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No. 263A. Read the following Endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Ootacamund, 7th July 1873, No. 23:—

From J. H. LATHAM, Esq., Chief Engineer and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation and Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Kurnool, 28th June 1873, No. 126.

I HAVE the honour to address you with reference to the stock of stores in Madras, the disposal of which has yet to be determined.

2. The Order of Government, No. 877, of 20th March 1873, directed that the Superintendent of the Public Works Stores should inspect our stores and select therefrom for purchase such articles as could be taken for use by the Government Departments, and to report on the subject to the Government. The Company's Manager on his part was to report what portion of the stores he had it in view to sell by auction, and under what arrangement in respect of reserve or upset prices, and he was also to furnish a list of the stores to be transferred to the canal.

3. I have no information that the Superintendent of the Public Works Stores has acted upon this order beyond making an informal and inadmissible offer direct to the Company; at all events nothing authoritative has yet reached me, and as the proceeding required of the Manager was of such a nature that it must necessarily hinge upon and follow the action of the Superintendent of the Public Works Stores, I have been debarred from taking any steps, and considerable delay has arisen in consequence.

4. I am anxious, however, that no more time should be lost, and I beg now to submit my proposals for consideration with the understanding that they may require modification when the decision of the Government, in reference to the expected report from the Superintendent of the Public Works Stores, shall be made known.

5. The stores in question are, with a few exceptions, either such as we already have an ample stock of upon the canal, or are such as are in no way applicable to work now contemplated or proposed, and no demand for them therefore is likely to arise in connection with the Company's operations. This was long ago reported to the Board of Directors, and they have several times directed that the goods should be sold to the best advantage. The present seems a favourable time for effecting a sale, the high price of iron affording a prospect of fair prices being realized, and I accordingly propose to have a sale by auction of such articles as are not otherwise disposed of.

6. The few articles in the stock which we are likely to be able to utilise on the canal it is my intention to remove thither, and the balance of the stores remaining, after the Government selection consequent upon the report of the Superintendent of the Public Works Stores shall have been effected, will be for public sale.

7. These stores I propose shall be put up to auction in Madras by a suitable auctioneer, the sale being first freely advertised in the Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras papers, and proper catalogues prepared. This will secure for them the best market that can be obtained for them in this country.

8. Some of the smaller articles, such as are manifestly deteriorated by age or climate or other cause, and such also as are of doubtful utility in this country, might be sold without reserve; but upon the more valuable articles, and especially the machinery, the cranes and the telegraph wire, I propose that a reserve or upset price, ranging from ½ to ¾ of the book value, shall be fixed. The second-hand levels and theodolites also must be valued, and if they do not realise fair prices at the auction other arrangements will be made for their disposal; but upon this point I will address you again should occasion arise.

9. Besides the stores there is a considerable quantity of office furniture left on the premises at Madras which is not now required. These articles I propose to have valued and to put them up for sale at such reserve prices as, without an undue sacrifice, will be an inducement to the public to buy.

10. All articles (if any) both stores and furniture which we fail to dispose of under these arrangements, I have it in view to deposit in the cheapest suitable building which can be obtained in Madras (say at Rupees 10 per mensem) where they may, under proper supervision, be open to public inspection, and for sale to any one disposed to purchase at the reserved rates fixed upon them.

11. As much valuable time has been lost, and it is important that the proposed sale should take place on the premises now rented by the Company in order that the expense of moving the articles may be avoided, and as the Company's agreement term will expire on the 17th August next, I shall esteem it a favour if you will promptly submit these proposals to the Government and obtain their early sanction.

12. I should add that lists of the stores in compliance with the requirements of G. O., No. 877, cannot very well be prepared until the decision of the Government in respect of the stores to be taken over by the Superintendent of the Public Works Stores shall be made known. No time, however, shall be lost in making them out as soon as we are placed in a position to prepare them. In the meantime, I trust the absence of such lists will be no obstacle to the sanction of the arrangements proposed in this letter.

SUBMITTED for the consideration of Government, with a recommendation that the proposals of the Chief Engineer and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company be sanctioned.

2. As the stores which the General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops and Stores, wished the Government to purchase were of comparatively small value, and as the prices, which he suggested, were not such as the Company's officers were prepared to accept, it does not appear to be requisite that the Chief Engineer and Manager should delay carrying out his proposals with reference to any purchases which Government Officers may desire to make. The latest correspondence on the subject is contained in Proceedings, Madras Government, No. 1,704, dated 1st July 1873.

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 263B. ORDER THEREON, 14th July 1873, No. 1,809-A.

IRRIGATION, No. 13A.

