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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd September 1865.

No. 465. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Marine Department:—

Passing orders with reference to certain proposals from the Collector of South Canara, and the Superintendent of Marine, regarding the extension of the Mangalore Quay, &c. } (Here enter 16th September 1865, No. 198.)

No. 466. ORDER THEREON, 22nd September 1865, No. 2,288.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Marine Department, No. 198.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Read the following papers:—

No. 18. From W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of South Canara, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Mangalore, 13th May 1865, No. 22.

I have the honor to forward, as directed in the Proceedings of Government under date the 14th March last, No. 55, a letter received from Colonel Walker, Superintending Engineer of the Division, together with its enclosures from Mr. Supervisor Fernandez, regarding the present state of the Quay at Mangalore, of what has been done up to this date, and what remains still to be done.

2. I take opportunity also to enclose a sketch, since prepared at my request by Mr. Fernandez, by which the Government will see exactly the work which has been completed, and would venture most strongly to urge that this work, which has made so much progress, and which has already proved so advantageous to the Port, should be proceeded with. I beg to add that I fully concur with Colonel Walker in considering that a frontage of 30 yards or of 90* feet is ample for all possible Government requirements; and I would therefore recommend that the portions beyond this limit which have been, or may be, re-claimed, should be sold by public auction. I do not, however, agree with Colonel Walker in thinking that any portion of the land should be sold in its existing state; it would probably fetch next to nothing, and it would be difficult to enforce conditions as to its being filled up within a reasonable time; while, if filled in (and this might be to a large extent done by the labor of convicts), there can be but little doubt that the land so re-claimed would fetch a high price.

* Shown by the red dotted line on the plan.

3. With reference to the inquiry made by Colonel Walker in the 3rd paragraph of his letter, I beg to state that the sale proceeds of the land already sold has been credited to Imperial Funds; this I respectfully submit is a mistake, and I would beg to request sanction for the amount in question being transferred to Port Fund.

4. I beg, in conclusion, to support Colonel Walker's recommendation, regarding an annual maintenance allowance being sanctioned for the ordinary repairs to the Quay.

List of enclosures herewith sent.

1 Copy of letter from Superintending Engineer, dated 29th April 1865, No. 24, and of its enclosure, being letter from Mr. Supervisor Fernandez, dated 22nd April 1865, No. 265.

1 Ditto of Estimate for the completion of the Quay north of Kulsunkoo, dated 15th September 1863.

1 Survey of the Quay.

1 Plan and Section of covered drains proposed to be built on the Quay.

From Lieutenant Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of South Canara; dated Coonoor, 29th April 1865, No. 24.

I have the honor to transmit a report by Mr. Supervisor Fernandez, furnishing the full information regarding the extension of Mangalore Quay, called for in the G. O. which accompanied your letter, No. 17, of 22nd March. Elucidated by the Survey and set of plans accompanying, and the estimates now in the Revenue Board Office, nothing can be more complete.

Enclosures 3.

2. The sum asked for is large, Rupees 16,230—the available Port Funds now probably about half that amount. I cannot see any force in Mr. Morris' objection to supplement them by sale of the portions already filled in [vide paragraph 2 of report]; surely a reserve frontage of 30 yards or 100 feet is ample for all Government requirements. I would even go further, and,

instead of going to the expense of filling up more than a 30 feet frontage, I would sell the rest as it is, or even give it to occupants in the rear, on condition of their filling it up to a given level within a certain time, and not planting it.

3. I take this opportunity of inquiring how the Rupees 5710 realized by sale of re-claimed land to Messrs. McMinn and Coelho was credited, *i. e.* whether to Imperial or Port Funds. In the former case a re-fund might justly be claimed.

4. I conclude with commending Mr. Fernandez's suggestion of an annual maintenance allowance of Rupees 250 [doubled for 1865-66] from Port Funds, for the repair of Monsoon damages to the entire length of Quay between the Custom House and Kulsunkoo River.

From Mr. V. M. FERNANDEZ, Supervisor, Department Public Works, to Lieutenant Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, Coimbatore; dated Mangalore, 22nd April 1865, No. 265.

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2. From the records in my possession, I find that up to the end of 1861-62 Rupees 6220-13 8 were spent in part of Rupees 10,713, sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings, dated the 24th February 1855, No. 91. The above sum, as well as all outlay incurred previous to 1861-62, was spent in walling in, and filling up with sand and red clay, the first portion of the Quay, 1216 feet in length, commencing from the Sea Custom House, southwards. Of this portion which was fully completed before the end of 1861-62, the first, 478 feet in length, having been retained for the frontage of the Sea Custom House, as well as for the construction of Engineer yard, &c., the 2nd bit, 456 feet in length, was sold to Messrs. McMinn and Coelho to build their warehouses, and realized Rupees 5710. There still remains a third bit, 315 feet in length, available for sale, but the late Collector, Mr. Morris, expressed to me his unwillingness to part with this, on the grounds that the same would be useful for Government purposes, in the event of the development of the Sea port.

3. In 1862-63, a further sum of Rupees 3231-7-2 out of the above mentioned sanction, and Rupees 593-4-0 out of Rupees 650 sanctioned by Government in their Orders, dated the 16th April 1863, No. 937, were spent in walling in the remaining portion of the river, 2150 feet in length, to the Kulsunkoo stream, to an average height of two yards, and in filling in the same with river sand to an average breadth of 10 yards.

