

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 1109W

DATED 29th April 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

*Main drain near the
Fort, Madras*

*Accepting the charge of Rs 8681 incurred
by the Madras Municipality for the extension
seawards of the —*

Gen. P. W.

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[P. W. 39]
[1701-8-8-80.]

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
278	9	14-4-96.	
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FURTHER PAPERS.

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C. A. 250-29-16-96.

Office of the Consulting Architect to Govt.,

Chepauk, Madras,

25th March 1897.

No. 5514

From

G. I. T. Harris, Esq.,

Consulting Architect

to the Government of Madras,

To

The Chief Engineer

Public Works Department

Sir,

Enclosures.

With reference to G. O. No. 278 bearing date the 24th April 1896, I have the honour to state that the Engineer, Madras Municipality, has sent in a bill of costs for the extensions of the Fort out fall main drain, amounting to Rs 8681/- as follows:-

Labour	Rs 3390	14	2
Materials	" 4157	13	9
	7548	11	11

At 15 percent for

Supervision	1132	4	1
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Total Rs 8681

The Municipal Engineer further states that the bill has been framed from the details

of work done & materials supplied up to the 15th instant when the work was practically completed but that should there be any further debts for the current month, a supplemental bill for such will be submitted on the final closing of the accounts on the 31st instant.

2. The bill of costs as presented will be paid but as no mention of the percentage for supervision was made in the G.O. sanctioning payment of bill of costs, I have the honour to enquire whether the charge may be accepted.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
As Sani
Consulting Architect
to Government.

1896 Madras.
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No. 1591W dt 23rd May 1896.

Communicated
to the Consig. Architect
and the Examiner
P.W. Accounts for
information.

Sd/ S. M. C.
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Dated April, 24th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O. No. 278, 24th April 1896.

APRIL.

Main drain near the Fort,
Madras

The cost of the extension seawards of the —, ordered to be borne by Government, and the President of the Madras Municipal Commission requested to arrange for the early execution of the work.

C.A. to Govt.
Exr. P.W. Accts

No. 278, MARINE, 24TH APRIL 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper :—

G.O., No. 71, Marine, dated 6th February 1896.

Read— the following letter from W. AUSTIN, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, to the Joint Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated Madras, 27th January 1896, No. 4001 :—

I have the honour to submit, for the information and for favour of the orders of Government, copy of a letter from the President, Madras Municipal Commission, No. 907 W.W., dated 16th November 1895, and of the Board's Resolution thereon expressing its unwillingness to pay for any further extension of the Fort outfall drain.

2. I also enclose for reference copy of my letter to the President, No. 3665, dated 21st December 1895, and of his reply No. 1115 W.W., dated 17th January 1896.

ENCLOSURES.

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. J. MOORE, c.i.e., President, Madras Municipal Commission, to the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, dated Madras, 16th November 1895, No. 907 W.W.

I have the honour to draw your attention to the large quantity of sand lying between the outlet of the main drain near the Fort and the margin of the sea, and to request that the open drain built by the Harbour Trust Board under G.O. No. 3305 W., dated 13th December 1890, may be extended by another 250 feet at an early date, as the labour and expense for keeping open and free so great a length of channel formed entirely in the sand, falls heavily on this department.

EXTRACT of Proceedings of the Trustees of the Harbour of Madras, at a meeting held at the offices of the Board on Friday the 22nd day of November 1895.

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7. Read letter No. 907, dated 16th November 1895, from the President, Madras Municipal Commission, requesting a further extension by 250 feet of the open storm-water drain near the north-east corner of the Fort.

Read minutes by Trustees.

Resolved that the Board objects to pay for any further extension. The Chairman is invited to address Government.

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From W. AUSTIN, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, to the President, Madras Municipal Commission, dated Madras, 21st December 1895, No. 3665.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 16th November, No. 907 W.W.

2. Please inform me under what section of Act I of 1884 you make the request that the open drain to the north-east corner of Fort St. George should be extended 250 feet by the Harbour Trust Board.

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. J. MOORE, C.I.E., President, Madras Municipal Commission, to the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, dated Madras, 17th January 1896, No. 1115 W.W.

With reference to your letter No. 3665, dated 21st December 1895, I have the honour to state that there is no specific provision in the Act. Government in Orders Nos. 3087 W., and 3305 W., dated respectively the 19th November and 13th December 1890, laid the liability for the construction of this drain upon the Board who have already extended the original drain twice.

Order—No. 71, Marine, dated 6th February 1896.

His Excellency the Governor in Council desires that the Harbour Trust Board be called on to state the grounds of their objection to pay for the further extension of the drain in question, seeing that the work is rendered necessary owing to the accumulation of sand caused by the construction of the harbour piers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Col., R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Government.

READ—also the following paper:—

From W. AUSTIN, Esq., I.C.S., Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, to the Joint Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated Madras, 6th March 1896, No. 4714.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of G.O. No. 71, Marine, dated 6th February.

2. The Trustees would submit that, although the accretion of sand to the south of the harbour has been caused by the building of the south wall, they have no interest in the land so accreted, as it has been withheld from the Trust under G.O. No. 601, dated 28th October 1886.

3. To the north of the harbour the land has been eroded, and the Board has, in addition to previous claims already met, aggregating a large amount, lately been called upon to pay Rs. 12,400 as compensation to the owners of land now threatened by the sea, and will probably have to pay further large sums to an indefinite amount, for land which is not required for the purposes of the Trust and which can bring in little or no revenue; indeed, wherever the revetment ends, erosion is likely to take place beyond.

4. This expenditure was foreseen by the late Mr. Parker as a necessary charge against the harbour, but he presumed that a compensating gain would be found in the accretion of land to the south—*vide* extract from his report, dated 25th February 1879 (printed with G.O. No. 601, Marine, above referred to).

5. This accretion appears to be of a permanent character, and, moreover, is of so serious a nature that extensive and costly works are stated to be necessary to prevent the sand blocking up the mouth of the harbour.

6. The Trustees would therefore submit, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that as they are called upon to pay for erosion on the north, and protection both to the north and on the south, that the land accreted should be made over to the Trust as its property, when they would be willing, as owners, to meet any claims for extension and maintenance of drains which Government might decide they were liable for.

ORDER—No. 278, Marine, dated 24th April 1896.

In consideration of the fact that the ownership of the land formed to the south of the harbour vests in Government, the cost of extending the drain which has become necessary by the accretion of sand will be borne by Government. The President of the Madras Municipal Commission will arrange for the early extension of the drain and will submit the bill of costs to the Public Works Department for payment.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.
" President, Madras Municipal Commission,
" through the Local and Municipal Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Financial Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.
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