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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

9th July 1877, No. 391 W.

Buildings and Roads
Civil Works

Read the following papers —

No 121 From Captain L CONWAY-GORDON, R E, Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, General Branch, dated Fort St. George, 2nd July 1877, No. 54 W.

In continuation of this office endorsement No 51 W of the 23rd June 1877, I have the honor to forward the accompanying copy of letter from the Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works giving further information regarding the four Engineers who have resigned their appointments.

2. Government will no doubt communicate at an early date with the Secretary of State concerning the non-payment in future of the family remittances of the four Engineers in question.

From F N THOROWGOOD, Esq, C E, Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works, to Captain L CONWAY-GORDON, R E, Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 27th June 1877, No 15 C.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge your receipt on June 26th of your letter of the 23rd instant, No 170 X.

2 The four Engineers in question sent in three months' notice of their intention to resign on the following dates and I accepted their resignations —

Mr Tekford	on	March 20th, 1877.
" W Wroth	"	20th, "
" G Smith,	"	27th, "
" R Wiseman,	"	27th, "

3 I brought the matter before the Harbour Committee at the next meeting, and they agreed that I should ask Government to request the Home Government to send out four more Engineers on a three years' engagement.

4 Acting on this I addressed a letter to the Acting Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, No 5 B, 9th April 1877, and therein stated the whole case, having previously written to Mr Parkes on the subject, as he has the telecopy of the men.

5 The order thereon G O, No 1,339, dated 19th April 1877, states that the Home Government will be addressed on the matter.

6 On May 25th Mr Parkes telegraphed to me thus, "Engineers difficult to get, try to keep your present men, telegraph result." I referred this to a special meeting of the Harbour Committee on May 29th, and it was agreed that I should offer the Engineers a certain increase of pay if they would stop.

7 This increase of pay was offered them and they refused to stop, I therefore repeated to them that their resignation was accepted. I telegraphed to Mr Parkes, and the Master Attendant ordered the men up to Madras from Cocanada. They reported themselves at this office on June 18th. On the same day the Harbour Committee met and it was settled that the men should be sent home at once.

8 The matter was settled therefore on the 18th and my letter was addressed to you on the 21st, so it will be seen that I could not have given more than two days longer notice to your office

9 In reference to paragraph 2 of your letter, I will report to Government that passages have been engaged for the men, but as by their agreement they are entitled to a free passage home and their pay up to their arrival in England, together with railway fare from London to Glasgow, I did not understand that Government sanction was first required for an item which the men may demand.

10. With regard to their remittances I propose to pay them up to the 30th June as usual, and to allow the remittance for that month to be stopped off their pay out here. But their pay for July or the part of July which will have elapsed before they arrive in England had better be drawn in England in full

11 I regret if I have caused unnecessary trouble in your department, but it appears to me that there is ample time for any letter from Madras to London to overtake the men on their road home

No. 122. ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1877, No. 391 W.

THE Secretary of State has already been informed of the resignation of these men, and of the dates from which the resignations take effect.

2 The Examiner's letter No. 51 W of the 23rd June 1877, quoted in the communication above recorded, has not been received.

(True Extract)

Colonel, R.E,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.

Exd. E. C Shunker
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FROM THE EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

GENERAL BRANCH.

PORT ST. CROCE, 2nd July 1877.

SIR,

IN CONTINUATION OF THIS OF ICE & DEPARTMENT 10.51 P.
OF THE 20th JUNE 1877, I HAVE THE HONOR TO FORWARD THE
ACCOMPANYING COPY OF LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
THE MADRAS HARBOUR WORKS GIVING FURTHER INFORMATION RE-
CAPITULATING THE FOUR ENGINEERS WHO HAVE RESIGNED THEIR AP-
POINTMENTS.

GOVERNMENT WILL REQUEST TO COMMUNICATE AT AN EARLY
DATE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE CONCERNING THE CON-
DIT IN FUTURE OF THE FAMILY REMITTANCES OF THE FOUR
ENGINEERS IN QUESTION.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEISANT SERVANT,

Stromy-Jordan

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

EXL. A.P.

CE. S.E.

29-6-77.

Dashed 23/7/77

ENCLOSURE I.

COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, MADRAS HARBOUR WORKS TO THE PAAMILER, P.W. ACCOUNTS. NO. 15 C DATED 27TH. JUNE 1-77.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT ON JUNE 26TH OF YOUR LETTER OF THE 23RD. INSTANT NO. 170.X.

2. THE FOUR ENGINEERS IN QUESTION SENT IN THREE MONTHS' NOTICE OF THEIR INTENTION TO RESIGN ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AND I ACCEPTED THEIR RESIGNATIONS.

MR. TELFORD ON MARCH 20TH. 1877.

