

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 1422 W

DATED 26 March 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Calicut Pier: Pro: Marine Dept re-
ceiving Back the - from the Company which
undertook its custody and requesting that
an estimate be prepared for the present
structure being put into a condition of re-
pair sufficient to ensure its use and safety
Comd^r to S. E. W. with for submission of an
estimate for the repair of the Calicut pier.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 6th March 1897, No. 206/78 G.

With reference to G.O., No. 68, Marine, dated 23rd January 1897, I have the honour to state, for the information of Government, that I have been in communication with the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, regarding the erection of a new pier at Calicut, and I understand that in view of a series of twelve sections of the foreshore which will have to be taken at intervals of a month, it will take some fifteen months or more before an estimate of the cost of the new structure can be framed. It is necessary, however, that until work is commenced with the new pier, the present one should be maintained in serviceable condition so as not to interrupt the shipping and landing operations of the port, and I therefore request that the orders of Government may be obtained on the following points, viz.:—

- (a) Whether the present pier may be taken over by the local Port officer in behalf of Government from the Calicut Pier and Warehouse Company (Limited).
- (b) If it can be temporarily repaired pending the construction of a new structure.

From J. HANNAN, Esq., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 16th March 1897, No. 154/W.

With reference to your memo., No. $\frac{1414}{A} C.$, dated 11th instant, I have the honour to state that, in order to ascertain what lengths of piles are required for the Calicut pier, it will be necessary to obtain the section of maximum littoral scour at the site of the proposed pier. The section of the foreshore varies from month to month, and I think sections should be taken every month for twelve months. No working estimate can be prepared until the lengths of the piles required are ascertained.

A sufficiently approximate estimate of the cost of the pier can, however, be prepared as soon as borings have been taken to ascertain the nature of the soil at the proposed site, but it will not be safe to order piles for the work until the sections above referred to are taken. This was not done in the case of the Gopalpur pier, and Government was put to great expense in cutting and lengthening piles.

If the piles of the Gopalpur pier are to be used, no estimate can be framed until the cost of taking up these piles is ascertained, and the only way to ascertain this is to take them up.

ORDER—No. 364, Marine, dated 22nd April 1897.

As it must necessarily take some considerable time before a new pier can be erected at Calicut, should this course be finally decided on when the estimate of cost comes up for consideration, His Excellency the Governor in Council approves of the present structure being put into a condition of repair sufficient to ensure its use and safety. An estimate will be prepared accordingly in the Public Works Department.

2. The pier will be received back from the Company which undertook its custody, together with all funds which may be standing to its credit. The reconveyance should be carried out in communication with the Government Solicitor.

3. The Presidency Port Officer will expedite his report as to the feasibility and cost of dismantling the Gopalpur pier, an inquiry into which he is understood to have made in company with Mr. Pogson.

(True Extract.)

Ad. Narayana

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.

- „ Public Works Department.
- „ Government Solicitor.
- „ Revenue Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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To the S. & IV Circle
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Calicut Pier

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