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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

14th December 1878, No. 4,763 W.

General Account.

Read the following paper:—

No. 164. From Colonel P. O'CONNELL, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 23rd November 1878, No. 4,315.

I HAVE the honor to submit for orders the enclosed letter from the General Superintendent of the Public Works Stores and Workshops, No. 3,265, dated 16th November 1878, forwarded by the Executive Engineer, Presidency, and to recommend that the proposals of the General Superintendent be so far agreed to that they be carried out as an experiment for a year or two and that at the end of say two years Executive Officers who have been supplied with wood-work be called upon for reports on the quality and cost of the work done for them by the Public Works Workshops.

From G. H. FAULKNER, Esq., Executive Engineer, in charge of Presidency Public Works Workshops, to the Executive Engineer, Presidency, dated Madras, 16th November 1878, No. 3,265.

A STEAM SAW MILL having at considerable expense to Government been erected in the Public Works Workshops for the convenience of the Public Works Department, I have the honor to request your aid in inviting all Public Works Officers in charge of divisions to send all orders for wood-work to the Workshops instead of getting work done in the bazars. It is conceded on all hands that the work turned out of the Shop is good though dearer than the market, but proper prices should be paid for good articles, and good work commands good prices. I have taken considerable pains in carefully selecting a large supply of good teakwood in the market, and have imported some direct from Rangoon with the assistance of the Chief Engineer, Burmah, and his officers, so that good sound beams, &c., may be supplied to the public service at fair and reasonable rates. It will be, therefore, in the interest of Government if Executive Officers would obtain from the Workshops all their requirements in wood-work. I will go a little further and request that Government be solicited to make it imperative on Public Works Officers to utilize the services of the Workshops to their fullest extent, not only in wood-work, but in every way possible, so that the large outlay on these expensive Workshops may be of benefit to the department. I saw an advertisement in the *Fort St. George Gazette* from an Executive Officer calling for tenders for the supply of teak scantlings, &c., thereby utterly ignoring the existence of the Government Workshops, which is in a position to meet all his wants at a very short notice.

No. 4,841.

SUBMITTED to the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, with a request that the General Superintendent's letter may be submitted for the orders of the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

(Signed) ROSS THOMPSON, Major, R.E.,
Executive Engineer, Presidency Division.

20th November 1878.

Supt Engineer 3rd Circle.

No. 165. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1878, No. 4,763 W.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council is averse to the policy of allowing the Public Works Workshops to return a fictitious profit for Government by charging high rates, at the expense of other departments of the State. Private trade should be encouraged, and the Workshops should be employed principally on that class of work which cannot be readily obtained in the open market.

2. The Workshops should, however, have proper notice of the requirements of the department for the description of work which they undertake. They will thus be afforded an opportunity of competing, and should have the preference in cases in which they can do work or supply materials on better terms than others.

3. Beyond this no concession need be made, and extension of the Shops and Machinery should be steadily repressed by the Chief Engineer.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.
" Consulting Architect to Government.
" Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.
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GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Estt. of 1878 [illegible].

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

[illegible]

[illegible] November 1878.

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G. O. No. [illegible] 1878, No. [illegible]

RECEIVED,

Dec. 1878.

[illegible]

No. 4315.

3rd Circle

~~Chingleput~~ SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Madras

~~Saint Thomas' Mount~~, 25 November 1878.

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From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

~~Chingleput~~. 3rd Circle.

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To

The Chief Engineer

& Public Works Department

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Encl.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servt

C Harnett Colonel R.E.

Supt Engineer 3rd Circle.

From the Supt. Engr. 3rd C

No. 4315

dated 23rd
Dep. 25.
Read. } Annexure.

Enclosures.

Encl: 1.

Wood Work to be done by the P.W. Work Shops — Submit for orders the proposals regarding the —

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PRESIDENCY WORKSHOPS, D. P. W.,
Madras, 16 November 1878.

No. 3265

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From

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
PUBLIC WORKS WORKSHOPS,

To

THE Executive Engineer,
Broadway.

SIR,

A steam saw mill having at considerable expense to Government been erected in the P.W. Workshops for the convenience of the P.W. Department. I have the honor to request your aid in inviting all P.W. Officers in charge of Divisions to send all orders for wood work to the Workshops, instead of getting work done in the Bazaar. It is needless to add that the work turned out by the Shops is good though dearer than the market, but proper prices should be paid for good Artists and good work commands good prices. I therefore advise all Officers in carefully selecting a large supply of good Teak wood in the Market, and have imported Logs direct from Rangoon, with the assistance of the Chief Engineer, Burmah, and the Officers, so that such sound Logs &c. may be supplied to the public Service at fair and reasonable rates. It will be therefore, in the interest of Government if Executive Officers would obtain from the Workshops, all their requirements in wood work. I will go a little further and request that Government be solicited to make it imperative on P.W. Officers to oblige the service

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant.

[signature] Lieut.
Superintendent
In Charge Govt. Workshops

Lieut
Madras

No.

From

The Genl. Supt., P. W. Workshops,
Madras,

To

The Secy to Govt
Presidency

Dated 16 } November 1870.
Despd. 18 }

ENCLOSURES.

Subject.

Requests sanction in forwarding allowances to Officers in charge of Workshops for wood work done by the Workshops for Revenue purposes written.

No. 4841.

Submitted to the Supg Engr 3d Circle with a request that the General Superintendents letter may be submitted for the orders of the Chief Engineer P.W.D.

W Crompton major RE
Executive Engineer

No. 4763 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 14th Dec 1870. No. 1763

Read the following:—

From

The Supg Engr Third Circle (Mem. No. 4315 d/ 23rd Nov 1870)

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Supg. Engineers 1 & 2
Con: Architect 3
Ch. Engineer P.W. Dept 4
Dept.ⁿ 1—1—99—17

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following:—

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From The Supg. Engineer Third Circle. (No. 4315 of 25th Nov. 98)

His Grace the Governor in Council desires that all Executive Officers of the Dept. should clearly understand that they are prohibited from having work done or material supplied by private agency which can be undertaken or supplied by the Public Works Workshops. Any departure from this rule will require the special sanction of the Supg. Engr.

I differ in toto from the Supg. E. advocating up one dept. at cost of another - for the good of the Province as a whole Provincewise or least cost work taken

to whom the Govt will look for a careful attention to their wishes in this matter.

EDT 27/11

Engineer & Surveyor
Sir G. H. Hamilton
Co. Sligo Commissioners
Enclosing the specification
&c

and tenders thereon at
Lowest possible rates —

The works proposed to be
executed consist of such
Sluices in the Town
Bridges and Quays which
Sligo & may be required
Work or supply Materials
therefor during the
ensuing year — Beyond
that — Should be no
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Engineer
Sligo
Co. Sligo Commissioners
Enclosing the specification
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No 13273

Est. of (1878) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Superintending Engineer

Dated

Issued

Read. Encl.

G. O. 4 Revenue, No. 4763

Nos.

P. W. Workshops Pension

Govt to return a fictitious

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high rates at the expense

of other Depts of the State.

Private trade to be en-

couraged.

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