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G.O., No. 2769W

DATED 28 October 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Havelock Point

Recording, with remarks, report from the Superintendent of Works Light House Dn, regarding the damage caused by a recent storm at ——.

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From the Supdt. of works Light House Dn. Madras

Order ASK 20.10.98 HS 25/10/98

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2. The further report promised by the Supdt. of works, Light House Division, will be awaited.

ASK 15.10.98.

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Dated 14 October 98

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SUBJECT.

Hancock Point —

Reporting the damage done by the recent cyclone at — Div

To

The Supdt. of works, L. H. Divn. D 26/10/98

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Copy

of telegram dated 14 October '98 from Conductor C. Smith R.E. to the Superintendent of works Light House Division. Grassmere. Egmore. Madras.

———— " ————

Terrible storm here all sheds down forty tons cement spoiled send cement sharp.

(True copy.)

[signature]
Superintendent of works
Light House Division

C.A. 14-10-98.

Urgent.

OFFICE OF THE SUPT. OF WORKS, LIGHT-HOUSE DIVN.,

Egmore, Madras,

Dated 14th October 1898.

No. 1328

From

F. W. ASHPITEL, Esq.,

SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,

LIGHT-HOUSE DIVISION,

Madras,

To

THE Secretary to Government.

Public Works Department.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of a telegram received from Conductor Smith reporting the damage done by the recent cyclone at False Point Divi (Havelock Point). The total loss I estimate at not less than Rs 3000 but will report further on this point after I have inspected the site. The loss of the cement will, I am afraid, delay the completion of the work but I am making arrangements to send a further supply at once so as to minimise this delay as much as possible.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant,

F W Ashpitel
Superintendent of Works
Light House Division

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Public Works (1898) Department.

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From The Supt. of Works
Lieut Hamilton Madras

Order

No. 1345 & 1346

Dated 17th October 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Havelock point Dist

Inwarding copy of Correspondence regarding the damage done at — during the recent storm.

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Copy

Havelock Point Dist
No I Sub Division
12th October 1898.

From

Conductor C Smith RR
No I Sub divisional Officer

To

The Superintendent of works.
Madras.

Sir,

I beg to report that a most terrible thunder storm visited this place this morning the 11th instant and has done consi-derable damage.

The storm started with heavy rain at about 11 P. M. on the 10th, this continued until about 4 A. M.. At this time I made my way round the coolies quarters and at day light myself, writer, and maistry waded through the water (some places upto our necks) to the Cooly lines near the light house, where many of my coolies sleep. I was glad to find them all safe, although their sheds were down. The sea was running very high and at this time the water was 1½ foot above the highest tide level. There was also 1½ foot of water above the floors of work sheds including the cement store. At about 9 am the storm appeared to have reached its highest. I, my wife, and coolies including woman & children sat down on a

piece

piece of ground that was not under water near your shed, all out in the open as this was the safest place, we were here for about 2 hours when the storm commenced to subside, all the sheds came down one after another, the casurina poles snapping like matchwood. Only one shed was partially left and that is the small corrugated iron one, that I formerly built as a store, just in the rear of the Rest shed and it is there where I my wife and the native woman and children, sweeper etc are now staying. I managed to put up my tent for the men to stay in last night. Every one is afraid to stay and I expect some trouble in getting the bricklayers and carpenters to remain. Any way no work can be done at the light-house until new sheds are built. We are all more or less sick and have had no sleep since the night of the 10th.

The following are some of the losses by the storm

about 40 tons of cement completely spoiled.
15 Candies of stone lime —do—
100 parahs of sand washed away

My shed
Inspection shed
office —do—
Cement —do—
Carpenters work shed
} well built sheds, blown to pieces

also all cutcha sheds.

Some of the heavy scaffolding poles around the light House snapped like match wood.

Paddle boat damaged.

Some office furniture smashed.

I am not sure whether the cement testing machine is damaged cannot get at it yet.

Tent slightly damaged.

I will write further details as soon as I can make an inspection. I may go into Bezwada for a day or two's rest as I am feeling quite knocked up.

It is now 8 a.m. the 12th it has ceased raining for a time. I made a further inspection of the light house and quarters. There is no damage whatever to the former; but some of the window frames lately fixed to the 2d story of the quarters were blown out and carried a little of the brickwork with them. I am sure no one here thought they would pull through the storm safely: but I am glad to say that

with

with the exception of a few cuts and bruises nothing

serious happened.

I have etc.
signed C. Smith. Condr RL
no I Sub Divl officer.

No 1345

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Works Department in continuation of this office
No 1328 dated 14th October 1898. A further report
will be sent after inspection.

W Marshall
Superintendent of works.
Light House Division.

Madras
17th Octr 98

C 17.10.98

Copy.

Havelock Point Divn,
No I Sub Division, 12-10-98

From

Conductor C. Smith RL
No I Sub divisional Officer

To

The Superintendent of Works.
Madras.

Sir,

I beg to report that I have just received information that two of my punts sunk, during the storm of yesterday morning, near a village called Nagalunka, about 20 miles from here. I will go myself, or send a maistry to see what can be done to get them up to morrow.

I have etc.
signed C. Smith, Condr RL.
no I Sub divisional Offr

No 1346

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dated 14th October 1898.

W Marshall
Superintendent of works.
Light House Division.

Madras.
17th Octr 98.

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