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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th July 1874.*

Read the following:—

No. 192. From Mr. J. CROOM, dated Pursewalkum, 6th June 1874.

ABSTRACT.—Soliciting reconsideration of his case.

No. 193. ORDER THEREON, 11th July 1874, No. 1,857.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 19.

ORDERED to be recorded with reference to G. O., No. 34, of 23rd May 1873, in which Mr. Croom was informed

that His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to modify that portion of G. O., No. 600, of 24th February 1873, which forbids his employment as a Contractor.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To Mr. J. Croom.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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To

His Excellency the Right Honourable Henry
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Governor in Council of N. B. George.

May it please Your Excellency.

Being thrown into very distressing circum-
stances by the Order of Government that prohibits me from taking
up works of Contract in the Department of Public Construction
and repairs, to say nothing of the serious losses I sustained by
stoppages made in my bill for work executed for Government,
and which stoppages were doubtless the result of my inability to
obtain my claim satisfactorily for some channel was involved
in intricacy and confusion, I most respectfully beg to submit
Your Excellency's attention to the following.

Some time ago I ventured on Your Excellency
Sympathy to cancel the said order for reasons then assigned, but
Your Excellency's reply was to the effect, that Government were not
then prepared to do so; and the lapse of many months has now
increased my distress; but if Your Excellency had then been
pleased to grant my petition, I would ere this have been able to
work out my relief from my present difficulties.

I beg to add that as a compensation there was

harassed under severe labor may inadvertently or in some way
after informing his relation, & they that if in any case I may have
done so (of which I am not aware) it may be graciously waived.

In soliciting this favor for my work, they do
with not be thought improper when I state, that I am unable to
understand the cause why I have been thrown out of it, while I
can prove that I never merited this disgrace, as will be seen by the
following remarks.

1st Government suffered no loss in any way
whatever by me.

2nd On the contrary, when I excavated these
channels and let out the salt boats by hundreds, and when the
rains then and then came down and so killed them that not a
single boat could pass, and endangered the salt, I again became
able at my own cost to save it from the rains, and the then De-
puty Collector & Mr. Chancel (now could certify to this act of merit.

3rd These works are commonly given to the
most unsophisticated ryots such from the villages, who had never
before taken them in hand, nor even as much spoken to an
Engineer on the nature of them; while previously to the last occasion
my work was fully approved of by the Engineer, but on the present
instance, the work was given me 4 months after the Estimates were
made, during which interval the rains came down upon these
channels as was subsequently proved, and confused the measure-
ments, while I was then in Madras 20 Miles away, where then
I resided & I then knew nothing.

4th The Salt Superintendent of the District where
I resided could certify that of all the Contractors, I was distinguished
for my attention to my work, by being in a boat opposite to it, and
personally and daily walking under a scorching sun I attending
to it, while other Contractors leave it to the Supervision of the Engineer.

5th I now beg to state, that as it is not at all unlikely
that Government would under the above circumstances deprecate
me of my work, it seems likely that this Order was issued
to the Stoppages in my bill having thrown me on the verge of insolvency,
and if such is the case, I beg to observe, that wealthy persons are also
now thrown into actual insolvency; but as the restoration of my
work is the only means to raise me from my deprecat condition,
I beg that Government would graciously take this into consideration.

Besides this I beg to observe that as no body
would apply for, or accept work without the ability to raise or secure
funds for the same, I would not have submitted this Application
I were not in a position to do so, for such is the extent of my credit
that without 2 Rupees in my pocket, I executed work to the amount
of about 9000 Rupees for Government, without any detriment to
them whatever; and having established my credit by honest
dealing, I find there is no difficulty in securing funds for the
execution of work to a limit of at least Ten Thousand Rupees, and
as works are never paid for unless approved of by the Engineer, it
is not possible for Government to sustain any loss whatever, by
this act of Clemency in thus restoring me to my work, provided
the Executive Engineer of any District has no objection to my taking
any.

If therefore Government would condescend to
give this case their best and precious consideration, I would
feel most grateful for the Ministry and with all deference.

I beg to remain
Your Excellency's most humble & devoted servant.
J. Brown

Madras
Percival Hillam Tammah Street
6th June 1874.

P.S. - I beg to observe that as the subject of this petition
has not as yet been settled by Government, I have not mentioned
it in my petition to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for
India.

Dr 39602/74
Chm. 17/4

To

Colonel G. W. Walker M.C.

Secretary to Government in the
Public Works Department.

Sir,

I respectfully beg to state that if you will be
good to instruct the Engineer in Charge of the Madras
Public Works Department in connection with the subject of this
petition, I would feel much obliged to you.

Madras - Percival Hillam
Tammah Street
6th June 1874

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J. Brown
Percival Hillam Tammah Street
Madras
6th June 1874

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6th June 1874

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From
Mr. J. Brown

For
The Secy to Govt
P. W. D.

Dated 26 June 1874
Received 29 June 1874

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With order

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Mr. J. Brown
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Mr. Brown

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