.. W. WRENCH .. 26TH. ..

.. G. SMITH .. 27TH. ..

.. R. WISEMAN .. 27TH. ..

3. I BROUGHT THE MATTER BEFORE THE HARBOUR COMMITTEE AT THE NEXT MEETING, AND THEY AGREED THAT I SHOULD ASK GOVERNMENT TO REQUEST THE HOME GOVERNMENT TO SEND OUT 4 MORE ENGINEERS ON A THREE YEARS' ENGAGEMENT.

4. ACTING ON THIS I ADDRESSED A LETTER TO THE ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER P.W. DEPARTMENT NO. 5 B, 9TH. APRIL 1877, AND THEREIN STATED THE WHOLE CASE, HAVING PREVIOUSLY WRITTEN TO MR. PARKES ON THE SUBJECT, AS HE HAS THE SELECTING OF THE MEN.

5. THE ORDER THEREON G.O. NO. 1229 DATED 19TH. APRIL 1877! STATES THAT THE HOME GOVERNMENT WILL BE ADDRESSED ON THE MATTER.

6. ON MAY 25TH. MR. PARKES TELEGRAPHED TO ME THUS, 'ENGINEERS

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DIFFICULT TO GET, TRY TO KEEP YOUR PRESENT MEN, TELEGRAPH RESULT' I REFERRED THIS TO A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HARBOUR COMMITTEE ON MAY 29TH. AND IT WAS AGREED THAT I SHOULD OFFER THE ENGINEERS A CERTAIN INCREASE OF PAY IF THEY WOULD STOP.

7. THIS INCREASE OF PAY WAS OFFERED THEM AND THEY REFUSED TO STOP, I THEREFORE REPEATED TO THEM THAT THEIR RESIGNATION WAS ACCEPTED. I TELEGRAPHED TO MR. PARKES AND THE MASTER ATTENDANT ORDERED THE MEN UP TO MADRAS FROM COCANADA. THEY REPORTED THEMSELVES AT THIS OFFICE ON JUNE 18TH. ON THE SAME DAY THE HARBOUR COMMITTEE MET AND IT WAS SETTLED THAT THE MEN SHOULD BE SENT HOME AT ONCE.

8. THE MATTER WAS SETTLED THEREFORE ON THE 18TH. AND MY LETTER WAS ADDRESSED TO YOU ON THE 21ST, SO IT WILL BE SEEN THAT I COULD NOT HAVE GIVEN MORE THAN TWO DAYS LONGER NOTICE TO YOUR OFFICE.

9. IN REFERENCE TO PARAGRAPH NO. 2 OF YOUR LETTER, I WILL REPORT TO GOVERNMENT THAT PASSAGES HAVE BEEN ENGAGED FOR THE MEN BUT AS BY THEIR AGREEMENT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO A FREE PASSAGE HOME AND THEIR PAY UP TO THEIR ARRIVAL IN ENGLAND TOGETHER WITH RAILWAY FARE FROM LONDON TO GLASGOW, I DID NOT UNDERSTAND THAT GOVERNMENT SANCTION WAS FIRST REQUIRED FOR AN ITEM WHICH THE MEN MAY DEMAND.

10. WITH REGARD TO THEIR REMITTANCES I PROPOSE TO PAY THEM UP TO THE 30TH. JUNE, AS USUAL AND TO ALLOW THE REMITTANCE FOR THAT MONTH TO BE STOPPED OFF THEIR

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[Handwritten signature]

Waddy

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CE. S.E.
29-6-77.

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Telegram
No. 4 W. of 2nd July 77.
" 16 of 26 Sept. same Dispatch.
" 1339 of 19 July - 76
" 1771 of 12 July 76
" 1396 of 5 June
" 1121 of 8 May
218 of 15 July

FROM THE EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.
MADRAS.
TO THE SECY. TO GOVT. P. W. D.
GENERAL BRANCH.

NO. 54. W.

DATED 2nd July
1877.

RECD.

ENCLO. ONE.

FORWARDING COPY OF LETTER FROM
THE SUPERINTENDENT, MADRAS HARBOUR
WORKS, FOR INFORMATION REGARDING
THE 4 ENGINEERS WHO HAVE RESIGNED
THEIR APPOINTMENTS.

4 Aug 77 J. B. 121

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3rd July 1877
No 391 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 9 July 77
Read the following:

From
The Examiner of P. W. Accounts } (No. 54 W of 2nd July 77)

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nations take effect.

2. The Examiner's letter
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For P. W. Accts. ✓
Supt. M. H. Works.

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Govt. of Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

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G. O. 17-7-77 1877, No 391 W

Nos. 121-122

Engineers at the Steam
Hopper Barges employed
on the Madras Harbour

Intimating that the Govt.
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