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No. 584. Read the following letter from JAMES MAY, Esq., Engineer, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated the Club, Madras, 12th June 1875 :—

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt, this evening, of your letter of 10th instant.

2. About twelve months have elapsed since Mr. Parkes, an old acquaintance of mine, first proposed to me the superintendence of the Madras Harbour Works. I had been engaged on works of a similar character, in the open sea, at the English Channel Islands and at Alexandria for some twenty-three years previously. The result of some correspondence and interviews between Mr. Parkes and me in the summer and fall of 1874 was a letter, of which a copy is enclosed for your information. I accepted the conditional offer made by the enclosed letter on 26th December 1874, and copies of that letter and my reply were sent to the India Office at the time.

3. The next step was a letter from Sir Louis Mallet to my address, dated 17th March last, stating that he was directed by Lord Salisbury to offer me the appointment in question on the terms proposed by Mr. Parkes, "and generally on the conditions specified in Mr. Parkes' letter" (the enclosed paper). Sir Louis added, "if the offer be accepted you will make arrangements for starting at your earliest convenience for Madras, where the presence of the Superintendent will be almost immediately required."

4. On 30th March last, I called at the India Office to receive final instructions for leaving England, and the result was a letter written on that day from the Under Secretary of State, worded thus: "The Government of Madras has requested, by telegram, that you should delay your departure from England until after the arrival home of Mr. Parkes, who may be expected about the 26th April." I was with Mr. Parkes from 27th April to the day of my departure, 12th May, discussing the business of the Madras Works; in consideration of which and other circumstances, the Under Secretary of State again wrote me (12th ultimo):—"The Marquis of Salisbury consents that your salary as Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works shall commence from 1st April 1875. I was also authorized, before leaving, to receive from the Accountant £150 in advance, on account of pay and passage out.

5. I propose to wait on Captain Ross Thompson and Captain Conway-Gordon next Monday. The most convenient position for our office would be on the beach, north of the landing jetty. The first preliminary works would be the extension of the railway metals from the old station, for which I infer that the Railway authorities would lend us rails, sleepers, and fastenings; the opening of laterite quarries near Avady; and the formation of a yard for manufacturing concrete, which appears to require the removal of three or four old Government buildings. Mr. Milbourne Ross called on me yesterday with some specimens of laterite, and surveys of quarries which he is preparing under your instructions. I requested him to continue his investigations.

6. I think it was understood, before I left, that the following officers would be sent out to the works from England, first receiving their appointments from the India Office:—

An Assistant Civil Engineer.

An Assistant Mechanical Engineer.

A Foreman, concrete maker (George Lowe).

A Foreman Diver (William Tickell).

Lowe and Tickell were at Kurrachee.

Apologizing for the length of this letter.

From W. PARKES, Esq., to JAMES MAY, Esq., Engineer, Craven Hotel, Charing Cross,
dated 23, Abingdon Street, 26th December 1874.

In confirmation of previous correspondence and personal communication on the subject, I have now to inform you that I propose, in the event of the Secretary of State for India sanctioning my design for a Harbour at Madras, to submit your name to him for the appointment of Local Superintendent of the Works.

2. The salary proposed is £1,500 per annum, to be reckoned from the day of departure till the day of return to England, with travelling and necessary hotel expenses to and from your destination; but the £1,500 is to be understood to cover all your personal expenses while at Madras.

3. It is hoped that your engagement will continue for the whole duration of the works, but I shall suggest that, in the event of its termination from any unforeseen circumstance, the Secretary of State shall decide on the terms of its cancellation.

4. This proposal is made on the assumption that I shall myself hold the position of Engineer-in-Chief, and you will of course be responsible to me in all matters of engineering, but your own powers and responsibilities will of necessity be large, and, in cases of emergency, unlimited in all local matters, and the executive staff will be under your entire control, subject of course to the approval of the local authorities of the Government.

5. I understand that you have carefully considered the details of my design, and have satisfied yourself of their feasibility, so that you can adopt them as your own. This being so, the limits of your liberty to modify them must be very much left to your own discretion.

6. It is expected that you will not undertake other employment which shall in any way interfere with the important duties confided to you, but in the event of your professional opinion being sought in reference to other matters, you will be at liberty to give your services (subject to the approval of the local authorities to whom you may be immediately responsible), and to receive remuneration for them. This liberty is, however, not to be held to apply to your taking any part in the execution of any other works than those of the Madras Harbour, but only to consulting business.

7. In submitting your name to the Secretary of State for this important appointment, I have the strongest reliance on your hearty co-operation with me to carry out this great work to a successful issue for the public benefit and our joint professional credit.

No. 585.

ORDER THEREON, 29th June 1875, No. 1,815.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 39.

THE Government have recently received particulars from the Secretary of State of the arrangements sanctioned in

connection with Mr. James May's employment as Engineer in charge of the Madras Harbour Works, and the Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction such advances of pay to Mr. May within a limit of Rupees 2,000 as this gentleman may require, pending the adjustment of his salary to date.

2. The Consulting Engineer for Railways will be instructed to ascertain, in communication with Mr. May, what extension of the lines of railway from the

Royapooram Station to the beach will be required, and then what facilities the Railway Company will be willing to afford.

3. The District Engineer, Presidency, will afford Mr. May such assistance as may be necessary in the collection of the information on which the orders of Government for the acquisition of land required at Madras and for the removal of buildings, &c., thereupon must be passed.

4. In all matters depending upon local knowledge also Captain Ross Thompson should afford Mr. May such aid as he and his subordinates may be able to give.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,

Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.

.. Consulting Engineer for Railways.

.. District Engineer, Presidency.

.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

Spare Copies

Madras Harbour.

The Club, Madras,
June 12, 1875.

Dear Colonel Mullins,

I have to acknowledge the receipt, this evening, of your letter of 10th instant.

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Very faithfully,
Jamesesday,
Engineer.

Lieut.-Colonel Mallins, R.E.,
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23. Abingdon Street,
Dec. 26, 1874

My dear Mr. May,

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This proposal is made on the assumption that I shall myself hold the position of Engineer in chief, and you will of course be responsible to me in all matters of Engineering, but your own powers and responsibilities will of necessity be large, and in cases of emergency unlimited in all local matters, and the Executive Staff will be under your entire control, subject of course to the approval of the local authorities of the Government.

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In submitting your name to the Secretary of State for this important appointment, I have the strongest reliance on your hearty co-operation with me to carry out this great work to a successful issue for the public benefit, and our joint professional credit. —

Believe me, My dear Mr. May,
yours very sincerely,
(5), W. Parkes

James May, Esq.,
Craven Hotel,
Charing Cross,

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From
J. May Esq.
Madras.

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Submitting copies
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M. J. May - (No. 12th June 1875)

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Govt. of Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.



The Superintendant
of the Harbour Works

Dated

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29 June 1875

Nos. 591-595

Local Superintendent of
the Madras Harbour Works.

Passing orders on the letter
from Mr. May, submitting
copies of correspondence

2 relative to his appointment
11 as _____ and to the establishment
4 required for the works.

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