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30th June 1873.*

No. 453E. Read the following despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India:—

Public Works.
No. 7.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
22nd May 1873.

MY LORD,—With reference to your Excellency's telegrams, dated the 25th February and the 19th April last, respecting the deputation of Mr. W. Parkes, C.E., to Madras, to give his advice on the question of establishing shelter for shipping at that place, I transmit, for the information of your Excellency, a copy of a

To Mr. Parkes, 1st May 1873.
From do. 5th „ „
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correspondence with that gentleman, showing the conditions on which it has been agreed that he shall undertake the duty.

2. It is desirable that you should as soon as possible inform me of the date at which you think it necessary that Mr. Parkes should arrive at Madras.

I have, &c.

ARGYLL.

His Excellency the Right Honourable
The Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

From HERMAN MERIVALE, Esq., to W. PARKES, Esq., C.E., dated India Office, 1st May 1873.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acquaint you that he has received a telegraphic communication from the Governor of Madras, desiring him to request you to go to that place in September next for the purpose of determining by personal inspection what would, in your opinion, be the best mode of providing shelter for shipping; and I am accordingly instructed to inquire whether you are willing to undertake the duty on terms similar to those on which you proceeded to Kurrachee in 1868, viz., a salary of £200 a month for a period not exceeding five months, together with the re-imbursement of all actual travelling expenses.

From W. PARKES, Esq., C.E., to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated 23, Abingdon Street, 5th May 1873.

In reply to your letter of the 1st instant, proposing, on the part of the Government of Madras, that I should visit that place for the purpose of determining by personal inspection what would be the best mode of providing shelter for shipping, I have, first, to express my gratification at being proposed for so important a duty.

2. With respect to the terms suggested however, viz., the same as those on which I visited Kurrachee in 1868, I would beg to remind you that my visit on that occasion was made in expectation of a lengthened connection with the works of that place, though the Government was not pledged to conclude any engagement to that effect till after my return. This anticipated connection provided a compensation for the serious disadvantage which would otherwise have resulted from so complete a severance of all home professional connections for several months. To this I may add that my previous relations for several years to the same works were elements in determining on the terms I should ask.

3. The case of Madras, however, is not in so forward a state, and it would be premature to anticipate any ulterior engagement to furnish an equivalent for the certain injury to my home practice which will result from my absence. I am, therefore, bound to ask for such an equivalent in another form.

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4. To carry out this view I beg to submit the three following alternative proposals:—
1. £200 per calendar month from the date of departure till the date of return as you propose. But beyond this the payment of £250 six months, and a like sum of £250 twelve months, after my return, in consideration of which I undertake to give such personal services in this country as may be required in connection with this particular question during twelve months.
 2. £250 per month instead of 200 while absent, and only one payment of £250 six months after my return, with services for those six months.
 3. £300 per month while absent and subsequent services, if any, to be paid for specially.
5. In either case travelling expenses and subsistence allowance to be the same as on former occasions of my visiting India.
6. Though willing to accept either of these alternatives, I beg to recommend the second as the most appropriate, because it is almost certain that some questions in which I may have to take part will arise after my return, but it is to be hoped that before the expiration of six months the matter will have arrived at such a stage that my further services may be either permanently engaged, or altogether dispensed with.
7. Should either of these proposals be approved, I should hold myself in readiness to leave England for Bombay early in September. I should propose to visit Kurrachee for a few days to make myself acquainted with the latest results of experience at that place, and then go on to Madras, where I should arrive about the middle of October. A stay of a month would, I should expect, be amply sufficient to enable me to make a full report upon the subject. Returning to England direct after that stay would make my absence between three and four months.

From M. E. GRANT DUFF, Esq., to W. PARKES, Esq., C.E., dated India Office, 22nd May 1873.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, respecting the terms on which you are willing to proceed to Madras in connection with the proposed harbour works at that place, and to inform you that he accedes to the first of the three arrangements suggested by you, viz., that you should receive a salary of £200 a month for the period estimated not to exceed four months, during which you may be absent from England, with the payment of your travelling and subsistence allowances as on previous occasions when you have visited India, and a bonus of £250 six months, and a second bonus of the like sum, twelve months, after your return, in consideration of which you will give your services in connection with the work during that time.

2. The Duke of Argyll has no objection to the proposal that you should visit Kurrachee for a few days on your way to Madras, in order that you may become acquainted with the latest results of the experience gained from the harbour works; but with regard to the proposition that your arrival at Madras should be deferred from September to the middle of October, I am desired to state that it will be necessary for you to hold yourself in readiness to proceed at the time that the Madras Government may determine.

No. 453F.

ORDER THEREON, 30th June 1873, No. 1,696C.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 38.

ORDERED that the Home Government be addressed on the subject.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

Spare Copies.

*India Office
1st May 1873.*

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for a period not exceeding five months, together with the reimbursement of all actual travelling expenses.

I am &

(signed) Herman Merivale

23 Abingdon Street
5th May 1873.

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(Signed) W. F. Parkes

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W. Parkes Esq. C. S.

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(Signed) M. E. Grant Duff

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Copy Correspondence with
Mr. Parker.

Public Works.
No.

India Office,
London, 22 May 1873.

My Lord.

With reference to your
Excellency's telegrams dated
the 25th February and the
19th April last, respecting
the deputation of Mr. H. Parker,
to Madras, to give his advice
on the question of establishing
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place, I transmit for the
information of your
Excellency a copy of a
Correspondence with that
gentleman, showing the
conditions on which it
has been agreed that
he shall undertake the
duty.

He might take in
well before Mr. E. Parker
will

To Mr. Parker, May 1, 1873
From
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His Excellency,
The Right Honorable,
The Governor in Council,
Fort St. George.

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Referred to in Public Works Letter to
Madras, N^o 7, dated 22 May 1873.

2. It is desirable that
you should as soon as
possible inform me of
the date at which you
think it necessary that
Mr Parker should arrive
at Madras.

I have the honor to be,

My Sir,

Your Lordship's most obedient
humble servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Arthur', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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Public Works

22nd May 1873.

The Recd 27th June 73.

Letter to Fort St George

Q. No.

Encl.

Forwarding
correspondence relative
to the conditions
upon which Mr. Farley
will undertake the
duty connected with
the provision of shelter
for shipping at
Madras, & requesting
to be informed of the
date upon which that
gentleman should
arrive at Madras.

With order

Enclosed that the Home Government be
addressed on the subject:-

H. A. Jones & Co. Secy to Govt.

This (27) despatch was
sent only to the Govt. of
India along with the
of the Despatch on the
8 July 1873.

N.W. N.H.

3 June 1873
Please see
Journal of this in
from England
Bancroft

Mr. Parkes. Parkes makes
an declaration from the Secy
of State regarding the
condemnation relative to the
conditions upon which
Mr. Parkes will undertake
the duty connected with
the provision of shelter for
shipping at Madras & requesting
to be informed of the date on
which that Mr. Herman should arrive