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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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21st August 1876 No. 2,211.*

No 502. Read the following Despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India —

Public Works,
No. 25.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
6th July 1876.

MY LORD DUKE,—With reference to your telegram of the 21st April last, I have now to inform your Grace that, on the recommendation of Mr Parkes, I have appointed Mr. Frank Napier Thorowgood to be Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works in the place of the late Mr. May. The

* Letter from Mr Parkes, dated 26th May 1876 terms and conditions of his appointment
Do to do " 26th June " are shown in the accompanying copies
Do from do " 28th " " of correspondence* with Mr. Parkes

2. Mr Thorowgood will proceed to Madras, *via* Brindisi, by the Mail Steamer, leaving that port on the 17th instant

3. Your letter, No. 28, of the 13th May last, requests that Mr Parkes may be instructed to start for Madras so as to arrive there by the 1st October next, in order that he may realize, by personal inspection, the power of the surf and currents during the monsoon months

4. Mr. Parkes having been consulted on the subject, has represented in a letter, copy of which is enclosed, that nothing would be gained by his proposed visit, that cannot be obtained by other means

5. You will doubtless let me know by telegraph if you still consider his presence necessary

I have, &c.,
SALISBURY.

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

From W PARKES, Esq., to Sir LOUIS MALLETT, Under Secretary of State for India,
dated 23, Abingdon Street, 26th May 1876

I HAVE the honor to submit to the Secretary of State, as a proper person to fill the vacancy of Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works caused by the death of Mr. James May, Mr Frank Napier Thorowgood, A I C E

2. Mr Thorowgood was a pupil of Mr Charles Hutton Gregory, and has for the last eight years been engaged on the extensive Harbour Works of the River Tyne Commissioners under their Engineer, Mr P. J. Messent, having held, during the latter portion of that time, a responsible position there. Mr Messent speaks in high terms of Mr Thorowgood's character and capacity, and as the Tyne works are probably the best school of Harbour Engineering in the kingdom, I think there is no doubt that Mr Thorowgood has the qualifications and experience required for the successful conduct of the Madras Works.

3. I have addressed the accompanying letter to Mr Thorowgood as embodying the terms which I should submit to the Secretary of State, and Mr Thorowgood has expressed his willingness to accept them —

" 23, ABINGDON STREET,
" 25th May 1876

"DEAR SIR,—In conformity with the conversations we have had upon the subject, I have now to inform you that I am prepared to recommend you to the Secretary of State for India as Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works in succession to the late Mr. James May.

"The salary offered is Rupees 15,000 per annum (payable Rupees 1,250 monthly) to be reckoned from seven days before your departure till the day of your return to England with travelling and necessary hotel expenses to and from your destination, but the above salary is to be understood to cover all your personal expenses while at Madras

"It is hoped that your engagement will continue for the whole duration of the works, but if any unforeseen circumstances should render it desirable to terminate it at an earlier date, the Secretary of State shall decide upon the terms of its cancellation.

"In all matters of Engineering you will be responsible to me as Engineer in Chief, but your own powers and responsibilities will of necessity be large, and, in cases of emergency, unlimited in all local matters. The Executive staff will be under your entire control, subject of course to the approval of the local authorities of the Government. 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 left very much to your own discretion.

"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, however, is 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.

"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, &c.
(Signed) "W PARKES

"Frank Napier Thorowgood, Esq."

4 It will be observed that the salary proposed is nominally the same as that which Mr May actually received, but the continued depreciation of the Rupee makes the amount at the present time less than the £1,500 sterling which I originally proposed to Mr May.

5 Mr. Thorowgood will require about three weeks to transfer his present duties to his successor, after which it is desirable that he should spend a few days in London to read the papers and examine the plans in my possession and to confer with me upon the details of the work, for which latter purpose I have suggested that his engagement should commence seven days before he leaves England.

From Sir LOUIS MALLETT, Under Secretary of State for India, to W. PARKES, Esq.,
dated India Office, 26th June 1876

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, and, in reply, to inform you that he sanctions the appointment of Mr F N Thorowgood as Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works upon the salary proposed, viz., Rupees 15,000 per annum, and severally on the conditions specified in your letter.

From W PARKES, Esq., to Sir LOUIS MALLETT, Under Secretary of State for India, dated
23, Abingdon Street, 28th June 1876

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 26th instant, informing me that the Secretary of State has sanctioned the appointment of Mr. F N Thorowgood as Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works.

