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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

31st January 1880, No. 245 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 46. From F. N. THOROWGOOD, Esq., M. INST. C.E., Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Buildings and Roads, dated Madras, 27th January 1880, No. 53 W.

I HAVE the honor to report that General Morgan's supply of cement to these works shows no sign of improvement, and that in consequence the works have to suffer most serious inconvenience which will result in expensive delays.

2. General Morgan has agreed and confidently asserted himself able to supply as a *minimum* quantity 300 tons monthly, from December 1st, 1879, but in these first two months that have elapsed since then he has not supplied one single ton of cement that I can use for block-making. I have already reported that I have allowed for this local supply of 300 tons monthly in my estimate of what is required for carrying on the work briskly.

3. It will evidently be necessary to abandon all dependence on General Morgan's supply and indent home for the balance required (about 3,600 tons), but before doing so I will give him the chance of seeing whether his present cement will improve as he says it will.

4. In the meantime there is still 9,000 tons due on outstanding indents, to arrive here monthly in quantities of about 700 tons by sailing ship. This delivery will not be quick enough if unaided by the local supply. I therefore have the honor to ask that 1,000 tons may be sent by steamer *via* canal, and that the Secretary of State may be addressed to this effect by telegraph.

5. It is with great reluctance that I make this request, but in reality it will be much more economical to pay the extra freight than to be stopped again for want of 1,000 tons of cement which should have been supplied locally; the non-supplying of which is not however due to want of foresight on my part, but to the vexatious failure on the part of General Morgan to carry out what he has after much deliberation agreed to do.

6. I will in due course submit the indent for the balance of cement from home, but no time would be gained by its submission now as there is still due on indents a large quantity not yet shipped in sailing ships.

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1880, No. 245 W.

ORDERED that the following telegram be despatched :—

"One thousand tons Portland cement required by canal steamer for Harbour," and that the Secretary of State be also addressed by letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1889) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated January 31st.

Issued

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G. O., 31st January 1880, No. 245 W.

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Nos. 46-47.

Madras Harbour Works.—Telegram to
the Secretary of State asking to despatch
one thousand tons of Portland cement for
the —.

No. 53 W

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From

THE SUPERINTENDENT,

MADRAS HARBOUR WORKS.

To Colonel R. H. Sankey, C.B., R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W. Dept.,
Buildings and Roads,
Fort Saint George,
MADRAS, 27th January 1880.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that
General Morgan's supply of cement
to these works shows no sign of
improvement and that in consequence
the works have to suffer most serious
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in expensive delays.

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then he has not supplied one single
ton of cement that I can use for
blockmaking. I have already reported
that I have allowed for this local
supply of 300 tons monthly in my
estimate of what is required for
carrying on the work briskly.

3. It will evidently be necessary to abandon all dependence on General Morgan's supply and indent home for the balance required (about 3600 tons), but before doing so, I will give him the chance of seeing whether his present cement will improve as he says it will.

4. In the meantime there is still 9000 tons due on outstanding Indents, to arrive here monthly in quantities of about 700 tons by sailing ship. This delivery will not be ~~quite~~^{quick} enough if unaided by the local supply. I therefore have the honor to ask that 1000 tons may be sent by steamer via Canal, and that the Secretary of State may be addressed to this effect by telegraph.

5. It is with great reluctance that I make this request but in reality it will be much more economical to pay the extra freight than to be stopped again

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6. I will in due course submit the Indent for the balance of cement from home, but no time would be gained by its submission now as there is still due on Indents a large quantity not yet shipped in sailing ships.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servt

Ed. H. Wood. M. D. C. 64
Superintendent
M. H. Works

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Buildings and Roads

From
The Superintendent
Madras Harbour Works

No 53 W

Dated 27th January 1880

Recd Enclosure

Proc. of Govt. of 31st Jan'y 80. No 245

Immediate

Morgan's Cement.
Reports unsatisfactory
supply of - and serious
delays resulting therefrom.

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Ordered that the ²⁴⁵/₄
following telegram be
despatched: -

Two thousand tons
Portland Cement ^{required} by
Canal Steamer ^{for Harbour}
and that the Secretary
of State be also
addressed by letter.

Del. 31/1/80

To Secy. of State.

No 6

My Lord

In continuation
of our telegram of
the 31st January, and
with reference to
your Lordship's
Despatch of the 4th
December last, No. 27.

24-1-80 No 31-1-80

we have the honor
to enclose copy of
the letter from the
Capt. of the Mackinac
Wicks which gave rise
to the telegram. It
will be seen that
there was no lack of
exercise of proper fore-
sight in the present
case, the urgent need
for cement having been
caused by the sudden
breakdown of the
local cement firm.

A.H.

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A.H.

Acet St George,
31 Jan 1880

J. Cobbe

Govt. of (1880) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

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G. O. 31st Jan'y 1880, No. 24514.

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Madras Harbour
The Telegram to the Secy
of State asking for despatch
one thousand tons of Portland
Cement for the —.

Madras Harbour
Explains reason for telegraphing
for the early despatch of
one thousand tons of Cement
for the Harbour.