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Government of Madras

Public Works

DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd July 1875.*

No. 52. Read the following despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India:—

Public Works,
No. 11.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
27th May 1875.

REFERRING to my telegram of the 4th March last, and to your telegrams in reply of the 5th and 29th idem, relative to the Madras Harbour Project, I have now to inform your Excellency that Mr. May has been appointed Local Superintendent of the works on a salary of Rupees fifteen thousand (Rupees 15,000) a year, with effect from the 1st April last. Mr. May started for Madras on the 12th instant, and was allowed to draw one-hundred and fifty pounds (£150) in advance before leaving, which sum must be recovered by deductions from his salary in India.

2. Copies of correspondence relative to Mr. May's appointment are forwarded for the information of your Government.

I have, &c.,
SALISBURY.

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

From Sir LOUIS MALLET, India Office, to JAMES MAY, Esq., of Alderney, dated London, 17th March 1875.

In a letter dated 26th December last, addressed to you by Mr. Parkes, copy of which was furnished to this office, you were informed that in the event of Mr. Parkes' design for a Harbour at Madras receiving the sanction of the Secretary of State, he intended to propose you for the appointment of Local Superintendent of the Works, with a salary of £1,500 per annum, to commence from the date of your leaving England.

2. The sanction referred to having now been given, I am directed by Lord Salisbury to offer you the appointment in question, on a salary of fifteen thousand Rupees a year, and generally on the conditions specified in Mr. Parkes' letter.

3. I am to request that 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.

From JAMES MAY, Esq., Engineer, to the Under Secretary of State for India, India Office, London, dated Alderney, Channel Islands, 20th March 1875.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt, this evening, of Sir Louis Mallet's letter of the 17th instant, in which he informs me that the Secretary of State for India has been pleased to offer me the appointment of Superintendent of the Harbour Works at Madras, on the conditions specified in Mr. Parkes' letter to my address of 26th December last.

2. I beg leave to thank His Lordship for this offer, which I accept with pleasure, and should my health be spared I will do my best in successfully carrying out the Madras Works.

3. May I request you to inform me by letter or telegram when I am required to leave England for India, and whether I may be allowed to wait on you before leaving that arrangements may be made accordingly?

From Sir LOUIS MALLET, India Office, to JAMES MAY, Esq., Craven Hotel, Strand, dated London, 30th March 1875.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, and in reply to inform you that the Government of Madras has requested by telegram, that you should delay

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your departure from England until after the arrival home of Mr. Parkes, who may be expected about the 25th April.

2. A further communication will be made to you as soon as Mr. Parkes shall have returned.

From Sir LOUIS MALLET, India Office, to JAMES MAY, Esq., Craven Hotel, Strand, dated London, 3rd May 1875.

REFERRING to my letter of the 30th March last, I am now to request that Mr. Parkes having as you are aware arrived from India, you will make arrangements for proceeding to Madras at your earliest convenience.

From JAMES MAY, Esq., Engineer, to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated 23, Abingdon Street, Westminster, 8th May 1875.

REFERRING to your letter of 17th March last to my address in the Channel Islands, in which I am offered the appointment of Superintendent of the Works at Madras Harbour on a salary of £1,500 per annum, I find on inquiry that the sum of 15,000 Rupees, named in the second paragraph of your letter, will not be equivalent to £1,500 sterling, because, at the current rate of exchange, the value of a rupee is $1\frac{1}{4}$ less than two shillings, and it follows that I should be a loser to that amount.

2. Under these circumstances may I venture to suggest that the Secretary of State will be pleased to authorize the payment to me, at Madras, of the equivalent of £1,500 per annum, calculated either at the current rate of exchange, or, if more convenient, at the fixed sum of 16,000 Rupees per annum, which is at the present rate something short of the equivalent of £1,500, this being the amount mentioned in the first paragraph of your letter, and originally proposed to me by Mr. Parkes' letter on 26th December last, of which you have a copy.

From Sir LOUIS MALLET, India Office, to JAMES MAY, Esq., Westminster, 23, Abingdon Street, dated London, 11th May 1875.

I HAVE received and laid before the Secretary of State your letter of 8th instant.

2. You there represented that by my letter to you of 17th March you were offered the appointment of Superintendent of Works at Madras Harbour on a salary of £1,500 per annum, and that you find on inquiry that the sum of 15,000 Rupees named in the second paragraph of my letter is not, at the current rate of exchange, equivalent to £1,500, and you therefore suggest either that the equivalent in rupees of £1,500 per annum be paid to you at Madras or that your salary be fixed at Rupees 16,000.

