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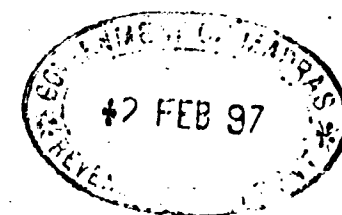
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Pier at Calicut

Directing, with remarks, that information as to the cost of a new — on a site to the south and as to the receipts that may be expected from it, be obtained and laid before Government as soon as practicable.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From G. W. DANCE, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department (through the Board of Revenue, Separate Revenue), dated Manantoddy, 25th November 1896, No. 597/S.C.

In reply to endorsement, R. No. 1939, dated 12th October 1896, I have the honour to state that the figures given by the Presidency Port Officer show that an annual profit of Rs. 1,877-15-10 was realized from the pier between the 15th May 1894 and the 31st August last. Such a revenue will be good interest on the sum of Rs. 25,000, which the proposed repairs are estimated to cost.

2. Under these circumstances, I think it would be better for the Government to resume control of the pier and have it put in thorough repair, than to abandon it, which is the only other alternative.

3. I would, in this connection, invite the attention of Government to G.O., No. 2202 W., dated the 28th August 1882, and to the correspondence embodied therein. I do not know what Captain Street's views are as to the desirability of the existing site. But to move it would cost three times the sum now estimated for repairs, and it is doubtful whether the receipts would be thereby increased.

Mis. No. 5013.

Submitted to Government, Marine Department.

MADRAS,
3rd December 1896.

(Signed) N. S. BRODIE,
Acting Secretary.

No. 648 E.

Referred to the Presidency Port Officer for such remarks as he may wish to offer on paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter in regard to the utility of the present site.

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Colonel, R.E.,
11th December 1896. Secretary to Government.

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 4th January 1897, No. 206/3 G.

With respect to Marine Department endorsement No. 648 E., dated 11th December 1896, on papers connected with Calicut pier (herewith returned), I have the honour to state that, in my opinion, it is due to the present site of the structure that it has not been more frequently used by the Native mercantile community. The native craft anchor some distance to the southward of the pier, and it is from the beach in the vicinity of the old Custom house that cargo is, as a rule, landed and shipped. To move the pier from its present position to a more suitable spot would no doubt entail considerable expenditure, but the outlay could be covered in time by applying Madras Act III of 1885 to the port and levying a fee on all goods landed and shipped. On the whole, I think it would be preferable to remove the pier than to keep it in a state of repair in its present position.

ORDER—No. 68, Marine, dated 23rd January 1897.

The correspondence recorded above relates to the pier at the port of Calicut which has fallen into a state of great disrepair. It would appear from the correspondence recorded with G.O., No. 648, Marine, dated 23rd September 1896, that a sum of Rs. 25,000 will be required to restore the pier. The annual profit, as calculated between the 15th May 1894 and 31st August 1896, comes to Rs. 1,877-15-10 and this profit, the Collector considers, sufficiently justifies the proposed expenditure of Rs. 25,000 on the repair of the structure.

2. The pier is, however, not in the best position for serving the trade of the port, as the correspondence recorded with G.O., No. 2202 W., dated 28th August 1882, shows; and the question arises as to whether it would not be better to build a new pier on a site to the south, where the principal trade is carried on. The Presidency Port Officer inclines to this alternative; but there is no estimate before Government of the cost of a new pier or of the receipts that may be expected from it. Information on these points will be obtained by the Presidency Port Officer and laid before Government as soon as practicable.

3. The estimate should provide for using the materials of the Gopalpur pier, and the new process applied by Mr. Pogson for putting down screw moorings in the Madras harbour may, perhaps, be utilized in carrying out the work. The Presidency Port Officer will place himself in communication with Mr. Pogson on the subject.

(True Extract.)

C. S. Brodie
Under Secretary to Government.

Robert M.

To the Presidency Port Officer.

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