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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

10th February 1879, No. 411 W.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 83. From W. PARKES, Esq., M.I.C.E., Engineer-in-Chief, Madras Harbour Works, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 25th January 1879, No. 3 W.

I AM desirous of calling the attention of the Government of Madras to the inconvenience which frequently results from the great delays which occur between the submission of an indent for materials from England by the Superintendent of these works and the reception of the same duly approved by the Government by the Secretary of State, and of suggesting a remedy for the evil.

2. A recent instance may be quoted, which, though perhaps an extreme case, is by no means a solitary one.

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4. There was some discussion on the merits of the demand, which I will assume was legitimate in itself, but which was closed by a Government Order in favor of the demand on the 16th September. Nevertheless the authorized indent did not leave Madras till the 9th November, was not received in London till the 29th November, and the sanction of the Secretary of State had not been finally given when I left England on the 16th December, four months after the original indent.

5. In the mean time the Goliath, being most urgently required, had been constructed and shipped on my personal responsibility and is now being landed at Madras without Government authority, but I need hardly say that this is a proceeding only justifiable in a very urgent case, such as the one under notice.

6. The remedy which I would suggest is one which would not interfere with the due course of procedure or with the control which the authorities ought to exercise over the Superintendent's indents, but I may mention, as a matter of fact, that no modification of an indent (with one exception of substituting 500 for 1,000 tons in a telegraphic demand for cement) has ever been made by the authorities at Madras, while I have freely used my discretion in doing so and almost always in the direction of reduction.

7. Mr. Thorowgood always sends me a duplicate of every indent by the first mail after its submission to Government, and I proceed at once to consider it and make such preparations as I can in anticipation of the formal Proceedings of the India Office, but notwithstanding this it is often several weeks before any substantial action can be taken.

8. What I would suggest is that the Government of Madras should give a general authorization to the Secretary of State to act on my endorsement of the Superintendent's indents as though they had received the formal sanction, unless stopped by telegram.

9. This would allow three weeks for the raising of any question on the merits of the demand, which would surely be ample for arresting proceedings in England pending further consideration at Madras, and it would put me in a position to act in better concert with the authorities of the India Office.

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, 10th February 1879, No. 411 W.

CARE will be taken to forward all Harbour Indents promptly, and when necessary the covering despatches will be sent in manuscript to England.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To W. Parkes, Esq., M.I.C.E.
„ the Superintendent of Madras Harbour Works.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.
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CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of [1879] Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

W. PARKES, Esq., M.I.C.E.,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated February 10th.

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Harbour Indents.—Care to be taken to forward promptly all —, and when necessary despatches to be sent in manuscript to England.

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Madras Harbour.

From

William Parkes, Esq. M. Inst. C. E.
Engineer in Chief,
Madras Harbour Works.

To

Colonel C. A. Ford, R. E.

Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Buildings & Roads,
Fort St. George.

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Sir
Your most obedient servant,

W Parkes - M. Inst. C. E.
Engineer in Chief
Madras Harbour Works

Buildings & Roads

From
The Engineer in Chief
Madras Harbour Works

Supd 10: Feb 1879 No 411

No 311
Dated 25th January 1879

Min 4671. W. 23-11-78
Desp 57 31-10-78
So 3335.76 W 10-10-78 vide Cms
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Stores from England

Brings to notice delays in
Orders for stores on England
being complied with & suggests
remedy

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Course taken by the letter submitting the
draft to Govt. and the despatch forwarding it
to the Secretary of State.

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C. No 10972

1st October Received and sent to Coby.

3rd Do Received at Coby and circulated
to His Grace the Governor.
Hon. W. Huddleston.

10th Do Returned from Circulation
and returned to Madras.

12th Do Received from Coby and sent
to the Press.

Printed Despatch
21st Do Returned from the Press
and sent to Coby for signa-
ture of Members of Govt.

25th Do Signed by the Members and + Council Secy.
Returned to Madras.

27th Do Received from Coby.

31st Do Numbered & dated.

9th Nov: Despatched. + Mail bag -

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Letter from the Engineer in Chief, Madras
Harbour Works, No. 3 H, dated 25th January
1879.

FOR ORDERS.

Not by the change
made that of M.S.
dispatch when for the
on the Bills instead of delay
proportioning. before adopting
the suggestion.

that in this case the delay
in disposing of the Indent
was from 1. M. instead
of 1/2 M. as stated by
Mr. Parker. LK

Delay in matters of
this kind is in a great
measure unavoidable,
especially when the
Government are at the Hills.
Due stage in the process
may however be curtailed.

Under existing orders
the necessity for articles
must be admitted by
Government before an
Indent can be prepared.
The demand is again
considered when the Indent
is

Dec 10. 2-79 No. 1411 H.

Thoroughly
R.P. 14 August 79

is made out and submitted.

It will probably be sufficient if demands on the Home Government are made out in indent form in the first instance when they can receive all the consideration which may be necessary.

It is a question for decision whether under this arrangement, the general authorization asked for in para 8 of Mr. Parker's letter will be necessary.

E. A. M. J. M. H.
Secretary to Govt.
P. M. D.

Jan'y: 1879.

Jan'y 12 1879

Mr. W. Anderton
Mr. S. Carmichael
Mr. G. H. G. G. G.

Delay in Harbour Indents

40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100

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was made

at the time of the

signed contract

made with a view

of 4 or 5 days

the period of

which a work

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B. R. Clerk

No 4116

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 10 Feb 79 5/5
Read the following:-

From the Engineer in Chief
Madras Harbour Works (N. E. No 363725 Jan 79)

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W. Parker Esq. M. L. C. Esq.
Capt. Br. H. Works

Def. 20-2-79

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Harbour Engineer

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