examiner P.W. Secs " 3472 d/5 October 1895

FOR ORDERS. as to whether the

Government of India should be asked to reconsider the rate of charge which, in the opinion of the Examiner, is based on the average rate for the whole of the Public Works Department.

The orders of the Govt. of India are very clear & explicit, and I do not suppose they will alter them, especially as they do not appear to be unreasonable. I would therefore adhere to them. From para 4. of the note - it would appear that it wd. be useless now to make a retrospective audit. The new arrangement will therefore come into force in 1895-96 & continue during future years.

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2. The Chairman's argument is altogether unsound; the reason for the change of system was that the former audit was insufficient, and it is in my opinion absurd to suppose that a proper audit of the expenses of construction of a work of this magnitude could be obtained for Rs 500, or anything like it.

3. It will be better for the Board to pay Rs 3,800 per annum for an efficient auditor than Rs 500 for a useless one; and I cannot recommend any reduction as regards the future.

4. I do not however see why the accounts for 1893-94 and 1894-95 should be audited by the Examiner at all; the object of the proposal was to obtain the control over current expenditure which is effected by the regular audit of the Examiner, and this is of course impossible as regards past expenditure. I would therefore suggest that the arrangement sanctioned in G.O. No 2029 W of 15th August 1895 be applied only to the expenditure for 1895-96 and future years

years, leaving that for former years to be dealt with as formerly.

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FOR ORDERS.

The rate of charge
for the audit of the
Harbour Works Accounts

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B. R. Waters
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

N^o. 2770 W of 2nd November 1895

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Endorsement in the Marine Dept.
on letter from the Chairman H.B.
N^o. 2579 dated 12th Sept 1895... (H.E. N^o. 2260 of 25th Sept 95)
Office Note from the E.P.W.A. (N^o. 3472A of 5th Oct 95)

H.P.
His Excellency the
Governor in Council is not
prepared to apply for a
reconsideration of the
orders of the Government
of India as to the amount
of fee payable for the
audit of the Harbour
Works Accounts, especially
as the sum fixed does
not appear to be un-
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The Examiner P. W. A.
" Chairman H. J. B.
" Accountant General

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