THE proposals of the Chief Engineer and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, with regard to the disposal of the surplus stores of the Company, are approved, and that officer is at liberty to make his own arrangements for carrying them into effect as speedily as possible.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Letter No 126 dated 28th June 1873 from the Chief Engr & Manager Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

Submitted for the consideration of Government, with a recommendation that the proposals of the Chief Engineer & Manager M. I. & C. Co. be sanctioned.

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Reference to any Enclosures which Govt. Offices may desire to make.

The latest correspondence on the subject is contained in P.M.G's No. 1511 dated 1st July 1873.

Ottawa 7 July 1873.

Chief Engr. &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

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Copy forwarded for Orders
Dated 3 July 73.

From.

The Chief Engineer
for Irrigation.

Dated 7th July 1873.
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Encl: 1.

Submitting a letter from the Chief Engr & Manager of the Madras Irrigation & Canal Company requesting orders relative to the disposal of certain Stores.

No 1809 dt 14th July 73.

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Madras Irrigation & Canal Company
Chief Engineer & Managers Office
Kurnool 28th June 1873

No 75/126

From

The Chief Engineer & Manager
M. I. & C. Co.

To.

The Chief Engineer
For Irrigation & joint Secretary to Government
For St. George

Sir

I have the honour to address you with reference to the Stock of Stores in Madras, the disposal of which has yet to be determined.

By the order of Government No 877 of 20th March 1873 directed that the Superintendent of the Public Works Stores should inspect our Stores and select therefrom for purchase such articles as could be taken for use by the Government Departments, and to report on the subject to the Government. The Company's Manager on his part was to report what portion of the Stores he had it in view to sell by auction and under what arrangement in respect of reserve or upset prices, and he was also to furnish a list of the Stores, to be transferred to the Canal.

I have no information that the Superintendent of the Public Work Stores has acted upon this order beyond making an informal and inadmissible offer direct to the Company — at all events nothing authoritative has yet reached me — and as the proceedings required of the Manager was of such a nature that it must necessarily hinge upon and follow the action of the Superintendent of the Public Works Stores I have been debarred from taking any steps and considerable

delay has arisen in consequence.

I am anxious however that no more time should be lost and I beg now to submit my proposals for consideration with the understanding that they may require modification when the decision of the Government in reference to the expected Report from the Superintendent of the Public Stores Stores shall be made known.

The Stores in question are partly a few such articles as we already have an ample stock of upon the Canal or are such as are in no way applicable to the now contemplated or proposed, and no demand for them therefore is likely to arise in connection with the Company's operations. This was long ago reported to the Board of Directors and they have several times directed that the goods should be sold to the best advantage. The present seems a favourable time for effecting a sale the high price of iron affording a prospect of fair prices being realised, and I accordingly propose to have a sale by auction of such articles as are not otherwise disposed of.

The few articles in the stock which we are likely to be able to utilise on the Canal it is our intention to remove thither, and the balance of the Stores remaining, after the Government selection consequent upon the Report of the Superintendent of the Public Works Stores shall have been effected, will be for public Sale.

These Stores I propose shall be put up to auction in Madras by a suitable Auctioneer, the sale being previously advertised in the Calcutta, Bombay and Madras papers and proper Catalogues prepared. This will secure for them the best market that can be obtained for them in this Country.

Some of the smaller articles, such as are manifestly deteriorated by age or climate or other cause, and such also

as are of doubtful utility on the Canal might be sold without reserve but upon the more valuable articles and especially the Machinery, the Cranes and the Telegraph wire I propose that a reserve or upset price, ranging from ½ to ⅔ of the Book value, shall be fixed. The Second hand Levels and Theodolites also must be valued and if they do not realize their prices at the auction other arrangements will be made for their disposal but upon this point I shall address you again should occasion arise.

Besides the Stores, there is a considerable quantity of Office Furniture kept on the premises at Madras which is now not required. These articles I propose to have valued and to fix them upon for sale at such reserve prices as without an undue sacrifice will be an inducement to the public to buy.

All articles (if any) both Stores and Furniture which we fail to dispose of under these arrangements I have in view to dispatch in the cheapest suitable building which can be obtained in Madras (say at Rs 40 per measurement) where they may await proper Supervision to be given to public inspection and for sale to any one disposed to purchase at the Assessed rates fixed upon them.

As much valuable time has been lost and it is important that the proposed sale should take place on the premises now occupied by the Company in order that the expense of moving the articles may be avoided and as the Company's agreement with Mr Spire on the 17th August next, I shall esteem it a favour if you will promptly submit these proposals to the Government and obtain their early sanction.

