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Marine (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 2775 W

DATED 31st Dec '88

[Despatch Abstract.]

Havelock Point

In accordance with the Report of Works,
Light House on, forwarding copy of
further report for Conducta Smith
regarding the damage caused by the
recent storm at ———, rendered.

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Inquiring why of correspondence
from the Sub Divisional Officer
in charge regarding the loss caused
by the recent storm at —

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No I Sub Division L. H. Dⁿ,
Havelock Point Dist,
13 October 1898.

From

Conductor C. Smith MR

No I Sub divisional office

To

The Superintendent of works

Light House Dⁿ Morous

Sir,

In continuation of my letter of yesterday, I have to further report the loss of several pieces of teakwood, as well as teakwood moulds; also most of the light house plans. It is probable that most of the teakwood will be found in the surrounding jungles; and I have written to the Magistrate of Avanigadda to inform the villages along the Coast near here, to let me know if they pick up anything belonging to these works.

It may not be clear to you how this happened as you are aware that my floors are above the highest

at tide level: I shall explain as well as
I can by what I saw at daylight on the 11th.

The sea to the east of this place was very
high, the breakers apparently running to about
50 feet this all washed over the Island from
the east. The Island (with the exception of the
argins) is low, so when all the low places
are full of water about $1\frac{1}{2}$ ' to 2 feet above
high tide level, the water broke away into the
river in several places, with great force.
It was during this time that the teakwood
etc. were washed away; this took place
before the storm reached its summit. There
was about 1 foot of water rushing through
my shed, and what with danger to clothing,
books and breakage of furniture, sheep
folds etc. that were drowned and washed
away, my own personal loss is not less
than Rs 300/. The cement testing machine
is not damaged, but the shot stand is
all broken and the scales slightly damaged.

Most

Most of my work people have left the place
with the few that remain I am trying to erect
sheds for shelter. Heavy rains continued all
last night, but we managed to get partial
shelter with my tents and one remaining shed.

I have sent off for rice and fowls for the
work people here as what they had was either
spoiled or washed away during the storm.

I would ask you to come here at once,
but cannot see that you could do any good
just now and there is no place to shelter you.

I have sent off to persuade the cooly people
to come back to work, if they do, I will
soon have things in order again. But I fear
that they will not come until the rains
cease. I am informed that every house
in Soorlagundy (the village where my
coolies come from) and many other
villages near here are entirely destroyed.

I have etc.

Signed C. Smith

Comdr R.R.

N. I. S. S. O.

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N^o 1349

Copy forwarded to the Chief Engineer
Public Works Department in continuation
of this office N^o 1328 dated 14th October 1898.

Madras }
19th Oct 1898

Whispering
Superintendent of works
Light House Co.

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