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No. 599. Read the following letter from Messrs. FRED. HAWKINS & Co., to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, Madras, dated Masulipatam, 6th April 1864, No. 121 :—

SIR,

1. We regret to have to bring to your notice that notwithstanding the views expressed by His Excellency the Governor of Madras with regard to the Contract system, as shown by the following extract of a letter from His Excellency's Private Secretary, under date the 29th January, which we have kindly received permission to publish in the District Gazettes, viz. :—" I am " to acquaint you, that His Excellency is in every way disposed to encourage as far as possible " the Contract system for the execution of Public Works in this Presidency," and notwithstanding the support His Excellency has been pleased to extend to us, as shown in the Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, under dates the 3rd February 1864, No. 10, and 9th March 1864, No. 48, some Officers in charge of Ranges have declined to intrust to our Firm works for execution on contract, although expressly applied to by us for such works.

2. In confirmation of the above statement, we do ourselves the honor of forwarding for your consideration copies of the communications we have received from Captain A. S. Moberly, Executive Engineer Nellore, and from Lieutenants Edgecome and Vibart, Assistant Engineers, Kistna.

3. We beg permission to observe in conclusion, that if Range Officers show so little goodwill towards our infant association, it will not be an easy matter to carry out the wishes (with reference to establishing the Contract system in India) of His Excellency the Governor.

No. 600. ORDER THEREON, 26th April 1864, No. 1,188.

The Governor in Council does not consider the replies of the several Range, Officers, quoted by Messrs. Hawkins & Co. in the above letter, to imply absolute rejections of that Firm's applications to be intrusted with the execution of works, and His Excellency in Council believes that every encouragement to take up works on contract will be afforded to Messrs. Hawkins & Co. when favorable opportunities occur.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
" Do. do. 2nd Division.
To Messrs, Fred. Hawkins & Co.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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dated 4th April 1864

Intimating that some Officers in charge of Range Roads declined to entrust to their Firm, Works for execution on Contract

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The Governor in Council does not consider the replies of the several Range Officers sent to Messrs Hawkins & Co. in the above letter to imply absolute rejections of their Firm's applications to be entrusted with the execution of works, and he is willing in Council that any encouragement to take up such a contract with the Officers should Messrs Hawkins & Co. deem favorable of. Instructions accordingly.

GHB

To Messrs Peel Hawkins & Co.

Copy to Chief Engr 1st Circle
Do. 2nd Do

Dated 27th April

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