

Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 1359

DATED 6/2/96

[Despatch Abstract.]

Trevelyan Wharf on the Buckingham
Canal — Stating that there is
no necessity for the purchase
of the

PUBLIC WORKS.

Encl.

G.O. No. 135 I., 6th Feb. 1896.

FEBRUARY.

Stating that there is no necessity for the purchase of the — on the Buckingham canal and directing the continuance of the arrangements sanctioned in G.O. No. 407 L., dated 10th June 1886.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Irrigation.

READ—the following papers:—

Transfer endorsement of the Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch, No. 310 I., dated 2nd April 1895.

G.O., Mis. No. 1657 M., dated 16th October 1895.

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ENCLOSURE.

PROCEEDINGS of the Standing Committee, dated 16th August and 6th September 1895, and Resolution Nos. 7 and 6 of the proceedings, dated 12th June and 5th July 1895, respectively.

With reference to resolution No. 7 of 12th June 1895, M.R.Ry. Salla Guruswami Chetti Garu proposed and M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu seconded—

“That the Commissioners do make over the Trevelyan wharf to Government for the sum of Rs. 48,000 in compensation for the loss of revenue derived by the municipality from the wharf and on the understanding that the municipality be allowed the use of the wharf for the manufacture, repair or launch of boats as at present, and that their boats be allowed to ply within the basin free of cost.”

To this as an amendment, M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal proposed—

“That Rs. 40,000, being the amount of 25 years' purchase, be substituted for Rs. 48,000.”

The amendment not being seconded, fell through.

The original proposition was put to the vote and carried.

Order—Mis. No. 1657 M., dated 16th October 1895.

The President's letter with its enclosure will be communicated to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. FRANCIS,
for Chief Secretary.

ORDER—No. 135 I., dated 6th February 1896.

The Government sees no necessity for the purchase of the Trevelyan wharf on the Buckingham canal. The arrangements sanctioned in G.O. No. 407 I., dated 10th June 1886, will therefore continue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, II Circle.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.
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No 135 I. of 6 Feb 1896

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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To the Supp. Engineer, Second Circle.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation
" Examiner, Projects.
" Local & Municipal Dept.
" Revenue Dept.

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*Trevelyan Wharf on the
Buckingham Canal - Madras.*

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dated 31-1-96 on the sheet for orders*

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H. E. 29/IR 1/2.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
IRRIGATION BRANCH.

Read the following:—

- G.O. NO: 37.1. dated 10th January 1885.
 - G.O. NO: 407.1. dated 10th June 1886.
 - G.O. NO: 310.1. dated 2nd April 1895.
 - G.O. NO: 1657. M. Miss: dated 16th October 1895
 - Letter NO: 1858, dated 15th November 1895
from the Engineer, Madras Municipality
 - Letter NO: 707, dated 30th November 1895
from the Government Solicitor.
- FOR ORDERS.**

Prior to 1885 the Madras Municipality possessed two wharves on the Buckingham Canal, viz, the Elephant Gate and Trevelyan wharves.

2. As it was considered necessary that all wharves connected with the canal should be in charge of the canal authorities the Elephant Gate Wharf was purchased for Rs 3,149 and the Trevelyan wharf leased for Rs 1,600 per annum.

3. The Executive Engineer, Buckingham canal division now proposes to purchase the Trevelyan wharf and the Chief Engineer for Irrigation agrees with the Superintending Engineer that this is advisable.

4. The Municipality, however, demand Rs 48,000 which at 3½ per cent will produce an income of Rs 1,600 per annum. This demand makes no allowance for cost of maintenance, or for depreciation and the rate of interest appears to be fixed too low.

FOR ORDERS.

5. If cost of maintenance be deducted, viz Rs 308 per annum, the net income now derived by the Municipality amounts to Rs 1292 which at 5 per cent represents a capital of Rs 25800 or say Rs 26000 and it is suggested that this amount may be paid to the Municipality in lieu of the demand for Rs 48000.

6. From the accompanying letter from the Government Solicitor it appears that the Municipality have no legal right to any compensation as the wharf is in connection with a line of navigation and they are therefore unable to collect any fees without the sanction of Government. It is not suggested that the legal right should be enforced but it will probably be as well to let the Municipality know that they are not in a position to dictate the terms on which the wharf shall be taken over.

W
16/12

Queen
16/12

x What has I. to say to this - & the rest of the hon. Mr. Bliss' note?
If the D.P.W. were to buy up this wharf - what Municipal taxation would have to be found? ground rent etc.

W
10 Jan

Approved - but 5% is rather a high rate for this calculation - and 4% looks to me fairer. To procure the 1300 ^{Rs. a year} (in round figures) would require 30000. & I think this might be offered.

W
18 Dec

It seems true that to pay Rs 30000 for securing this wharf & a revenue of Rs 1292 p. a. would be a sacrifice of Rs 30000 for a profit. Provided Govt. does not lose (and it does not) by restoring the wharf from the Municipality, any small existing arrangements be altered? Symmetry would be secured, no doubt, but not a profit. Much better continue to rent the wharf at what is - reasonably - beyond the Rs 30000 on something else.

BS
20/12/95

For the hon. Mr. Bliss.

W
17 Jan

This wharf is off the direct line of the canal, so far as I can see, be well managed while it is rented as if it were purchased - I cannot see why well cannot be let alone - the purchase would be very uneconomical & would lead to no advantage, as Govt. has apparently a perpetual lease.

BS
18/1/96

As the Govt. Dept. now says that the acquisition of this wharf does not appear very urgently necessary, I have no objection to letting the matter lie over.

W
31 Jan

With reference to the Hon. Mr. Bliss' remarks, I should say that the only reason why we should have all wharves on the canal under our control is that when the Coorim Scheme has been carried out of the Otago Nullah made navigable all this wharf-arrangement will have to be altered, and it is considered advisable by Mr. Bliss. well to acquire this the only large private wharf.

The acquisition does not appear very urgently necessary but delay will probably mean increased compensation afterwards. The trade is bound to increase and there will probably be a considerable subsequent profit in this harbour section if carried out now. Enquiry will be made as to ground rent & boundary. 11/10

FOR ORDERS.

H.E. the Governor

The Honorable Mr: Bliss, C. I. E.

Trevelyan Wharf, Madras

To H. E. The Governor
The Hon. Mr Bliss C. I. E.

To H. E.
for perusal of remarks
by H. E.

Recd
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W. G.

1st Dec 1895

2nd Dec 1895

3rd Dec 1895

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Local and Municipal Department.



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Mr. Mis.)

Asst. Under Secretary

for Chief Secretary.

To

The Public Works Department.

Govt. of 1895 Madras.

Local and Municipal Department.

Recd. 21.10.95

To

The Public Works Department

Act I of 1884.

Act II of 1890.

No. 919 of 14-10-84

" 373 - 10-1-85

" 407 of 10-6-86

" 310 of 2-4-95

Proceedings, dated 16th October 1895,
No. 1657 in this

Subject.
Trevelyan Wharf on the Buckingham Canal

Communicating to the P.W.D. letter from the P^t. Munt^r, Commission, Madras, with its enclosure, regarding the transfer of the ——— to Govt for a sum of Rs. 48,000 on certain conditions.