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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th May 1876.*

No 147. Read the following Despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India.—

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
30th March 1876.

Public Works,
No 9.

MY LORD DUKE,—I have received your Grace's letter, No 6, of the 8th ultimo, remarking on the objections raised by Mr Parkes to the detailed estimate prepared by Mr. May for the Madras Harbour Works, and transmitting another estimate expected to be, "in its abstract form," acceptable to Mr. Parkes

2 This estimate has been communicated to Mr Parkes, who, as will be seen from the enclosed copy of a letter since received from him, accepts it in its abstract form, except in regard to an entry of Rupees 2,00,000, which, for specified reasons should, he thinks, be struck out.

I have, &c,
SALISBURY.

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

From W PARKES, Esq., to W T. THORNTON, Esq., c.b., dated 23, Abingdon Street,
Westminster, S W, 9th March 1876

THE estimate now put forward by General Walker agrees as to its total with mine, if the charge of Rupees 2,00,000 referred to in the note at foot of estimate be excluded. I think this should not appear either in the body of the estimate or as a separate supplemental one

2 The history of this item may be found in the official papers. On the 30th January 1874, Colonels Walker and Farewell reported on my estimate and confirmed it generally, subject to a doubt as to the supply of stone being sufficient for certain purposes. In the Madras Government letter of 11th May 1874, paragraph 8, it will be seen that no addition to the estimate is recommended in consequence of this doubt. The Government of India interpreted the doubt as a certainty and added the Rupees 2,00,000 to the estimate with several other items. The Government of Madras subsequently repudiated all the other items but conceded this one. Now, if in the first instance the question had been referred to me for explanation, I could have easily shown that my own original estimate had made ample provision for the contingency feared by Colonels Walker and Farewell. I can only now repeat this, and that the item is no part of my estimate

3 I gather from paragraph 5 that I am only asked to approve of the estimate in its abstract form. This I can do,* if the above Rs 2,00,000 be struck out, but I hope it will be clearly understood that my approval is confined to the abstract, and that I object as strongly as before to the principle of the 14 items into which my one item of £80,000 is divided, on the grounds stated in paragraphs 15 and 16 of my letter of 15th November. It is not improbable, however, that the question may receive its solution in this way. In a few weeks almost all the expenditure under this head will have been either completed or contracted for, and the items can then be manipulated in accordance with actual fact in any way the authorities of the control department may prefer.

* I would however suggest that the item "land" be struck out, and the amount divided between "Buildings" and "Preliminaries." Very little land will be required.

No. 148 ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1876, No. 1,156

CIVIL WORKS, No 12.

RECORDED and communicated to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts and Superintendent of Harbour Works with copy of the despatch to which it refers

Fort St George.

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2 His Grace the Governor in Council regrets Mr. Parkes' opposition to the form in which it is necessary for purposes of account to sub-divide his Abstract Estimate. The slight experience hitherto gained in the construction of the rubble piers does not incline His Grace in Council to dispense with the sum of two lakhs by which that estimate has been supplemented. The report by Colonels Walker and Farewell, to which Mr Parkes refers, distinctly states that harder and larger masses of material than are likely to be procurable in sufficient quantity or quality at the quarries selected by Mr Parkes must be used for the portions of the work running through the surf into $2\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms of water. These anticipations are being verified; and the Superintendent of the Harbour Works has already reported the necessity of covering the seaward faces of these surf banks with large concrete blocks. Mr. Parkes' stay in Madras has never been long enough to enable him to realize the power of the surf or currents, and it will be intimated to the Secretary of State for India that it is, in the opinion of His Grace the Governor in Council, most desirable that he should come to Madras by the 1st October next, and realize for two months following the effects of the north-east monsoon.

(True Extract)

Colonel,
Offg Under Secy to Govt, P W D.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts,
„ Superintendent of Madras Harbour Works, } with copy of Despatch No 6

Exd S T. Austin,
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*Public Works
No 9.*

*India Office, London.
30th March, 1876.*

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I have received
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The Right Honorable,
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in regard to an entry
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should, he thinks, be
struck out.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord Duke,
Your Grace's most obedient
humble servant,
John King

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 Public Works
 30th March 1876
 Received 10th May

The
 Letter to Fort St. George
 No 9.
 Enclosed are.

Forwarding Copy of
 a letter from Mr. Parkes on the
 subject of the estimate of the
 Madras Harbour Works.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No 28 of 1876

TO THE MOST HONORABLE THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY,
 SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

MY LORD MARQUIS,—We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your
 Lordship's despatch of the 30th March
 Procs of Govt, dated 9th May 1876, No 1,156 1876, No 9 (Public Works), forwarding
 copy of a letter from Mr Parkes on the subject of the estimate of the Madras Harbour
 Works We beg to forward for your Lordship's information a copy of our Proceedings
 thereon, and to request, for the reasons given, that Mr Parkes may be instructed to
 start for Madras so as to reach by the 1st October next

We have the honor to be,

My Lord Marquis,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servants,

OOTACAMUND,
 13th May 1876.

Exd S T Austin

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter to the Most Honorable the
Marquis of Salisbury, Secretary
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Dated 13th May.
No. 28 of 1876.

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P. W. Dept.

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Harbour Works. We
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your Lordship's in-
formation a copy
of

Proc. of House No. 1156
dated 9th May 1876

It is agreed that the
estimate of the Madras
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forwarded to the Secretary
of State for India.

K. A.

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G.M.

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Public Works Department

Copy sent to Govt of India
on the 26th May 1876

Dated 13th May
no 28 of 1876

Origl & Copy sent per
Overland mail on the
26th May 1876.

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ceedings on the subject of the
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Parkes may be instructed
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No 1156 Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 9th May 1876.
READ the following.—

Dispatch from the
Secretary of State for India } (H.E. No 9 of 30th March 1876)

Vol 3/5

Recorded and
Communicated to the
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Govt. of 1870 Madras.
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Examined of P. W. A.

Date

By

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For

G. O. 9th May 1870, No 1156

Nos 147-148

Madras Harbour Works

Despatch from the
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letter from Mr. Parker
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