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No 130 Read the following despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary of
State for India —

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
9th March 1876

Public Works.

No 7.

MY LORD DUKE,—With reference to my despatch, No. 20, of the 23th October last, I have to inform your Grace that, on the recommendation of Mr Parkes, I have appointed Mr John Chicken as Foreman of Engineers on the Madras Harbour Works

2 Copies of a letter from Mr Parkes, of the 3rd February last, explaining why a Foreman of Engineers, instead of an Assistant Mechanical Engineer, has been appointed, and of the Articles of Agreement entered into with Mr Chicken, accompany this despatch.

3 A passage has been obtained for Mr Chicken by the Mail Steamer of the 24th February, and he has been granted an advance of one month's pay (Rs 320), which must be recovered by deductions from his salary in India

I have, &c,
SALISBURY.

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

From W PARKES, Esq, to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated 23 Abingdon Street,
3rd February 1876

I HAVE the honor to inform you that in pursuance of the authority given by your letter to me of the 12th October, I have selected Mr John Chicken as a suitable person to recommend as Foreman of Engineers of the Madras Harbour Works. I have ventured to substitute this designation for that of "Assistant Mechanical Engineer," suggested in your letter, as being more suitable to Mr. Chicken's proposed position

2 Mr Chicken has been for ten years in the employment of the River Tyne Improvement Commissioners, and under the immediate authority of Mr P I Messent, their Engineer. While in that service he has had responsible charge of the plant and machinery used in the construction of the large piers at the mouth of the Tyne, much of which is of a character very similar to that intended to be used at Madras. Mr Chicken is highly recommended by Mr Messent

3 The salary proposed is Rupees three hundred and twenty (Rupees 320) per calendar month, with suitable free quarters to be provided by the Government—the engagement to be for the duration of the works but terminable at Mr Chicken's option at the end of five years—second-class fare from Newcastle to Southampton and second-class passage from Southampton to Madras, and the cost of his return to Newcastle at the expiration of his engagement by the same route, to be provided by the Government. All other conditions to be similar to those set forth in the covenant of Mr George Lowe, Foreman of Masons

4 Mr Chicken will be prepared to start by the Steamer of the 24th February, by which I beg to recommend that a passage for him be engaged, but as it is desirable for him to confer personally with me, and also to inspect the machinery now in course of construction at Messrs Stothert and Pitt's works at Bath, I would suggest that his engagement be held to commence on the 15th instant, so as to preclude the necessity of his making any further charge for time and expenses incurred on service in this country.

5 I have also to request that one month's pay be advanced to Mr. Chicken before he leaves

Madras Harbour.

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(Sd) W. Parkes

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Appointing Mr. John
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