2 I have communicated this to Mr Thorowgood, and he informs me that he will be prepared to leave London for Madras on the 13th July, so that his pay will commence from the 6th July.

3 I have to request that a first-class passage from London to Bombay, via Brindisi, be engaged for Mr Thorowgood, but he will require no money advance.

From W PARKES, Esq., to W. T. THORNTON, Esq., c B, dated 23, Abingdon Street,
22nd June 1876

I do not think there would be any advantage in my going to Madras as proposed by the Government.

2 If I were really in want of such local information as can only be obtained by a personal inspection, I should be the first to feel it myself, but I do not. I know several questions have lately arisen to which it would be satisfactory to the Government to have more authoritative answers than can perhaps in the present interregnum be given, but some of them I could myself answer from my own knowledge, and the remainder would only require such information as to recent matters of fact as I could easily obtain by letter.

3 Moreover, Mr Thorowgood in taking charge of the works will naturally go into all these matters with an unbiased mind and make an early report to Government.

4 With regard to the special questions of protecting the surf bank against the monsoon, I cannot but hope that the information which the Government will have received as to my views and intentions since the date of the Government Order in question, will have allayed their anxieties, but whether this be so or no, I am satisfied that my being at Madras during the monsoon would be quite useless. No one can judge either of the force of the sea or its effect except from the results of the survey made in the subsequent calm. In every thing connected with this question Mr Thorowgood has had special experience, and his observations before, during, and after the monsoon will give me all the data I shall require for any further recommendations that may be necessary.

5 Though it is as yet premature to decide any thing, yet I may perhaps say that I am keeping in view the possibility of a short visit to Madras being useful rather later. By that time the bulk of the machinery now being provided for the works under my inspection will be shipped and the works on the spot so far advanced that questions in which I may give assistance may have arisen.

6 I return the Madras Government letter of 13th May.

No 503

ORDER THEREON, 21st August 1876, No 2,211

ESTABLISHMENT, No 28

THE appointment of Mr Thorowgood, to be Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works, is duly recorded.

2 His Grace the Governor in Council being of opinion that Mr Parkes' presence at Madras is urgently required, that he may realize the actual state of affairs and advise, after personal inspection, the measures needed to secure the speedy completion of his design, the following telegram has been despatched—

"Unanimous opinion Parkes should come forthwith

"Sand bank forming in front of work"

(True Extract)

Colonel,

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

To the Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works

„ Marine Department

„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts

Exd T O'Connor

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

~~Not~~ copy of Service Message.

FROM Ostacarrund. Dated 21st April 1876

FROM Governor.

TO London

TO Secretary.

Inform Parkes that May's health very precarious. Homeward bound. Send successor forthwith. Supply full particulars of cost and insurance of Shear's launches.

[By order]
of W. H. H. C. C. C.
Chief Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt
Under date the
Read the following:

Despatch from the Secretary
of State for India { N.B. No 25 of 6 July 1876 }

His grace the Governor in Council is
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quately or promptly
The seen - This gentleman should be warned to
arrange to come up (after) through the actual state
a week's survey of arrangements) of progress of the Madras
to meet me & see them. Harbour works without a
so that none of this time No the protection of the
may be wasted. 1/3
surf banks against the
effects of the monsoon
that his presence is
desirable; but also with
regard to the general

arrangements planned
for deposit of materials
in the quantities and
within the time named
by himself that it ap-
pears to be indispensable.
By his own admission
the first Superintendent
appointed by him failed
to appreciate the necessity
of working up to the
mark which he has
set, and assigned himself
to a much lighter pro-
gramme of work. It
is therefore incumbent
on him as Engineer-in-
Chief to proceed to
Madras at once, and
see that Mr. Thoroughgood
realizes what is expected
of him and sees his way

clearly to acting up to it.

Under these circum-
stances His Grace the
Governor in Council
has no hesitation in
determining again to
signify his desire that
Mr. Parkes shall be
directed to visit Madras
without fail at an early
date.

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Madras Harbour

23 Abingdon St.

26th May 1876

Sir,
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Assoc. Inst. C. E.

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23 Abingdon St.
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Harroze
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(sd) W. Parkes

Lt. W. L. Thornton, Esq. C.B.

For the Madras Government
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Public Works.

N^o 25.

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Sir Lord Duke,
Your Grace's most obedient
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J. C. B. King

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Sup. to H. W. R. ✓
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