4. For 1863-64, Rupees 1200 and Rupees 1300 were sanctioned by Government in their Orders dated 5th August 1863, No. 2200, and 28th January 1864, No. 207, respectively. Of these sanctions, Rupees 1243-13-1 and Rupees 867-0-5 were spent during that year, partly in closing the work undertaken in 1862-63, and partly in raising to the height of about five feet more the 1st portion, 307 feet long, of the wall alluded to in the foregoing paragraph, and in closing the said portion by a cross wall at a point which divided the portion in question by a stream.

5. On the 18th March 1864, an estimate amounting to Rupees 19,030, together with a Survey of what then remained to be done to the said Quay, as well as a plan of drains required to be built along the same was submitted by me to you. Of these papers, the estimate only was forwarded by the Collector to the Board of Revenue, with his letter dated the 28th July 1864, No. 122, with a request that Rupees 6000, out of Rupees 7166 which were then available out of the Port Fund, might be sanctioned towards the carrying out of the work in question, stating at the same time that this sum, together with Rupees 1300 out of Income Tax, which were then being laid out, would re-claim a clear 900 feet in length.

6. The Board of Revenue, in their Proceedings dated 10th October 1864, No. 6655, informed the Collector that his letter, above alluded to, had been referred to the Superintendent of Marine, as they were not competent to dispose of the Port Funds. In November, however, they communicated to the Collector the letter from the Superintendent of Marine, dated 5th November 1864, No. 3685, to the effect that the credit of the Port Fund on the 30th September 1864 amounted to Rupees 7275, and that one-half of the same could be spared in aid of the work, if duly sanctioned.

7. Unaware, as the Collector was, as to the propriety of disbursing the above sum or otherwise, he asked the Revenue Board by letter, dated the 6th December 1864, No. 199, whether any further sanction was requisite, and requested that the same may be obtained through the proper channel, if found necessary; whereupon the Board of Revenue, in their Proceedings dated the 16th December 1864, No. 8068, informed the Collector that the only sanction necessary was that the annual allotment out of the Port Funds be passed in the Budget Estimate of expenditure, and that the Board presumed that the same had been submitted to Government by the Superintendent of Marine.

8. I beg now to re-submit the Survey of the Quay and the plan of drains to be built along the same, procured by me from the Collector's Office, where they have remained since they were sent by you in March 1864, the estimate being supposed to be in the Board's office. The Survey will shew what yet remains to be done to the said Quay, as far as Kulsunkoo stream, and I do not think it therefore worth my adding any more on that subject.

9. I beg, in conclusion, to state that the portion now marked in the Survey with red colour is being brought to completion with the sum of Rupees 1500, sanctioned in Government Order, dated 16th February 1865, No. 468. Rupees 1300, alluded to in the 4th paragraph of this letter, having also been spent on the same, a corresponding deduction of Rupees 2800 will have to be made in the original estimate for Rupees 19,030, and sanction for the balance of Rupees 16,230 obtained.

P. S.—I beg here to add that some annual allowance is absolutely necessary for the repairs of the 2143 feet of the Quay, which remain yet incomplete, as the same in its present unfinished state has sustained many breaches from the last monsoon freshes, and is liable to similar injuries during the ensuing ones. If such provision is not made I fear that the estimate already submitted may be found hardly sufficient at the end, and may therefore require a revision when the completion of the said portion is undertaken. I beg, therefore, to solicit a sanction of Annas 4 for each running foot, or Rupees 500 in a round sum, for the repairs of the said portion during the following monsoon; Rupees 250 being made available during each ensuing year for the maintenance and repairs of both the completed as well as the incomplete portions. Hitherto the charges incurred to the latter portion have been borne by the sanction of Mangalore streets, the work itself having been executed by convicts.

(Signed) V. M. FERNANDEZ,
Supervisor, Department Public Works.

(True Copy).
(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut. Col., R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

(True Copies).
(Signed) W. M. CADELL,
Collector.

Referred to the Superintendent of Marine, for his remarks.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
12th August 1865.

No. 19. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 25th August 1865, No. 3028.

In returning the papers referred, under date the 12th instant, for my remarks, I have the honor to state that the reclamation of land at Mangalore and the construction of the sea wall appear to be works tending much to the advantage of the port. I would therefore repeat my recommendation that (3500) three thousand and five hundred Rupees from the Port Fund should be assigned towards defraying the expenses.

2. I think likewise that the same Fund may fairly be charged with the moderate outlay of (500) five hundred Rupees for the first year, and (250) two hundred and fifty Rupees for each subsequent year, for repairs.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 16th September 1865, No. 198.

The Governor in Council approves of the continuation and gradual completion of the re-clamation now in progress of the foreshore at Mangalore.

2. The Government consider that the amount realized by the sale of land re-claimed and carried to the credit of Imperial Funds may properly be transferred to the credit of the Port Fund for expenditure on this work.

3. They also sanction the assignment from the Port Fund of the sum of Rupees (3500) three thousand five hundred, for the further prosecution of the work in question, and of Rupees (500) five hundred, for the first year, and Rupees (200) two hundred, for each subsequent year, for repairs.

4. The Government consider that the re-claimed land may, after proper reservation for Government purposes, be sold in lots, and the proceeds be carried to the Port Fund, for the further prosecution of the work. They consider that it is probable that the more advisable course will be to carry out the re-clamation and then sell the land, and not to sell the land and trust to the purchasers to re-claim the foreshore portion.

(True Extract).

G. J. Cumberlege
Chief Secretary.

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To the Collector of South Canara.
" Superintendent of Marine.
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department, with Plan, Survey and Estimate.
" Accountant General.

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