3. In reply I am to observe that on renewed reference to my letter, you will perceive that the only salary offered to you on the part of the Secretary of State is one of Rupees 15,000, which Lord Salisbury sees no necessity for increasing.

From JAMES MAY, Esq., Engineer, to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated 23, Abingdon Hotel, Westminster, 5th May 1875.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 3rd instant, by which I am instructed to proceed to Madras at my earliest convenience, as Superintendent of the Harbour Works, and I beg to inform you that I propose to leave England for India by the mail leaving London on the 14th instant, which is timed to arrive at Madras on the 9th proximo.

2. Mr. Parkes' letter to my address, of the 26th December last, referred to and confirmed by your letter to me of 17th March, proposes that my appointment at Madras should date from the day of my leaving England. With reference to this point, I would beg to observe that under arrangements subsequently made I have given a considerable amount of time and incurred some

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expense on the business of Madras Harbour, and that my departure has been delayed in accordance with instructions from the Secretary of State, dated 30th March, in order to await the arrival of Mr. Parkes from India, with a view to making certain necessary preliminary arrangements.

3. Under these circumstances, may I venture to suggest that, as an equivalent for the time and money already devoted to this service, my appointment should date from 1st April, instead of from the date of my departure from England.

4. May I request that the Secretary of State will authorize an advance of £150 to me, to cover the expense of my journey.

From Sir LOUIS MALLET, India Office, London, to JAMES MAY, Esq., dated 11th May 1875.

IN reply to your letter of 5th instant, and in consideration of the circumstances there stated, I am directed to inform you that the Marquis of Salisbury consents that your salary as Local Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works shall commence from 1st ultimo.

2. He also authorizes your drawing £150 in advance, which sum will be paid to you on application at the Accountant's Branch of this office.

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1875, No. 1,857.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 9.

RECORDED, and communicated to the
Controller of Public Works Accounts for
information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,

Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

„ Superintendent of Madras Harbour Works.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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India Office.
London.

19th March 1845.

Sir,

In a letter dated 28th Dec:
last addressed to you by Mr
Parkes, copy of which was
furnished to this Office, you were
informed that in the event of Mr
Parkes' design for a Harbour at
Madras receiving the sanction of
the Secretary of State, he intended
to propose you for the appointment
of Local Superintendent of the
works, with a salary of £1500

To James May Esq.
(of Alderney)

Of the Postmaster
Guernsey.

per

per annum to commence
from the date of your leaving
England.

The sanction referred to
having now been given, I am
directed by Lord Salisbury to
offer you the appointment in
question on a salary of fifteen
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I am to request that, if
the offer be accepted, you will
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Madras, where the presence of the
Superintendent

Superintendent will be almost
immediately required.

I am &c
(Sd) Louis Mallet.

Aldernay Channel Islands
March 20th 1840

Sir,

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The Under Secretary of State
for India.

London. India Office.

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Engineer



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London.

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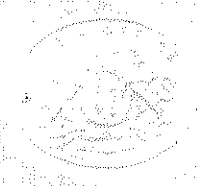
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To James May Esq
Craven Hotel
Strand

8 10 15 8
23 Abingdon Street
Westminster

8th May 1875.

Sir,

Madras Harbour

Referring to your letter of
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Under these circumstances
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(sd) James May.
Engineer.

India Office

London.

11th May 1845.

Sir,

I have received and laid
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James May Esq.
Colo. V. Barker Esq.

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(Ed.) Louis Mallet.

Madras Harbour

23 Abingdon Hotel

Westminster

May 5th 1875.

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(sd) James May

Engineer.

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Referred to in Public Works Letter to
Madras, N^o 11, dated 27th May 1875
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Public Works

N^o 11.

India Office, London.

27th May 1875.

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from his salary in India.

2. Copies of correspondence
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appointment are forwarded for
the information of Your
Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant,

Salisbury



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Public Works
27th May 1875.
The No. 28 June 75.
Letter to Mr. George
No. 11.

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Estimating that
Mr. May has been ap-
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of the Madras Harbour
Works on a salary of
Rs. 15,000 per annum.

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Despatch
No. 5

GOVT. OF MADRAS
PUBLIC WORKS.

Mr. C. S. S. S.
M. A.

From

To

By

Date

2 July 1857

No. 52 - 53

Local Superintendent of
the Madras Harbour

Works. - Despatch from the
Home Government, intimating
that Mr. May has been
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of Rs. 15,000 per annum,
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