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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st April 1868.*

No. 347. Read the following letter from the General Superintendent of Public Works Workshop and Stores, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 3rd April 1868, No. 16 :—

1. I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that the last longitudinal girder for the Cooum bridge is under construction, and by the 20th instant I hope to have it completed and delivered at the site. I shall of necessity, therefore, be obliged to discharge a large number of native artizans, whom I have with great care instructed and perfected in this peculiar class of work, unless Government propose to construct a similar class of girders which Mr. Fraser tells me will be wanted over the Junction Canal, which scheme, I understand, is now before Government. If the Junction Canal is likely to be commenced, I most respectfully request Government will be pleased to allow me to go on with the girders for all the crossings likely to be required, in anticipation of the canal being sanctioned; if Mr. Fraser's plans are supplied to me I will submit an estimate of the probable cost, made out to correspond with the rates of bridge-iron expected from England also doing away with all European labor which is so very expensive.

2. I take this opportunity of bringing to the notice of Government the cordial aid I have always received from the Agent and Manager, Chief Engineer, and Locomotive Superintendent of the Madras Railway, in forwarding the work of the Cooum bridge in supplying the shops with materials from their stores when not procurable in the Public Works Stores or market, if such aid had been refused the bridge could not have been completed until after the arrival of the supplies from England.

No. 348. ORDER THEREON, 21st April 1868, No. 1,206.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 46.

With the insufficient information now before them of the cost per lineal foot of iron girders made up at the

Public Works Workshop, the Government are unable to come to any decision *upon* the proposals contained in this letter, but they will be prepared to give the subject consideration on receiving an accurate estimate from Mr. Moncrieff.

(True Extract.)

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

To the General Superintendent of Public Works Stores and Workshops.
„ Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Public Works Works

Chester 3rd April 1888.

No 16

Dear

J. A. Macrieff Esq. C.E.

General Supt. Public Works & Stores

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The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

St. George's

Sir

I have the honor to reply for the
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Your most Obedt Servant

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General Supt. P.W. Works, Sec.

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