I should add that lists of the Stores in compliance with the Requirements of G.O. of 1877 cannot well be prepared until the decision of the Government in respect of the Stores to be taken over by the Superintendent

dent of the Public Works Store shall be made known. The time however shall be kept in reserve from as far as we are placed in a position to begin them. In the meantime I trust the absence of such lists will be no obstacle to the due performance of the arrangements proposed in this letter.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt Servant
John Easton
Chief Engineer & Manager

C. W. Borthwick
Chief Accountant

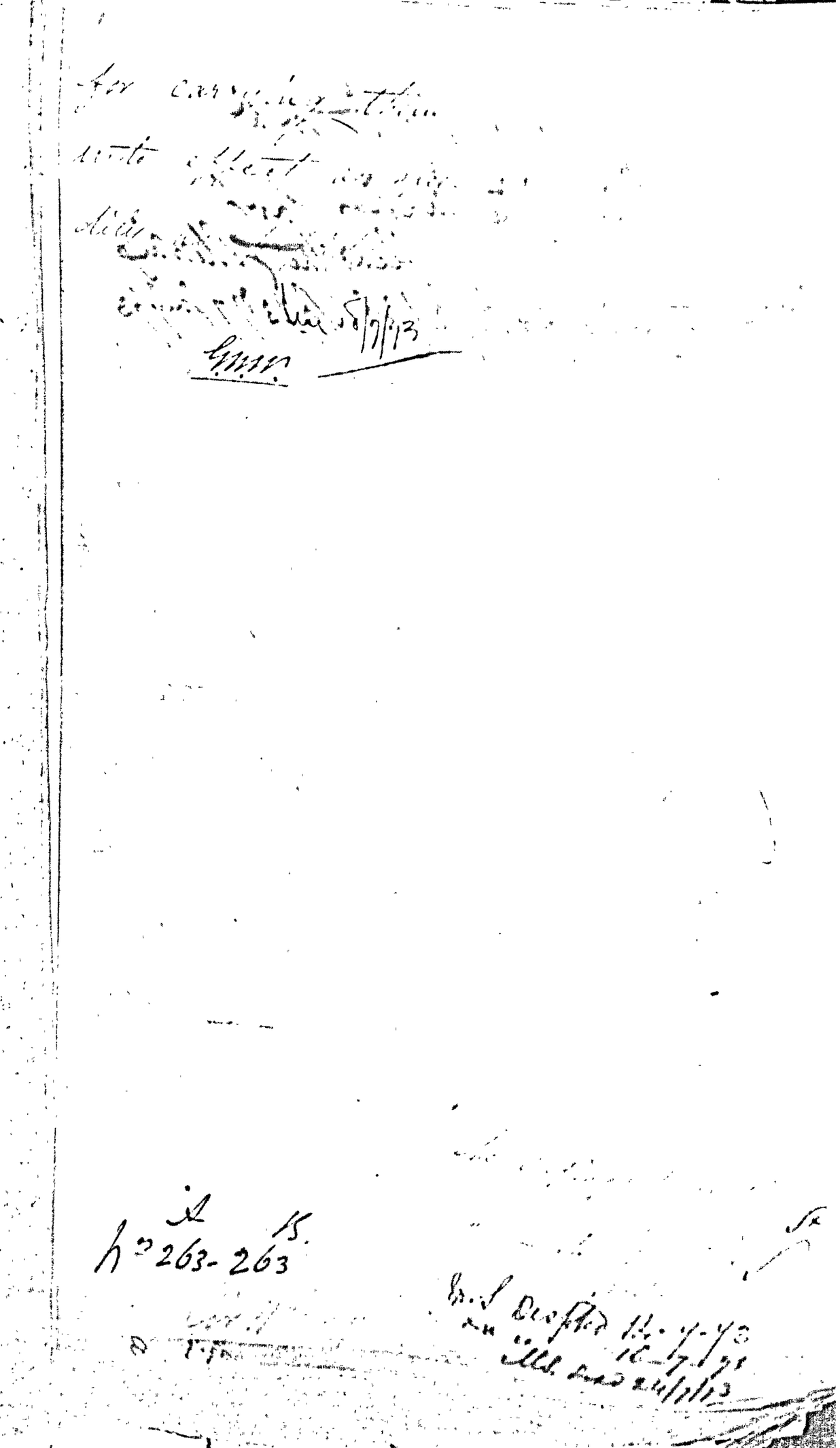
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Read the following
two Checks for Right Hon. Sir J. Graham

To the Officers
of the Chief Engineer &
Manager Londonderry
Railway Canal &c
with regard to the
disposal of the sur-
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