

G.O., No. 1322 W.

DATED 9. May 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Port of Ponnani, Pros. Marine Dept.
directing the S.E. IV Arch to submit as soon
as possible the estimate already & called
for for the construction of piers and a sea
wall at the —, record.

Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, directed to submit, as soon as possible, the estimate called for in G.O., No. 1946 W., dated 3rd July 1896, for the construction of groynes and a sea wall at the — to facilitate the landing of cargo.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From J. HANNAN, Esq., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 12th February 1897, No. 87/W.

With reference to G.O., No. 1946 W., dated 3rd July 1896, calling for the submission of an estimate for the construction of groynes and a sea wall at the port of Ponnáni to facilitate the landing of cargo, I have the honour to report that the Port Conservator on my recent visit to Ponnáni informed me that the sea wall in question is not now required at the place indicated by the native merchants, as it is now in contemplation by the Port authorities to construct a new Custom house in front of the lately-constructed warehouses, and to reclaim a piece of the foreshore here by constructing a sea wall between the two existing groynes. The area it is proposed to reclaim will be about 80 feet wide and 500 feet long, and will afford ample space for the construction of the new Custom house and for the landing of cargo. The proposals seem to me everyway desirable and I await orders thereon.

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 14th April 1897, No. 1674/133 G.

With reference to Marine Department memo., No. 242 E., dated 3rd April 1897 (enclosures herewith returned), I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that the Port officer, Cochin, recommends that the protective works specified in this office letter, No. 1786/201 G., dated 16th June 1896, should be carried out in order to prevent further erosion of the sea. I would, therefore, suggest the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, being desired to expedite the estimates called for in G.O., No. 1946 W., dated 3rd July 1896, and the expenditure being sanctioned against Port funds.

2. The Port officer also recommends, in addition, the new work now proposed, namely, the reclamation of a piece of the foreshore by constructing a sea wall between the two existing groynes, but he states that this work should be carried out by the merchants themselves on Madras Act III of 1885 being introduced at the port. I am awaiting a communication from the Collector of Malabar on the subject of the Act being introduced.

ORDER—No. 381, Marine, dated 27th April 1897.

The Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, will, as soon as possible, submit the estimate called for in G.O., No. 1946 W., dated 3rd July 1896.

(True Extract.)

A. K. N. Aiyangar
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
" Presidency Port Officer.
" Public Works Department. ✓