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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

26th March 1878, No. 1,530 W.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 377. From Major ROSS THOMPSON, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 23rd February 1878, No. 6,638.

At the request of Mr. W. Hamilton Holmes I have the honor to forward, for submission to, and favorable consideration of, Government, a proposal to light Fort St. George and the public buildings of Madras with gas on certain conditions which he details.

2. Some such arrangement would, I think, be very desirable; especially if the manufacture of gas were carried on *outside* the Fort, and the gas works plant, fittings, &c., belonging to Government disposed of at fair valuations.

From W. HAMILTON HOLMES, Esq., to the District Engineer, Presidency Division, dated Madras, 20th February 1878.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that it is proposed by Mr. J. Leslie Walker, of Bishopsgate Street, London, and myself to introduce gas for lighting the city of Madras if we can obtain the consent and support of the Government, the Municipality, and the Railway Companies, with a promise from the Government that the gas will be used for the Fort and all Government buildings within the municipal limits, provided, of course, that it be of good quality, and not more costly than the present system.

2. Should this proposal meet with the approval of the Government, we purpose having prepared and submitted at an early date plans of the buildings to be lit, with details showing the routes along which the pipes will be laid, rates, quantity required, and guarantee the light to be of a certain quality and brilliancy.

3. All we now require as promoters of the enterprise is a provisional guarantee in writing protecting the project from being forestalled or ruined by opposition and interference during the period of preliminary inquiries and arrangements (say up to the 31st December 1878); as also a promise to use the light if introduced, permission to lift certain roads for laying down pipes for distribution, and the promise of a monopoly of supply for a term of years, provided the quality of the light and rates submitted by us before finally undertaking operations be approved.

4. In the event of the Government giving their support to this proposal, we anticipate little difficulty in getting the project carried out, and thereby supply a great public want and relieve the Government of an immense deal of trouble and expense.

No. 378. ORDER THEREON, 26th March 1878, No. 1,530 W.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council observes that the lighting of the city of Madras with gas is primarily a municipal question. The promoters of the undertaking should therefore place themselves in the first instance in communication with

the President of the Municipal Commission. Should they come to terms with the Municipality, the Government will readily afford such aid as may be considered requisite for allowing the company to carry out their preliminary investigations and thereafter organizing their scheme, which may be held to include the lighting of such public buildings as may require gas.

2. It must be distinctly understood that any gas works which may be erected must be so situated as to allow all wastage and refuse to pass direct to the sea at a convenient distance from the town.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
" President, Madras Municipal Commission.
" Financial Department.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1878) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
PRESIDENCY.

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Madras
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to be, Sir,

Yours most obedient servant
William Pitt Rivers

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Dated 20. {
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Enclosure.

Original letter.

Pro. for lighting
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in accordance with
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No. 6638,

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To,

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For St. George
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Dated 23rd Dec. 1875.

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Submit for favorable
consideration, proposal of
Mr. Hamilton relative to
light for the passage of the

Letter from the District Engineer Presidency
No. 6638 of 23rd Feb'y. 1878.

FOR ORDERS.

E A Ford Colonel R.E.

Levy to Gov^t P. H. D.

I presume that the
 only money that the
 Govt. can guarantee is
 for the 8 Govt. Bldg.
 I don't see how we can
 legally guarantee more.
 If for instance the building
 of the harbor & the
 a road could be made
 give them loans
 on this paper & get
 the Govt. But how
 of this loan to Govt.
 I presume that the
 applicant is the paid

Let the Madras Club &
certainly be capitalised.

It must be careful how
be done on our side. Do
promote the preliminary
steps as much as possible.

It is to be said that the Government
is not applying to the Madras
Club. They have been doing
them on I think.

The difficulty is the same.

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In case - not to be
concerned, subject to con-
dition - then is no de-
cision then making
contract with the Public
& Municipal: as with us

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Estimate

No 1530 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 26 March 1878

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D.C. Presiding
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To
H. R. Residence

Date:

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G. O. of Mar 1878, No. 15274

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with gas.*

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