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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th May 1867.*

No. 433. Read the following letter from Mr. P. ORR, to the Secretary to Government, Department of Public Works, dated Madras, 4th May 1867 :—

1. I take the liberty of addressing Government in reference to its Order of the 5th March 1867, No. 662, regarding the lighting of the Fort with gas, in connection with extract of letter submitted by me from the promoters of a Company, now under formation, and to whom Government has already granted the exclusive right of erecting gas works in Madras.

2. Waiving any right based on the concession already given, I am desirous, on behalf of the promoters of the Company, of calling the attention of Government to the following circumstances of the case. The promoters or Company engage to introduce gas into Madras, leaving Government and the Municipality at liberty to take their gas or not, as they please.

3. It must be plain to all who have given the subject any consideration, that the lighting of Madras with gas will never give any lucrative return for capital invested, even if Government and the Municipality were to give all the support in their power, and although the Company in their proposition leave it to the option of Government and the Municipality to take or not the gas, I have no doubt that they fully expected that Government and the Municipality would use their gas. Indeed, it seems to me clear that a Gas Company in Madras would require all the reasonable support which Government, the Municipality, and the public can give it, to make it pay ; without these supports it must fail.

4. May I not then suggest, for the good of all concerned, for favourable consideration, that Government re-consider the Order above alluded to, and make a proposition to the Company under formation. That Government will hand over their gas works in the Fort, for completion, on certain conditions. Say, that the requirements of Government in Fort Saint George in the completing of gas lighting there and in the General Hospital be the first and sole object of the Company's attention until it is completed, and that the commencement shall be as much *before the month of December ensuing** as possible.

5. I should think, under such conditions, Government would get their work done *sooner* than in any other way they could adopt. The only other mode of procedure I can suggest, would be for Government to advance the funds to proceed with the work immediately, under certain arrangements, thus there need be no delay in the matter.

6. If Government could decide on any of these modes of action, and would say that we could have a piece of the ground "beyond Mr. Laybourn's Bakery" for a site for the works, a considerable impulse would be given in facilitating a measure which will tend generally to improve Madras.

No. 434. ORDER THEREON, 18th May 1867, No. 1,502.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 41."

1. Recognising the necessity of thoroughly lighting the buildings within the Fort with gas as speedily as possible for the benefit of the garrison, the Government are not disposed to allow further

* December is the month they must begin on conditions of the concession.

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delay to be incurred by re-opening negotiations with the proposed Gas Company for completing the works; but should the Company be at any time hereafter in a position to take over those works on fair terms, His Excellency the Governor in Council will be prepared to give any proposals to that effect his favourable consideration.

2. The Collector of Madras is requested to expedite the report called for in the Order of the 2nd instant regarding the piece of ground beyond Laybourn's Bakery.

(True Extract.)

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

To Mr. P. Orr.
To the Collector of Madras.
„ Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
„ Public Department.
„ Military do.
„ Superintendent Government Gas Works.
„ Municipal Commissioners.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Madras, May 16, 1867

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Colonel C. A. Orr, R. E.
Secretary to Government
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.
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(Here enter No. dated 4th May 1867)

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Wm
The Secretary to the Government
Madras

From Mr. P. Orr
Madras.

To the Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.

Dated 3 May 1867

Submitting certain proposals in connection with the lighting of the Fort with gas

No. 133

1502. - 18th May 1867.

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To
Mr. P. O. ✓
Collo of Madras ✓
S. Engr 4th En ✓
Public Dept ✓
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Suptt Govt Gas Works ✓
Municipal Comm ✓
Sept 24/5/67

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Prof. of the Madras Coll.
18th May 1854

Passing orders on
a letter from Mr. P. Oit,
concerning certain proposals
for the completion of Gas
works in Port Saint George.

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