

Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 1965 W

DATED 3 July 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Jetty at the Port of Mangalore
Ors. Marine Dept. directing the
demolition of the structure and the
sale of the materials of the same by the
Public Works Department, Commu-
nicated to Superintending Engineer IV Circle

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2. The Collector, in forwarding to me a copy of this Resolution, states as follows:—

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(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
" Public Works Department.

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*Communicated to
the Hon. Secy. to Govt. of Madras
on 8th June 1896.*

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